

USA SOCCER MONTHLY MEETING
February 23rd, 2025

I. Attendance:

FC Tampa (Coco Arrango); Lee County (Daniel); Winter Haven (Allan Langford; Les Moore); FC Tampa Rangers (Mike Connell); Pinellas County (Kai Velmer); Nature Coast (Andrew Breese) ; Cape Coral (Cathy Hunter) James Bowen; Sheri Doback; Karen Bingham

II. Call to Order:

- A. Welcome by President (Allan Langford)
- B. Approval of January Minutes – will be sent out for approval

III. Report of Officers:

A. Treasurer's Report (Paul VanSteenbergen)

A review of bank account shows we currently have 54,000; anticipate a 20,000 transfer to cover March and Championship trophy expenses; may "just make it" without having to take money out of the savings; 4,000 donation was received which should cover trophy expense

B. Secretary's Report (Coco Arrango) – nothing to report

C. Vice President's Status Reports

- 1. VP Senior Boys (Les Moore) – nothing to report; recently invoiced approx 12,000 in forfeits and fines and will resend every 15 days
- 2. VP Junior Boys (Andrew Breese) – receiving inquiries on Championship Tourney; want to know if they have qualified; Allan will be sending out notification to those teams
- 3. Executive Director (Kai Velmer) – Kai to send out new FYSA guidelines on (verbal) Referee abuse; had 40 min phone call with FYSA regarding the League Pathway; will be similar to FSPL; U13 and up champions will qualify; still working out final details

D. President's Report (Allan Langford) - refer to Old Business; currently working out final details of tourney; trying to find hotel discounts; Social Media; Banners; fields needed for Friday, Saturday, Sunday semi's and finals; should have most everything finalized within the week

IV. Old Business:

- 1. Championship Finals Tournament dates (4/4/25-4/6/25)
- 2. 6 games sitting on placeholder date – great job
- 3. No write-ins allowed on game card – automatic forfeit

Karen Bingham proposed having monthly meetings with the ref assignors; this idea was tabled; there is already a proposal to have a ref liaison next season (possibly Ed Pena)

4. Invoices will be sent for forfeit fines and rescheduling fees; these need to be paid in order to remain in good standing
5. Remember to report scores and send in copy of game card, immediately following game
6. Notify USA when suspended players have sat out; send in copy of game card reflecting this

V. New Business:

1. All social media content should be sent to Kai Velmer
kai@usa-soccer.org
2. All website content should be sent to admin1@usa-soccer.org

VI. For the Good of the Game - none

Adjournment – 7:31 pm Coco made a motion; 2nd by Cathy Hunter

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

- a) Approval of Minutes
- b) Protest and Appeals
- c) Old Business
- d) New Business
 - Lee County Forfeits - #1410; #1432; #1440 (if club joins call) – Daniel – Coach of U12G and President of Club reviewed circumstances surrounding

#1410 – Hernando had no availability to schedule game, despite being given many dates; Decision: Reverse the forfeit and game score will be 0-0 Paul made motion; Coco 2nd; All in favor

#1432 & #1440 – determined write in's were due to clerical error – no ill intent; forfeit removed for both games

Lee County asked to inform us ahead of time, should it occur again Paul made motion, Cathy 2nd ; All in favor

- Players Club - #1922 – Request to waive forfeit fees; discussion; forfeit stands
Coco made motion; Mike 2nd; All in favor
- Game #235 – Sarasota Spartans 2008 vs FPFC WC Elite 08B – no referees assigned; challenge with assignor, small club; give option to reschedule or agree to tie
Les made motion; Paul 2nd ; All in favor
- Per Ed Peña, confirmed with Rico Chacon, David Dreslin (club assignor) is not an approved assignor on FSR Website – Kai stated this has been reported; is not a league issue
- Carlos joined call briefly – will complete monthly newsletter and send out within a few days
- Monthly Assignor Meetings – previously discussed during general meeting
- Finalize details for Championship Weekend – plans coming together; asked who will attend; Allan; Les; Kai; Charlie; any one else that can attend, let Allan know so he can reserve rooms; should only have to stay a few hours each to help out
- USA Bylaws, Rules and Regulations – 2025/26 Season Updates Needed Paul drafted an outline; sent to Kai to review; will send out to BOD for feedback; added Exec Director position and other changes discussed; changes need to be posted by April; try to have rough draft ready in March; will vote at AGM
- Discussed Carlos final pay; once all requested items have been sent in; pay for March and ½ April
- Discussion on WH game versus Lee County; coach had accident; other parent stepped in to coach as teams had driven 2.5 hours; ref shouldn't have allowed this; should have been a scrimmage

- Updates from Exec Director - partnership with the Rowdies being finalized; about one year before agreement will go into effect; will be arranging a meeting to show agreement to the BOD; will work with Rays marketing department; Phase 1: logo and name of the league will change; announce in March; submit name change request to FYSA; League Pathway will be happening as previously discussed; all of this is exciting news.

e) Adjournment 8:52

Coco made motion; Paul 2nd ; All in favor.





From: Romildo Sanches <pres@playersclubsoccer.com>

To: "usagamereports@gmail.com" <usagamereports@gmail.com>

Cc: Sheri Doback <sheridoback@verizon.net>

Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 10:38:00 PM EST

Subject: Re: Invoice - Reminder: Your payment to United Soccer Association of Tampa Bay, Inc. is due

Dear USA, thank you for this email.

I am writing this email to ask for your forgiveness and to waive this invoice.

We had all intention to play the game. However on my way to the field, I received seven or eight messages from the parents stating their kids were not feeling good and couldn't be in the field that coldest day in Florida. Only 3 showed up.

Few days later, I was admitted into a TGH. I was diagnosed with prostate cancer and had surgery on Thursday 1/30 7:45 AM.

I am still recovering at my daughter's house, and am not sure when to go back to the field.

I understand the rules and regulations, however I ask that you please consider my petition.

Respect submitted

Romildo Sanches

Club president

From: Romildo Sanches <pres@playersclubsoccer.com>

To: "usagamereports@gmail.com" <usagamereports@gmail.com>; Sheri Doback <sheridoback@verizon.net>

Sent: Monday, February 17, 2025 at 11:58:01 AM EST

Subject: Players club Tampa bay

Subject: Request for Waiver of Forfeit Fee â€“ U9 Match

Dear USA league.

I am writing to formally request a waiver of the \$300 forfeit fee for our U9 match.

Our team had every intention of playing the game; however, on the way to the opponent's field, I received multiple calls from parents informing me that their children were unwell. That day happened to be one of the coldest in January, and unfortunately, we were left with only three players upon arrival.

I personally spoke with the opposing coach and the attending parents to apologize, and they were all understanding of the situation. While I acknowledge that the forfeit was ultimately our responsibility, the circumstances were beyond my control.

Given these unforeseen challenges, I respectfully ask that you reconsider and waive this invoice. I truly appreciate your time and understanding.

Best regards,

Romildo Sanches