



ILLINOIS STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 2014

Attendees:

- Ante Loncar, President
- Goran Guzina, Treasurer
- Hector Nava, Financial Secretary
- Andy Sotiropoulos, Delegate-at-Large
- Charles Blaszko (guest)
- Claudio Frigo, Executive VP
- Renata Bechtoldt, Secretary
- ~~Filip Cejovic, Recording Secretary~~
- ~~Dr. Michael Gross, Delegate at Large~~

7:23 – Call meeting to order

- Agenda enclosed / will be covered in today's board meeting
- Review Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2014 - accept

Financial Review (Goran)

- USASA – collect money from all but PSL and Tri-County
- Over 3,000 players registered with ISSA (emailed)
- \$10,500 income (cash)
- \$3,750 due from USASA but not provided to ISSA (receivables)
 - Additional receivables from NSL for player passes (unknown amount) / PSL and Tri-County
 - \$1,500 due from Filip for security deposition (open)
 - Roma ACS match / Wrigley Field (open)
- \$16,250 accounts payables (open/under review)
 - Remove Chicago Fire Expense - payables from Chicago Fire
 - Printing Fees – unknown
 - Comcast – remove
 - ComEd – remove
 - Additional insurance (player's passes) – unknown amount owed – remove
 - IRS late filings – keep fees
- Updated balance sheet to be provided

Orders of Business:

- Liverpool match – promotional activity – website – special discounts
- State Cup Competition – special thanks to Claudio for all his work in the registration process
- State Cup – 12 teams participated in competition (10 teams from PSL; 2 teams from Metro)
- Total of 9 matches played (minimal support from the rest of the board)
- Improve reputation and image with our presence
- Recommendation (Andy) – create subcommittees next year for the tournament
- Promotional Activity to boost participation and possibly introduce some awards (i.e. cash prize, medals, t-shirts, kits, etc.) – possibly identify sponsors for the event
- Possible to hold venue over a few weekends
- Congratulations to the following teams:
 - Over-40 Torino (PSL)
 - Over-30 International (PSL)
 - Open – Vikings (Metro)
- Tournament of Champions – representation from Illinois; champions or runner-ups
 - July 25-27th – Dayton, Ohio
- Appoint State Cup Commissioner – for review / continue discussions in future meetings
- USASA Region II Amateur Competition – AAC Eagles finalist (Men's Open)
- USASA Region II - Adria – Over 30 division asked to represent Midwest region
- Website – updated by Claudio / facebook links with website
 - State Cup information / posted to site / easy to use for all teams / Registration process
 - State Cup history – updated
 - Tally championships per each team
 - Send revised notes
 - Add actual suspensions matrix on website

Appeal process:

- Appeal committee proposing dates with Spiro for appeal process
- Appeal committee can uphold ruling/keep suspension
- Erik will send email with information about process
- Recommendation to separate appeal / Spiro provided new appeal request
- Cross-appeal recommending suspension / 3 violations
 - Meetings
 - Coaching
- Spiros is requesting to move appeal to USASA
- Trial board – existing suspensions and future suspensions (tracking and reporting)

Referee death in Michigan

- Establish new standard – rulings/regulations to prevent and discourage this behavior; promote safety
 - Issues with referee in Michigan – draft letter reminding leagues of these concerns
 - \$500 donation sent to the family
- Action item to purchase shirts/gear with ISSA logo – get quotes and make a decision (Ante)

- ISSA events – Schwaben Tournament – Ante met with Willy Schaeffer; ISSA influence merger of Metro and NSL leagues
- Next meeting – consideration for an event – indoor league or tournament
- Ideas around ISSA promotions – 4000 member organization
- Players/teams like to “win” – every player is an older kid
- Companies will invest into tournament – go out and obtain sponsorship; find the right people that will spend money
- Opportunities to fund league/tournament
- Interstate league and/or tournament
- Creating interest in the matches
- Smaller scale tournaments / futsal league
- ISSA Cup of Nations – work in advance
- Next board meeting –
- Marketing proposal –
- Hall of Fame – 100 years
- Rules and regulations (Claudio)
- By-laws (committee)
- US Adult Soccer Midyear Meeting (September 26th, 2014)
 - Presidential meeting with all states
 - Provide successes and resolution to issues
 - Sequence of events
 - Attendees from ISSA
 - Travel expenses

Adjournment | 9:33pm