



# ILLINOIS STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2015

### Attendees:

- Claudio Frigo, President
- Goran Guzina, Treasurer
- Renata Bechtoldt, Recording Secretary
- ~~Hector Nava, Delegate-at-Large~~
- ~~Rolando Gonzalez, Delegate-at-Large~~
- Gregory Vlamakis, Delegate-at-Large
- Ninos Alexander, Guest
- Ante Loncar, Executive VP
- Andy Sotiropoulos, Secretary
- ~~Chester Blaszkowski, VP Marketing & PR~~
- Filip Cejovic, Delegate-at-Large
- Erwin Fleps, Delegate-at-Large
- Bob Balciunas, SRA

**Location: AAC Eagles Clubhouse, Chicago**

**7:10pm – Call meeting to order**

### Agenda Topics:

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

### **Non-Agenda Topic (Referee Attack / Trial Board Results):**

- Guest: Georgie Boshnakov (34 years old, soccer player from PSL, team: BSCC)
- Referee Attack, October 12, 2014, Kevin Walter was the referee
- Trial board – found him guilty of the attack / Georgie Boshnakov was not present for the hearing
- Comments from Georgie Boshnakov – not excusing himself; admits that he spit at the referee / apologize for this incident; made a mistake; promise that will not do this again
- 2 year suspension from soccer - \$250 fine
- Playing 3 years without any prior incidents

### **Meeting Minutes**

- Roll Call – please see attendees above
- Minutes of previous meetings - approval of March 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes by board
- Motion to nominate Gregory Vlamakis as Delegate-at-Large (Ante, Claudio)

- Gregory Vlamakis accepted by majority vote to the ISSA board, Delegate-at-Large
- For the record, in favor of the appointment but abstained from the vote (Andy S.)

### **Financial Report**

- Financial Statement | \$48,500 bank account
- Received \$1,058 player's registrations
- Expense: \$1,087 Hall of Fame Suite / \$195 updated photos
- Income: \$15,878 fully paid from the Olympiacos/Liverpool match
- Player's passes – \$600 for February passes
- Address the security deposit from old lease – official letter will be provided from Filip C. stating that no money is owed from the ISSA
- \$25,770 approximately owed w/accrued interest to USASA
- Unfinished business – payout USASA to the principle- \$15,000
- No reservations from Board - move forward with \$15,000 payment to USASA

### **Registration Report**

- Received report from Pierre
- 109 players from March
- Reconciliation issues with quantity of player's passes and payment owed to ISSA – Claudio and Goran working with Pierre to resolve this issue / should have resolved by May
- New registrations for April – PSL (entire league) and Metro (Over-30, Over-40, Over-50)

### **Correspondence**

- USASA letter regarding the pay-out of the Olympiacos/Liverpool match – paid in full
- Chicago Suburban Soccer League (Crystal Lake)– 40 teams - \$250 registration fee paid – new league affiliation with ISSA
- CLASA - \$250 registration fee paid / player's passes haven't come through yet / no liability insurance will be released until player's are registered in paid in full (Claudio working with CLASA)

### **Committee Report**

- Referee Report | provided the ISSA-President and copied Ante Loncar / job descriptions of the state referee committee
- Illinois State Referee Committee | Constitution – reviewed multiple topics
- Explanation of the positions; comprising of the state program
- Administrative Rules Book from 1920's – pulls from National Committees
- Not an organizational member / service Adults and Youth programs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party auditors around policies, procedures and conduct – 501c – fully functional since 1997
- Open Item from last Board Meeting – Felony Enhancement statue
- Discussions around offering all referees, classified 7A and members of USASA - Health Insurance – goal to identify all referees that are involved in the Adult program / 7A classified category (PSL, IWSL, NSL, MSL) – listing of all the referees that work these games
- Manage the referees in the Adult program with 7A classification and insurance coverage
- Champ | Chicago Advanced Mentoring Program (established 2015) – presented to ISRC on 4/13/2015
- Director of Training and Referee Development, CHAMP (new mentoring program for referees) – request \$20,000 for their funding

- By-passing ISSA with decision making for ISRC
- Action Items from SRA:
  - List of all the referees that referee Adult games – Grade 8 who need to get re-classified to 7A
  - Referee Mentoring program for the State of Illinois (start a program w/out CHAMP)
- The opportunity to mentor Licensed, registered – referees
- For the record (Gregory), start the referee club – organized to mentor the referees from PSL and NSL
- Question around the appointment of the directors / term for the President
- ISRC committee – address issues around organization, budget and expenses
  - Opportunities to address these concerns with ISRC
- Recommendation of referees to send to Adult regionals

#### Other Committee Reports:

- No appeals
- No audits
- Budget – remain the same
- Illinois State Cup Form – revise the form with updated information for 2015 / post (Renata to update)
- USASA Illinois State entries into Region II – Amateur Men’s Division – AAC Eagles (Metro); Over-30 Men’s Division: Torino Over-30 (PSL) and United Serbs Over-30 (Metro)
- Technology – no changes
- Marketing & PR – no changes

#### Unfinished Business

- 2016 Tournament of Champions – awarded bid by Region II
  - 6 to 8 fields secured Waukegan Sports Complex
  - Initiate work with Board on all activities
  - Discussed program booklet and sponsorship
  - Begin forming committees for the event
- Hall of Fame Ceremony (March) – Fire match / good turn-out
  - Chicago Fire recognized our 2012 Hall of Fame inductees on the jumbotron during match
- NASL opening new club in Chicago – “Chicago Sting”
- AAC Eagles and RWB Adria – submit form/fee for tournament registration
- Fiscal year changes – AGM to change from September 2015 to January 2016 (alignment with fiscal year)
- Steve Siomos – Metro 2 first division teams still have NOT registered (Magic and Inter, First Division)
- ISSA Rules and regulations – Referee attack and referee abuse section – definition according to USSF guidelines; review hearing process with ISSA – differentiate between referee attack and referee abuse
  - Threat vs. Physical Attack ; game/referee report; penalties
  - Enforcement of rules and regulations under review with board
- 501c3 status – Goran working through required information for re-application

Adjournment | 10:06pm