

USA SOCCER MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2014

Call to Order: 7:00 pm by Frank Villaizan in the absence of President Paul Van Steenberg. The meeting was conducted by VP of Sr boys Melissa Jara

Board Members in attendance: Frank Villaizan; Karl Kukec; Merritt Guthrie; Melissa Jara; Linda Lathrop; and Sheri Doback.

Clubs in attendance: FC Tampa; Houston Dynamo; Lake Wales SC; Oldsmar SC; Pinellas County United; Tampa Bay United; VSI Pinellas; West Pasco; Winter Haven

Clubs entered in Webex: Pinellas Park

Ref Assignor(s) in attendance: Dave Peterson

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

Treasurer's Report: Linda Lathrop, Treasurer Presented the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss, which is also posted online.

Secretary's Report: (Eric Harvey) Absent.

VP Senior Boys: (Melissa Jara) Nothing to report.

VP Junior Boys: (Mike Connell) Absent.

VP Girls: (Steve Emerson) Absent.

Referee Liaison: Absent

DOC Liaison: (Karl Kukec) Nothing to Report.

President's Report: Absent

Old Business:

- A. Game change requests only through Got Soccer for date or time changes.
- B. Reminder to reschedule games due to rainouts and field closures (within 15 days), via Support ticket in Got Soccer.
- C. Game day and forfeit procedures posted on the USA website.
- D. Joan Judd Grant applications due on March 14th, 2014. No late entries will be accepted.
- E. Reminder to send in proof of service, so Red Card site can be updated

New Business:

- A. Division Winner Awards – Will be distributed at the April meeting.

Adjournment: 7:29 pm

Executive Committee

Call to Order: 8:15 pm

Board Members in attendance: Frank Villaizan; Karl Kukec; Merritt Guthrie; Melissa Jara, Steve Emerson (arrived late).

The minutes of the February WebEx board meeting were approved.

Protest and Appeals Houston Dynamo, use of ineligible guest players.

Steve Jarrett of Houston Dynamo protested the December USA decision of counting each game where there were 4 ineligible guest players on the Houston Dynamo roster. Steve argued that since USA did not have the game cards that showed that they played, that while they were on the roster, the scores should stand as there was no proof that the players actually played, since the referees did not submit the game cards as required to USA. Linda Lathrop, and seconded by Melissa that only those games that USA had proof of ineligible players would be forfeited. Any other teams had till 03/31/14 to provide proof.

Old Business:

It was reported that suspended coach Greg Bever is still coaching. USA is awaiting FYSA's appeal decision, even though FYSA has not followed USSF, USYSA nor their own rules

New Business:

- A. Game 626, home team is fined \$350 and no re-play, U 17 girls, Lake Wales and FC Tampa.**
This was a game where both teams did not show up and USA paid the referees.
- B. Game #1051 – Bonita Springs fined \$250.00**
Bonita Springs failed to show up for the game, will be fined \$250.00. Largo paid the referees.
- C. Game #599 – Oldsmar fine \$250.00**
Oldsmar failed to show up for the game, will be fined \$250.00 Florida Coast paid the referees.
- D. Game 2011 Oldsmar fined \$350.00**
Neither team showed up for game, USA paid the referees.
- E. Game #805 – VSI fined \$350.00 Braden River given 3-0 win**
No teams were present for game, so USA paid the referees who showed up.
- F. Game #4454 Dunedin fined \$350.00, and USA will pay referees**
The Dunedin coach complained to USA about a previous game with the assigned referee that he saw on his game card. He then called the Lehigh team and told them that the game was cancelled, and for them not to come. Lehigh will be given a 3-0 forfeit win.
- G. Game 1170 North Ft Myers was denied a game change, and must either forfeit or show up.**
The committee decided that no team would be given a special exemption to USA rules due to advancing in Region Cup as USA did not have Region Cup days in the original schedule and teams had to move them to those dates, in this case it was done in August.
- H. Game 1037 Lake Wales was told to Forfeit or show up to play.**

The committee followed their previous decision to not allow game changes when the teams moved a game to a Region cup date, in February.

I. Clubs in violation of USA/FYSA rules, Auburndale, Players Club, Manasota.

The board discussed the actions of these 3 clubs.

Auburndale has used uncertified referees in the past and was told that they must use Got Soccer for assigning going forward. USA reviewed the games, and there were a lot of games that did not have referees in got soccer, so there was no assurance that they were certified. Auburndale had not been at meetings, and had several coaches suspended due to extremely bad behavior. No game reports had been submitted showing that the coaches had sat out the games, and there had been a lack of response from Auburndale when notified of issues.

Players Club still is allowing Greg Bever to coach, and did not assist at all in identifying the unidentified player #9

Manasota does not have any pictures in got soccer of one player or coach. There have been several instances where there were brawls, police being called, and USA could not identify the offenders in the pictures since they were not in got soccer.

The Ex board decided that Auburndale and Players Club would be advised that we would not accept their continued re-affiliation in the future, and that Manasota would be placed on probation and required to have all players and coaches and other team staff with pictures in got soccer.

J. Rule Changes for 2014-2015

Much discussion about proposed rule changes, and they will be posted on the website.

K. Referees and Game Cards

USA has had many games where there were complaints of ineligible players, and the referees did not submit the game cards to USA. There was much discussion as to how to get the referees to comply with USA regulations, and Merritt Guthrie made a motion that we only pay the assignors when we get the complete documents. They will be paid an additional \$1 per game. This was seconded and approved. Once we have a rule in place, FSR will assist us in referee compliance.

L. Computer Needed for Admin Coordinator

Sheri will research options and present them at the next monthly meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 PM