

USA SOCCER MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2015

Call to Order: President Paul Van Steenbergem called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Board Members in attendance: Paul VanSteenbergen; Frank Villaizan, Merritt Guthrie, Brian Dozark, Alan Langford, Kurt Rodrigues and Melissa Jara (by webex).

Clubs in attendance: By Webinar: , Lake Wales, West Pasco, and West Florida Flames..

Clubs in attendance: In Person: FC Tampa, Oldsmar, Pinellas Park, Pinellas United, and Winter Haven

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the January meeting were approved as posted.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Lathrop, presented the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss, and Budget year to date, which is also posted online. All bills are paid currently, including salary.

Secretary's Report: no report

VP Junior Boys: (Mike Connell) absent no report

VP Senior Boys (Melissa Jara) , no report

VP Girls: (Steve Emerson) absent no report

VP Admin: No report

Past President: No Report

President's Report: Liverpool academy is coming up, info posted on website.

Old Business:

Red Cards: Reminder to provide USA with proof of service.

Reminder that all sent offs have a minimum one game suspension with the team they earned the ejection with, and cannot participate till it is served.

Annual DOC/Club president's Meeting is slated for March 1, 2015 Hilton Garden Riverview

New Business:

None

For the Good of the Game

Adjournment: 7:48 PM

Executive Committee

Call to Order: 8:00 PM

Board Members in attendance: Paul VanSteenbergen; Frank Villaizan, Merritt Guthrie, Brian Dozark, Alan Langford, Kurt Rodrigues and Melissa Jara (by webex).

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Protest and Appeals: Greater Tampa Bay game 384 had wanted the game date changed and initially contacted the other team on 12/18/15 but did not get it moved, and was still in communication with the other team up to the date of the game 02/01/15 to move the game. USA had been contacted and facilitated the communication, but did not reschedule the game as no date was agreed upon. Greater Tampa Bay advised USA and North Ft Myers on 01/29/15 that they were not playing the game on 02/01/15 and USA issued a 3-0 forfeit win to North Ft. Myers. USA board members all agreed that once a game is scheduled it takes both coaches to agree to move a game, and that the party that wants the game moved is the one responsible for seeing that it is done on time. The lack of a response is

considered a no, and no team is required to agree to a game change request. Games can not be put off indefinitely, they must be scheduled.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Joan Judd- The application was reviewed and the go ahead was made to post it and distribute to the appropriate teams. The concern was how the committee would wade through all the data and select only 20 players, when there was not specific grading criteria. The board was open to new ideas, but since none were presented the current application will be sent out.

Game Reschedules – The entire process was discussed as many teams talk about rescheduling a game and do not get it done within 21 days of the originally scheduled game date. Issues that were discussed.

1. Forfeit fine, if there was no fine to forfeit in advance of the game perhaps teams would use this option.
2. Many teams wait till they are within the 21 days before they think of rescheduling, most because they do not realize that there are events that impact soccer such as the High School Season.
3. Teams and clubs that just do not respond or ignore communications.
4. Teams and Clubs do not realize the impact of rescheduling their game.

This issue will be discussed at the Annual Planning meeting to see if the clubs have any ideas.

Adjournment 09: 30 PM.