

ISSA MEETING MINUTES-3/13/14

Present: Ante Loncar, Claudio Frigo, Dr. Michael Gross, Hector Nava, Andy Sotiropoulos, Bob Balciunas

Absent: Goran Guzina, Filip Cejovic, Steve Siomos

Guests: Mr. Todd Short, Mr. Gregory Vlamakis, Mr. Ninos Alexander

Roll call taken and meeting called to order by President Loncar at 4:54 pm.

Todd Short formally appointed Commissioner of U23 Mens League. Andy Sotiropoulos appointed as Deputy Commissioner and Claudio Frigoa appointed as Director of Technical Support. All appointments approved unanimously. Short discussion on U23 league and mr. Short's vision for said league.

Correspondence:

-Letter from Euro Sports Gear indicating that Hellenic United/AC ordered uniforms for their youth club and never paid for or picked them up. Assurances were given to EuroSportsGear by Mr. Steve Siomos that he would make good on outstanding balance of \$720.00. Board unanimously decided to send letter to Hellenic United requesting their cooperation in settling this outstanding bill with one of our valued sponsors.

-Invitation from SAFE Foundation (Aleks Mihailovic) for a Silent Auction to be held 4/13/13, 4-8pm at CarlisleBbanquets in Lombard, Illinois. Board decides we do not have funds/resources to sponsor this event.

-Correspondence from Mr. Greg Fink declining our invitation to accept appointment as Commissioner of U23 Mens League. Need to send thank you letter in appreciation of Mr. Fink's prior service.

-Discussion about appointment of Renata Bechtold to vacant board position. Ms. Bechtold could not attend due to early meeting time and her work schedule. Ms. Bechtold has graciously offered the use of AAC Eagles clubhouse for our next monthly meeting. Thank you Ms. Bechtold and AAC Eagles.

-Discussion about correspondence relating to \$850.00 owed by Hellenic AC/United and \$174.00 owed by Alte Herren League to PSL for field usage.

-Brief discussion about \$2,200.00 owed by Hellenic United to NSL

-Claudio Frigo working on new bylaws. May need special meeting.

Financials:

-Goran Guzina forwarded financial packets for all board members. We have \$1, 152.23 in checking account currently. New checking account opened at Chase. Ante, Goran and Duncan Riddle have check writing authority.

Rules:

-Discussion on necessity for Claudio and Dr. Gross to work on rules cooperatively.

Trial Board:

-Ante asked for trial board matrix. Nobody seemed to know where it is and/or if we could retrieve copy. Dr. Gross suggested sending email to leagues about trial board process given our suspended status. Discussion about adding disciplined players to ISSA website.

Ad Hoc:

-Ante motioned for Chicago Soccer to run event. Discussion about two day tournament passes with Mr. Riddle contributing input. Andy Sotiropoulos expressed concern about long term deal with Chicago Soccer, questioned getting into long term arrangement which may not be beneficial in the future simply because we're in financial distress and need help in running the event now. Agreed that further discussion is required with Gus Bender about arrangement with youth. Matter tabled.

Chicago Fire:

-Ante will meet with Fire to talk about debt and rec leagues. Ante indicated Cadwell very positive in talks so far.

We need the minutes for January 2014 meeting. Filip may have them.

Additional Agenda:

-Discussion about formal complaint filed by Andy Sotiropoulos against Steve and Dino Siomos relating to incident at Odeum on final weekend of Metropolitan League season. Dr. Gross went over due process requirements in these scenarios and expressed concern that the ISSA did not have jurisdiction over Dino Siomos. Claudio Frigo motioned for the matter to be set for hearing at a special meeting no more than fourteen days out. Hector Nava seconded the motion. Matter passed unanimously with A. Sotiropoulos abstaining from the vote. Decided that Dr. Gross will send out notice to all relevant parties and schedule a prompt hearing within fourteen days. Sotiropoulos also indicated he would send formal complaint to ISRC. Balciunas advised that ISRC doesn't have jurisdiction over this matter. Sotiropoulos questioned how a 501 (c)(3) corp like the ISRC has jurisdiction over quite a few matters but not the conduct of one of its own members.

-Discussion about Sotiropoulos correspondence relating to return of Chicago Olympics trophy by Steve Siomos. Ante states Mr. Siomos has assured him that trophy will be returned to ISSA promptly.

-Discussion about Conflict of Interest policy. Bob Balciunas indicates he will send Andy Sotiropoulos and Dr. Gross copies of relevant docs for their legal review.

-Discussion about ISSA referee assignor position. Claudio Frigo motions to change assignors. Hector Nava seconds the motion. Mention is made that this will be a non paying job in the immediate future and suggestions are requested for appointment. A. Sotiropoulos recommends Ninos Alexander. Dr. Gross recommends that as a courtesy a letter first be sent to current assignor asking if he would like to continue on a gratis basis. Sotiropoulos concurs. Appointment of new assignor tabled pending response of current assignor.

-Discussion about ISSA Select team coach potential vacancy. Dr. Gross motions to suspend program indefinitely given our finances. Sotiropoulos seconds the motion. Motion is passed unanimously.

-Discussion about Mr. Joe Zyzda's continued involvement as Cup Commissioner given his recent resignation as President. Ante indicates he will call Mr. Zyzda for feedback.

-Joint announcement by Ninos Alexander and Andy Sotiropoulos about formation of Chicagoland Soccer Referee Association (CSRA), chaired by Abi Okulaja. Ninos indicates he has power point presentations relating to the club for future viewing. Andy indicates clubs purpose/scope is the training and advancement of referees at all levels, with a particular but not exclusive emphasis on the adult amateur game. Sotiropoulos also states that a preliminary agreement has been reached between the CSRA and the PSL and NSL leagues to provide training for their referees and that an official announcement will be made shortly. SRA Balciunas indicates he supports the CSRA. Balciunas also asked for agenda of new club and list of officers, among other things.

-Claudio Frigo and Gregory Vlamakis announced that the NSL and PSL would be undertaking a joint indoor competition in the 2014-2015 season. Frigo expressed great frustration at the difficulty his league had in finding a suitable facility to play indoors on its own and disappointment that lack of indoor play was causing his league to lose teams to other leagues.

-Discussion about unemployment claim by Branko Ilic. Sotiropoulos questions not contesting an unemployment claim for somebody who voluntarily resigned his position. Mr. Balciunas adds input about how its in the ISSA's best interests to pay the claim given all the circumstances. After a short discussion, its unanimously decided to follow Mr. Balciunas' suggestion and not contest the unemployment claim

-Discussion about \$777.00 check made out to cash. Suggestion is made that in all likelihood its reimbursement to Spiro Arsenis for Christmas party. Sotiropoulos expresses his displeasure at

the unapproved reimbursement and the fact that the check is made out to cash. After further discussion, board decides unanimously to drop the issue.

-Claudio Frigo indicated he talked to FC Minyor regarding their recent departure from the PSL and is satisfied that there was no poaching by the MSL in this instance.

-After discussion with Ante Loncar, Dr. Gross resigns his Secretary position and is reassigned to a delegate at large position by unanimous vote. Discussion about appointing Ms. Bechtold to Secretary position.

-Ante asked Duncan for emails.

-Bob Balciunas advised that somebody should inform IYSA that Mr. Loncar becomes de facto member of ISRC with his appointment as ISSA President. Balciunas informs next ISRC meeting is March 27th at 6:30 pm and that an event is scheduled March 21-22 at the Renaissance OHare featuring Ryan Mooney and Herb Silva relating to the reclassification of grades for referees. Balciunas also asked whether or not the PSL was an ISSA member. Sotiropoulos indicated that such a line of questioning by Balciunas was inappropriate and irrelevant.

-Fee structure for U23 league was set at \$15/pass, \$250 team registration and \$170/home game for referees. Unanimous approval by board.

Meeting convened at 8:02 pm.