

**USA SOCCER MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 7th, 2013**

**Clubs in Attendance:**

The following clubs were in attendance: Braden River; FC Tampa; First Hernando; Fishhawk; Florida Soccer; Lakeland Futbol; Manasota; North Lakeland; Oldsmar; Pinellas County; Pinellas Park; Sarasota United; Tampa Bay United; VSI Pinellas; West Pasco; Winter Haven

**Referee Assignors in Attendance:**

Jim Vars/Dave Petersen.

**Executive Committee:**

Chip Bruce, Rich Bowers, Karl Kukec, Linda Lathrop, Merritt Guthrie, Melissa Jara, Carlos Martes.

**Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.**

**Welcome by President:** A brief welcome by the President, Paul VanSteenbergen.

**Approval of Minutes:** Reviewed and approved.

**Report of Officers:**

**Treasurer's Report (Linda Lathrop):** Linda provided the treasurer's report. It is online. Reviewed budget and included balance in bank.

Also reviewed list of unpaid team applications.

**Secretary's Report (Eric Harvey):** Absent.

**V.P. Senior Boys (OPEN):** Vacant position.

**V.P. Junior Boys (Melissa Jara):** Filling in for Sr. Boys. Melissa reported that everything is done and scheduled for the Senior Season and all problems have been resolved.

Discussed Round Robin tournament. It was decided that the board will see if one is needed, based on team requests for Premier division. At this time, only 6 teams requesting Premier.

Paul Van Steenbergen reiterated the need for all DOC's to be in attendance at the Jr. Coaches meeting, so we can get their input on divisional placement.

**V.P. Girls (Steve Emerson):** Absent. (Arrived late/nothing significant to report)

**Referee Liaison Report (Carlos Martes):** Discussed "orphan" games. Also discussed using C3's local assignors. It will be voted on at September meeting.

Manasota is requesting to assign their own lines.

**D.O.C. Liaison Report (Karl Kukec):** Reminder of importance of attendance at the Coaches meetings.

**Member at Large (Merritt Guthrie):** Nothing to report.

**Past President (Frank Villaizan):** Absent.

**President Report (Paul Van Steenbergen):** Paul reported on the FYSA AGM. Not much of significance to USA. There was a proposal to eliminate the poaching rule, but it was tabled.

**Old Business:**

Announcement of the Junior Coaches Meeting for U11-U14 and the following week will be the U9 and U10's.

Review of Red Card site. It was pointed out that there was an error. Coach Boshu showed as coaching for Wesley Chapel; should be West Pasco. Sheri will make the correction.

Mickey Sedillo stated that Luis Cavillo had never coached for his club. (this was later confirmed by Ester Garcia, that in fact he had)

No changes to the Senior Schedules after they are locked.

**New Business:**

Need of VP's and DOC's to attend coaches meeting. Send a representative that knows the teams.

Recommendation to consider using Annette Taylor and Pam Mulvaney to assign referees for C3. They are knowledgeable of the referee base and can assign all three positions.

**Good of the Game:**

Pinellas Park Tournament

VSI Tournament – Fee is \$150

**Adjournment:** 8:12 p.m.

**USA SOCCER MONTHLY EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

August 7th, 2013

**Call to Order:** 8:35 P.M.

In attendance: Paul VanSteenbergen; Linda Lathrop, Steven Emerson, Melissa Jara, Karl Kukec, Carlos Martes, Merritt Guthrie.

Minutes approved.

Discussed Senior Schedules and reminder that dates can be changed to the Spring. All games must be completed by end of March.

Sheri to send out updated Region C dates.

Discussion on Heartland Soccer Club/availability of referees. It is an 1 hour drive each way. Suggestion to pay a traveling fee or make all games be away games. Various suggestions on amounts to pay refs.

Encourage entry level referee classes and host some events to increase referee base.

Carlos will solicit interest in possible assignors for C3. Tony Miele to complete Senior season and we will find one to assign for the Junior Season.

Motion to move Melissa Jara to VP of Senior Boys.

Candidates for VP of Junior Boys: Jorn Hansen/Steve Rossiter/Mike Connell. Motion to accept Mike Connell, based on his experience.

Jorn Hansen did sound like an excellent candidate. Try to find a way to get him more involved in the league/gain some experience.

Adjournment: 10:10 pm

**Executive Committee Attendance:** Same.

**Approval of Minutes:** Reviewed and approved.

**Protest and Appeals:** Linda Lathrop discussed the situation at Plant City where a player with an unserved suspension for a Red Card was transferred from one team to another within the club, and seemingly has been playing. The same team also made a number of roster moves wherein players were dual rostered as secondary players, and seemingly were allowed to play in contravention of USA rules. The latter situation apparently arose when a USA reshuffle game was scheduled for the day after Region Cup roster freeze. Steve Rossiter, President of Plant City, will be notified and asked to come and explain the situation.

**Old Business:**

Sheri will compile a list of forfeit reports for possible Board Action, to include bonding for next year or sanctions.

**New Business:**

Potential for Webcast of meetings briefly mentioned, and Rich Bowers will get some data re cost and expense.

Matt Algate was appointed to serve as Senior VP for the remainder of Dave Oras' term, which ll expires this year.

Notices to coaches & clubs with unpaid ref fees for cancelled/forfeited games will be sent.

**Adjournment:** 8:30 PM.