

USA SOCCER MONTHLY MEETING

January 26th, 2025

1 **Attendance**

USA Board Members: Allan Langford; Paul VanSteenbergen; James Bowen; Les Moore; Andrew Breese; Cathy Hunter; Charlie DiMonda; Coco Arrango; Karen Bingham; Sheri Doback

Melissa (Englewood); Jarod (PCFC); Melissa Leon (PCFC); Brad DeNeve (DOC-WinterHaven); Commissioner Ed K.

II. **Call to Order:**

- A. Welcome by President (Allan Langford)
- B. Approval of November Minutes – Karen made motion to approve; Paul seconded it

III. **Report of Officers:**

- A. Treasurer's Report (Paul VanSteenbergen)

A review of bank account shows we currently have 56,000; 11,000 in working account; 84,000 in savings account; spending should decrease; \$6500/mo are normal monthly expenses; the Championship tourney will cost about \$10,000; we should be close without taking anything out; Reviewed P & L; may get \$10,000 contribuiton;
- B. Secretary's Report (Coco Arrango) – requesting clarification on heading rule for U12 – No heading ; Not til U13 because everyone is at least 11 years old ; inform referees; one page memo – send to Assignors; add NO WRITE IN's to memo (Karen will send out); Carlos to add a pop up to the website. Les made a motion and Andrew 2nd.
- C. Vice President's Status Reports
 - 1. VP Senior Boys (Les Moore) - \$8300 in outstanding fines; 1099's to go out this week; Nothing to report for Senior Boys
 - Discussion: Does player need to be present when sitting out a red card? Per our bylaws, NO but be sure it is reported on the game report; submit bylaw change for next year? Cathy will review FYSA

Rules; Kai will email Joel Dragon; Also consider adding A/R's for U9 and U10; Assignors assign all three positions.

2. VP Senior Girls – Nothing to report

3. VP Junior Boys (Andrew Breese) - Making a list of concerns that have come his way , in order to submit bylaw changes for next season.

4. Executive Director (Kai Velmer) - Next season we will create a referee and assignor liaison position; they will hold monthly meetings with the assignors. Ed Pena may be interested. Have him submit a business model.

D. President's Report (Allan Langford) – See old business

IV. Old Business:

1. Championship Finals Tournament dates (4/4/25-4/6/25)

2. 9 games sitting on placeholder date

V. New Business:

1. Do not write in players

2. Invoices will be sent for forfeit fines and rescheduling fees; need to be paid in order to remain in good standing

VI. For the Good of the Game

Adjournment

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

a) Approval of Minutes

Coco made a motion to approve; Cathy 2nd it.

b) Protest and Appeals

None

c) Old Business

None

d) New Business

- 2577/2618 Tampa Dynamo (U13B) – request to reverse forfeits

(18 on game card vs 22 on roster) – FORFEIT STANDS (6 yes/1 no)

- 1766 FC Tampa (U14G – Forfeit/Ref Fee Question

USA pays all Ref Fees

- Forfeit/Fines must be cleared up by end of season

- (U12G) game – request to reschedule vs forfeit

Must enter game change request by 3/31

- 1611 – PCFC (U12G) vs Winter Haven (U12G) – requesting forfeit reversed

Discussion by PCFC Coach/Assistant Coach/DOC with timeline

Ref called game; field unplayable; must uphold; PCFC was there – FORFEIT STANDS

- 756 – FL Premier Tpn Elite vs St Pete Raiders 2008G) Request to

Reschedule

Must enter game change request by 3/31

- 215 – FL Premier 08B WC Elite– Why Forfeit? Asking for Draw

FORFEIT STANDS

- Teams that did not agree on Reschedule – Forfeit Given

- Roster Freeze for Championship Weekend?

Make sure done with regular league schedule; Roster freeze by 4/1/25

- Rule Proposal – Teams that fold after the season starts – all scores 3-0

- U12 Scoring

Discussion on proposing mercy rule for next season

- Travel Recreational Program – explore this for next season; start with the younger age groups

- Ref Assignors to use Got Sport for 25/26 Season – make it mandatory?

- Discussion U13B Forfeit by Dunedin may affect standings for playoffs; Paul suggested to adjudicate this when it becomes an issue

- Marketing Update

Carlos working on new website/will have to change platforms

Waiting to see what we will do with Rowdies – are we changing our logo, etc?

- USA Bylaws, Rules and Regulations – need to be reviewed for upcoming season

Have a committee; recommend Cathy Hunter and 2 others

- Brief discussion regarding the Rowdies
Junior Premier League - Potential host-co-branded international tournament in the winter
- Kai also approached by UPSL Semi-professional men's league – will follow up after talking to Ryan Helfrick; have to see if it conflicts with the Rowdies plan

Adjournment 8:40 pm

Coco made a motion to close the meeting; Charlie 2nd it.