



ILLINOIS STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2014

Attendees:

- Ante Loncar, President
- ~~Goran Guzina, Treasurer~~
- Hector Nava, Financial Secretary
- Andy Sotiropoulos, Delegate-at-Large
- Joseph Zyzda, Cup Commissioner
- Claudio Frigo, Executive VP
- Renata Bechtoldt, Secretary
- Filip Cejovic, Recording Secretary
- Dr. Michael Gross, Delegate-at-Large
- Roman Vazchur, Lions (ISSA member)

Agenda Topics:

- President's Opening Comments
- Correspondences to ISSA
- Order of Business
 - Staffing / Roles & Responsibilities / Vacancies
 - USASA – Passes and Registration
- New Business
 - Sponsorship / Advertisement
- Open Forum

Opening | 6:56pm

- Secretary appointed / meeting minutes (Renata)
- Review of February Meeting Minutes / corrections or deletions
- Review of Special Session / April 1, 2014
- Motion to approve – Dr. Gross and Filip Cejovic
- President's opening comments
- Correspondence issued to ISSA
 - Olympiacos – soccer camp / kids club (affiliate club) / club try-outs
- Discussion around match promotions/ticket sales through ISSA:
 - Liverpool and Olympiacos at Soldier Field
 - Tottenham Spurs vs. Chicago Fire
 - ISSA obtain less than 1.12% of ticket sales
 - Additional cash flow/income for ISSA
 - Promote both matches through ISSA
- Correspondence sent from National Soccer League (NSL) on April 1, 2014
 - Thanking Ante Loncar in his new position as ISSA President
 - 2013 investigation related to historical issues between NSL and ISSA
 - Potential to “reunite” the league / new membership with ISSA
 - Provide copy of letter (Ante)
 - Draft response and send back to NSL (Renata)

- Discussions around ISSA meeting minutes / transparency of board meeting minutes / posting minutes publicly on website
- ISSA Communications
 - Calendar of Events
 - Information flow
 - Change perception of ISSA
 - Better representation from league, clubs and members
- Financial Statement – provided from Goran (couldn't attend meeting due to "tax season")
 - April 14, 2014 – Balance
 - Expenses: \$50.57 postage stamps
 - Income: \$100.00 deposit / \$50,000 USASA loan
- New ISSA Constitution
 - Work initiated by special committee
 - Proposed changes
 - General meeting must be held w/75% delegates to gain approval
 - Proposal to eliminate certain position (i.e. VP Marketing, etc.)
 - General meeting to be held in September
 - Rules & Regulations to be reviewed and approved by Board of Directors
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- Correspondence received from Bill Tanglis from Hellenic regarding Appeal Process
 - Appeal / Waive Fee
 - Email appeal letter
 - Dr. Gross to respond with appeal process to Bill

Orders of Business

- Cup Commissioner
 - Cup Commissioner – Ante Loncar, Joseph Zyzda and Hector Nava
 - Participate in USASA / Region II meetings
 - Voting member to serve as Cup Commissioner
 - USASA and ISSA By-Law (consistency w/cup commissioner requirements)
 - Ante to validate w/USASA
 - Schwaben AC – cup competition on April 27, 2014
- Appointment of ISSA committees
 - Review of current positions
 - Cup Commissioner
 - Trial Board
 - Hall of Fame
 - Referee (ARAC)
 - Administration
 - Marketing
 - Coaching
 - Budget
 - Image is everything – ensure that the proper individuals are appointed to the above
 - Retrieve names from ISSA website / keep "as is" and review during next board meeting
- Beach Soccer Tournament – will not be facilitated by ISSA in 2014
- Discontinue season tickets with Chicago Fire
- ISSA Webpage – redesigned by Claudio – looks awesome
- ISSA Player Registrations – electronic submissions – link provided by Duncan, Pierre and Anthony
- Under-23 League – status
- Hellenic appeal process

New Business

- Opportunity to obtain sponsorship and promote ISSA – players, coaches and managers
 - Hold potential event w/Champions League Bar (Broadway/Devon)
 - Filip disclosed that this is a relative / approached around sponsorship
- Potential to hold Futsal tournament – Melrose Park
- Scrolling banner – advertisement section on ISSA website – appropriate fee to charge
- ISSA email accounts

Open Forum

- Roman Vazchur, Lions Soccer Club (from Metropolitan Soccer League)
 - Obtain clarification around appeal process
 - ISSA informed Roman that the appeal must be filed / 14 days to appeal
 - Appeal process / hearing

Adjournment | 10pm