

## USA SOCCER MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2013

### **Clubs in Attendance:**

The following clubs were in attendance: Braden River; Brandon; Dunedin; Everton; FC Tampa; Fishhawk, Florida Coast; Celtic FC; Lake Wales; Nature Coast; North Lakeland Soccer; Oldsmar; Pinellas County; Pinellas Park; Tampa Bay United; Winter Haven

### **Referee Assignors in Attendance:**

Jim Vars.

### **Executive Committee:**

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

**Called to Order: 7:06 p.m.**

**Welcome by President:** A brief welcome by the President, Chip Bruce.

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

### **Report of Officers:**

**Treasurer's Report (Linda Lathrop):** Linda provided the treasurer's report. It is online. Expenditures were \$5600. Balance sheet is \$186K.

**Secretary's Report (Rich Bowers):** Nothing to report.

**V.P. Senior Boys (OPEN):** David Oras has completed his relocation to Denver.

**V.P. Junior Boys (Melissa Jara):** Nothing to report.

**V.P. Senior Girls (Gene Putney):** Absent.

**V.P. Junior Girls (Gene Putney):** Absent.

**Referee Liaison Report (Carlos Martes):** Absent.

**D.O.C. Liaison Report (Karl Kukec):** Annual DOC meeting will be set in April. Karl is interested in a College Showcase, and will discuss with DOCs.

**Member at Large (Debbie Hofrichter):** Absent.

**Member at Large (Merritt Guthrie):**

**Age Group Coordinators:** Discussion about the U12Gs & D1 status next year.

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

**President Report (President Chip Bruce):** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

Joan Judd applications are posted and are due March 20, 2013.

Red Card Site has been updated and coaches are requested to verify the accuracy. Merritt Guthrie also discussed the “ask-tell-remove” guideline for referees re adverse coaching behaviors. Coaches are reminded that while they do not actually receive Red Cards, they are “sent off”, and that requires a minimum 1 game suspension just like any Red Card. Of course, the appropriate VP can impose additional suspensions depending upon the nature of the misconduct.

**New Business:**

2013 Senior Soccer Challenge: USA will not support this year due to a number of factors. We agreed to support at the same level as CDL, which is zero. The discussions were to the effect that we already support Joan Judd Scholarships, which has a more direct positive impact for USA players. There was also concern that this event is limited to Hillsborough & Pinellas players. A Motion was made, and approved leaving the final decision to the Executive Board.

Executive Director Position: There was a discussion about an Executive Director position. It received 64% of the vote last year and was just a few votes short of passage. It appears that USA has the financial wherewithal to support such a position.

Inquiry was made about USA financial support to teams advancing in State or Region Cup play.

**Good of the Game:**

NSCCA National Diploma is still being offered at Brandon. This is equivalent to a “C” license, and will satisfy State Cup requirements. An informational link has been posted on the website. There are still openings.

Karl Kukec was congratulated on his undefeated season at Mitchell HS, and their advancement to the State Final 4.

**Adjournment:** 7:58 p.m.

## USA SOCCER MONTHLY EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2013

**Call to Order:** 7:29 P.M.

**Executive Committee Attendance:** Same.

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

**Protest and Appeals:** None.

### **Old Business:**

Purchase of Medals for the Division winners was discussed. We will purchase a one year supply.

Website Revision: Ready for rollout. We also have the ability to use GotSoccer for announcements such as referee & coaching classes.

### **New Business:**

U14G D3 Final Standings: discussion re the impact of reshuffle games. It turns out that the unplayed games do not affect the final standings.

Fishhawk U13G Forfeit re guest players: The protest was withdrawn and there is no Board action. Coaches are reminded that CLUB PASSES cannot be used for USA play. The player must be rostered to the team, or be an eligible guest player to compete in USA games.

Port Charlotte forfeit and others: discussion re the late notice and who has responsibility to timely notify referees etc. Assessment of fines for forfeited games will be discussed once all the forfeits are tabulated.

Improper rostering-U12B Dynamo: It appears that the U12B team transferred 6 players from its roster to another team in the same age group in a higher division on Friday before the last USA match on Saturday. The reason for the move was to comply with Roster Freeze requirements of Region Cup. The next day, those same players participated in their last regular season USA match with their original team. Though this may very well be a technical violation of the rules of competition, the Board decided against formal action other than notification to the Club President of the issue.

A letter complaint from the opposing coach concerning a Florida Coast coach was discussed at length. Though the prior match between these 2 teams had been abandoned by the referee

due to apparent coaching misconduct, there was no send off and a Supp Report was not prepared. The 2d game of the season between the teams was played to a conclusion, and the opposing coach wrote a complaint. The club DOC was present for the discussion, and the documentation was provided to him for his consideration and action.

**Adjournment:** 9:20 PM.