



# ILLINOIS STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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## Monthly Meeting Notes

August 16, 2016

### 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
- ~~Ante Loncar, Executive VP~~
- Karen O'Dowd, Secretary
- Erwin Fleps, Delegate-at-Large
- Felipe Manriquez, Delegate-at-Large
- Joseph J. Zyzda, Guest
- Bob Balciunas, SRA

**Location:** Rose Garden Café, Elk Grove Village

**7:58pm | Call Meeting to Order**

### Agenda Topics:

- Roll Call
- Minutes of previous meeting
- Correspondence
- Financial Reports
- Committee Reports
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Miscellaneous Items
- Adjournment
  
- Strike out action item about Karen requesting biographies from each league / she will collect the biographies – all in favor (Board present)
- Motion to approve – Gregory, Rolando – all in favor (Board present)

### Financial Report (Goran)

- Net Assets = \$102,780.23
  - Total Assets - \$113,362.03
  - Total Liabilities - \$10,581.80
- Reviewed Balance Sheet in detail
  - Owe to USASA for player passes
  - State Cup (\$2600 for registrations)
    - Spent extra on trophies and medals
    - Funded fields and referees for final matches

## Registration Report | Claudio

- Current PAID registration = 6,619 players
- July 272 new registrations
- Paid \$3,773 to USASA
- Detailed summary of all registration was reviewed by board (comparison 2016 vs. 2015)
- Best registration YTD for ISSA in history
- 2<sup>nd</sup> greatest registrations through July – ISSA in the entire country (USASA)
- No consistency in certain states with player's registrations – allowed by USASA
- May get the opportunity to register new league in Western Illinois

## Committee Reports

- Appeals – N/A
- Audit – N/A
- Referee – Bob
  - 2016 | over 5,000 referees registered in state some did not complete concussion testing or background check
  - Regionals – 8 referees assigned (small participation from Illinois)
  - IWSL – issues with not having player's passes at matches
  - Discussion around player's passes and role of referee in this role
  - Fully functioning mentoring program / train weekly basis / classroom 2x per month
  - State Cup / Cup Committee – identify ISSA representation
  - Responsibility of the league to promote State Cup with teams
  - Rebecca Begon – numerous women referees registered in Illinois (but do not participate outside state)
  - Female referees would like to see more cup games / state cup would be perfect opportunities
  - Opportunity to add U-23 participation in state cup
- Budget – CLASA fully paid registrations; thank you to Felipe
- Cups –
- Hall of Fame Celebration – Erwin
- Hall of Fame Induction – Gregory
- Marketing and Public Relations – n/a
- Rules – n/a
- Staff Operations – n/a
- Technology – n/a
- Trial Board – n/a

## Unfinished Business

- CLASA all debts officially paid (thank you Felipe)
- Illinois State Cup 2016
  - Open Final remaining | RWD Adria vs. SAC Lightning – August 24, 2016 – 8pm (Wheeling High School)
  - Over-30 Levski Chicago (5): International SC (2) – presented by Claudio
  - Over-40 Jake's Stars (7): Torino FC (1) – presented by Joe Zyzda
  - Women – PSV Lady Blues (3): Revolution FC (2) – presented by Flo Dyson
  - Awards in future – medals and team trophy
  - Overall good experience
  - Schwaben Center venue – great to hold event
- IRS Documents | Short-form

## New Business

- Removal of Chester Blaszkowski, board member
  - Identify a replacement for vacant position – VP Marketing, Public Relations
  - Potential to change to social media coordinator

- Werner Fricker Open Cup Final (July 30, 2016)
  - Obilic Legends – Region II (8) vs. Christos FC – Region I (1)
- 2016 Adult Labor Day Classic Tournament (Gaetano Traversa – paid \$250)
  - Olympic Park
- 2017 Cup Commissioners | recruit for next year
- USASA – National Board of Directors
  - Disorganized; leadership is very weak and lack of control
- Chicago Fire Celebration – recognition night for ISSA
  - Claudio attempted to meet with Chicago Fire; unfortunate set of circumstances
  - Hall of Fame celebrations was supposed to be celebrated on August 14, 2016; email was sent on August 12, 2016 to confirm attendance for event – there was no follow-up from ISSA
  - Chester Blaszkowski prior to removal and Ante Loncar responsible for taking care of this – “fell apart”
  - Discussion around Hall of Fame wall at Toyota Park – ensuring that all the information is up to date

**Next Meeting | Tuesday, September 6, 2016**