



ILLINOIS STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 22, 2014

Attendees:

- Claudio Frigo, President
- ~~Goran Guzina, Treasurer~~
- Renata Bechtoldt, Recording Secretary
- Hector Nava, Delegate-at-Large
- Rolando Gonzalez, Delegate-at-Large
- Ninos Alexander (guest)
- Ante Loncar, Executive VP
- Andy Sotiropoulos, Secretary
- Chester Blaszkowski, VP Marketing & PR
- ~~Filip Cejovic, Delegate-at-Large~~

7:09 – Call meeting to order

- Roll Call
- Minutes of previous meeting
- Correspondence
- Financial Reports
- Committee Reports
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Miscellaneous Items
- Adjournment

Hall of Fame (Wall):

- 2012 Photos not updated at Toyota Park
- Keys (Ante) / locks changed?
- Missing photos / dusting / cleaning
- Flo Dyson – inquired about updating the Hall of Fame
- Ante to address changing locks and replacing photos in the Hall of Fame

Correspondence:

- IWSL – concerns from Flo Dyson – passes and other items – appreciate the new path that the ISSA is taking – no concerns – remain affiliated with IWSL
- IYSA – Benders brought up concerns from Flo Dyson; to be followed-up by special meeting with IWSL and IYSA
- RAYSA - Hugh Orlicz – doesn't want to deal with all the politics w/in ISSA – Claudio contacted Hugh and attempted to reassure RAYSA about ISSA's new path
- Metro A.H. – Irwin Felps – concerns about their affiliation with US Soccer – discussed the opportunity to return to the ISSA with Claudio

Financial Reports:

- Goran provided update (out due to surgery)
- Certain portion of passes didn't obtain from USASA – reserve on the balance sheet for the player's passes

Committee Reports:

- Tournament of Champions (2016) – State Cup competition – Regional championship
- USASA Region II Cups (2016) – 64 matches
- Budgeted and apply correctly
- Hall of Fame

Trial Board Meeting:

- Hector Nava, James Vlahakis (replacement Claudio Frigo), Andy Sotiropoulos
- Guidelines for trial board
- AGM booklet – current suspensions
- ISSA Trial board hearing on 10/23/2014 – 2 players spit on referee in PSL

Rules:

- By-Laws (approval from ISSA affiliates)
- Rules and Regulations (Board review and approval)
- Future ISSA Board Meetings (review sections of rules and regulations)

Website/Facebook

- Update matches and championships
- Publicize our affiliates/leagues
- Chester (single point of contact) – update information related to leagues/clubs

Marketing/Public Relations

- Meeting to be scheduled with Chicago Fire
 - Opportunity to sell tickets (discounts)
 - Relationship broken due to previous ISSA board (2013) – ISSA was toxic
 - Chicago Fire would like to partner with ISSA / work with us moving forward
- Mustangs – tickets on consignment
 - Sell tickets / \$20 per ticket (\$12 per ticket for Mustang; \$8 per ticket for ISSA)
 - Sears Centre - Premier seating behind the bench
- Advertisement / Website and Facebook

Staff Operations / Budget

- Player's passes through USASA – pending outcome
- New ISSA office / options to explore (location, rental fees, etc.)
- US Soccer AGM – San Francisco, CA (Claudio)
 - Expenses for AGM / stipend / expenses
 - Month prior to meeting / establish budget
- Discuss Travel & Expenses for future events / prior approval from board
- Invoice league for affiliation – all paid in full except Metropolitan League

- New Indoor League – American Midwest League (Claudio to follow-up with Pierre) – join ISSA
- ISRC Meetings
 - Referees / great changes / Grade A to 7 / Adults/Youths; Adults only; youth only
 - Background checks historically for youths only
 - Referee registration – mandatory for adults
 - National Cups require background checks
 - November 8th – referee clinic at College of DuPage (National candidates for 2015)
 - Good prominent referees who want to advance to national
- IYSA (Bender family) – Continue collaboration with ISSA – potential to register U20 and U23
 - Metro register Adults through IYSA – opportunity
- Working relationship back with Metropolitan Soccer League – wait until results of election from November 11th MSL Meeting
- Business Cards – no office or phone number / minimal amount
- November 12, 2014 – Next Board Meeting

Open Forum:

Permanent Letterhead / new logos / incorporate

Adjournment | 9:14pm