



ILLINOIS STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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Monthly Meeting Notes

February 7, 2017

Attendees:

- Claudio Frigo, President
- ~~Goran Guzina, Treasurer~~
- Renata Bechtoldt, Recording Secretary
- Hector Nava, Delegate-at-Large
- Rolando Gonzalez, Delegate-at-Large
- Hugh Orlicz, Delegate-at-Large
- Franco Sepede, Guest
- Ante Loncar, Executive VP
- Karen O'Dowd, Secretary
- Erwin Fleps, Delegate-at-Large
- Felipe Manriquez, Delegate-at-Large
- Tommy Isirov, Delegate-at-Large
- Bob Balciunas, SRA

Location: 2025 Arlington Heights Road, Suite 111, Arlington Heights

7:00pm | Call Meeting to Order

Agenda Topics:

- Roll Call
- Minutes of previous meeting
- Correspondence
- Financial Reports
- Committee Reports
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Miscellaneous Items
- Adjournment
- Meeting Minutes from January 10, 2017 – 1st motion (Karen); 2nd motion (Erwin) - all board members present approve minutes

Financial Report: Goran provided update via email to Claudio (Goran not present)

January 31, 2017 –

- Net Assets = \$134,019.70
 - Total Assets \$149,909.34
 - Total Liabilities \$15,899.64
- Commonwealth Edison - \$378.50 (Ante to follow-up on this bill)
- 1st motion (Karen); 2nd motion (Hugh) – all board members approve Balance Sheet

Registrations:

- New registrations for the month (1,022 players)
- National Soccer League not officially part of ISSA but player registration fees flowing through ISSA

Referee Update (Bob):

- February 25, 2017 – Referee re-certification
- Claudio - honorary member of the SRA
- Movement USASA starting around national policy for handling “red cards”

- Budget | Reviewed at the AGM
- Trial Board Committee – Hector, Erwin and Hugh
- Hall of Fame Committee – Erwin (Chair), Ante, Julius, Hector, Joe, Bob, Felipe
 - For the record, \$8,000 profit generated from HOF event
 - Communicated as \$500 during AGM; this was incorrectly stated
- Cups | Ante Loncar (co-chair); Tommy Isirov (co-chair); Hector Nava (co-chair)
 - Question around NSL participation in the Illinois State Cup – no
 - Question around Adria, PLA – *follow-up with Duncan R.*
- Appeals | Eric Tower, James Vlahakis, George Gorecki
- Rules | Hugh Orlicz (replace Dr. Michael Gross); *notify Dr. Gross about change (Claudio)*

Unfinished Business:

- \$1,190 paid to ISSA for overpayment (Region II – part of registration for NSL players)
- 2017 Affiliation Due
 - Paid | CLASA, SIASL, Polish Soccer League, Tri-County, SL, RAYSA, Central Illinois Soccer League (PSL and Metro paid in December)
 - Unpaid | The Field Sports Complex, Liga De Futbol Chicago, Europa Indoor Soccer League
- Centennial Update | all Advertisement money collected; *extra alcohol (still need to disposition)*
- D&O Insurance Forms (not completed by each league; major liability issues with their board members)
 - CLASA, IWSL/IWSL U-23, Polish SL, RAYSA, CISL, Liga De Futbol Chicago, TriCounty SL, The Field Sports Complex, Europa Indoor Soccer League

New Business:

- Conflict of Interest Policy | drafted by Bob Balciunas and Hugh Orlicz
 - Must be signed by all Board of Directors for IRS purposes annually / not for profit status
 - **Recommendation to review the document and return to the next meeting signed**
- Budgets and Cash Reserves
 - Discussions around ensuring that ISSA has funds to cover leases and other obligations (auditing purposes ~1-1.5 years of cash reserves);
 - Cash reserves of \$150,000 to \$200,000 per year (potential target)
 - Discussions around donations and grants to ISSA
 - Operating Plan and Budget
 - Financial Target around Cash Reserves
 - Striking right balance around financial stability, reserves and “giving back” to the clubs/players (i.e. Illinois State Cup Tournament)
- State Cup Committee | Ante, Tommy and Hector to
- Player Injury | Lukasz Mikoloczyk
 - Link “GoFundMe” over FaceTime and Website
 - No official donation through ISSA
 - Question around donations / charities through not for profit
- By-Laws “Rumors”
 - Mr. Zyzda made claims that the ISSA had no By-Laws | AGM
 - Claudio assured all new board members that 30 days prior to 2014 AGM the revised By-Laws were sent to all affiliate members for review and approval, then AGM was started – all documented in the 2014 Annual General Meeting Minutes – cleared with USASA
 - By-Laws were re-written as a stipulation for USASA loan (approved @2014 AGM; no changes)
- Trial Board | Referee Attack @ Europa League – Krzysztof Smerchalski
 - No police report filed

- Futsal League (Claudio Batsita)
 - National Futsal Association / promote potential Futsal League through ISSA
 - Facilities | Palatine and Bolingbrook
 - Claudio asked - registered with USASA – insured and liability - \$15 per player
 - 20 established for kids (can't support for kids, only adults)
 - 5-6 for adult teams
 - Teams: Keeper and 4 players (up to 14 players on roster)
 - Promotional Materials / Advertisement
 - League Materials / Adult Corporation
 - Tommy Isirov offered/volunteered to support Claudio B. with this new league
- Beach Soccer Tournament – initiated some conversations (future meetings)
 - Potential coordination with the Chicago Park District
- 2017 Season Kick-Off Luncheon – Chicago Fire relationship mending (Ante)
 - Monday, February 27, 2017
 - Discussion around participation; public relations
 - Motion to pay for a table (Karen); 2nd motion (Tommy) – unanimous vote to move forward
 - Erwin, Tommy, Rolando, Hector, Bob (2 seats), Franco, Renata (send a note to Goran)
 - Chicago MLS provides 4 free tickets for each game
 - Karen to request the tickets and distribute to board members
- 2017 Hall of Fame Recognition Event (May 31, 2017)

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Meeting Closed | 9:07pm