



# United States Adult Soccer Association, Inc.

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## Attendance:

### Board:

Bill Bosgraaf, Director  
Barbara Trainor, Secretary

Mike Maloney, Dep Director

### Delegates:

Lori Stoneburner, Alaska  
Dave Simmons, Cal North  
Marge Madriago, Cal North  
Donna Fouts, Hawaii  
Gwen Barros, Hawaii  
Steve Denny, Montana  
Roger Hamilton, Oregon  
Jim Hamilton, Washington  
Jerry Zanelli, WPSL

Klaus Reicht, Alaska  
Jan Mullen, Cal North  
Albino Bejines, Cal South  
Jack Sullivan, Hawaii  
Paul Scherer, Idaho  
Erin Langenwalter, New Mexico  
Geir Olsen, Utah  
Karen Hoffman, Washington

Barbara Trainor, Arizona  
Tom Moore, Cal North  
Isidro Torrez, Cal South  
Sergio Bolioli, Hawaii  
Grace Scherer  
Dan Trainor, NPSL  
Tim Busch, Washington  
Paul Hoffman, Washington

### Committees:

#### Guests and Alternates:

Janet Stauson, WSWSA  
Werner Fricker Jr.  
Steve Addington, USASA  
Aleks Mihilovic - Men's National  
Coach  
Mike Edwards, USSF

Linda Goeas, Hawaii  
Linda Rimmer, WSWSA  
Brooks McCormick, USASA  
Valerie Blanchenay, USASA  
Betty Schmeck, WA

Ann Denny, Montana  
Lance Calaway, Washington  
Stphanie Walker, USASA  
Carolina Finol, USASA  
Tom Hayes, Insurance

### Not Present:

Colorado  
Wyoming

Nevada

**Called to order:** 8:40 am

**Credentials, Jim Hamilton** – Roll call was done. There were 46 total votes present.

**Introduction of Guests:** State Representatives introduced themselves

**Modification to Agenda:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Approved.

**Director's Report, Bill Bosgraaf** – The Region held the National Cup competitions in Temecula, Select Camp in Los Angeles, U23 in Las Vegas, Veteran's Cup in Washington. Bill thanked all of the Committees and States for putting in all of the hard work to make these events happen.

The USASA office lease expires next year and they must make a decision about whether to stay or move to a different location.

Bill spoke about the sponsorships with Choice Hotels, MLS, and Nike.



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At the Presidents meeting, there had been discussion about how to create benefits for our members, and distinguish USASA from some of the other organizations who register players. Some of those ideas were:

- Return to the grass roots efforts to promote adult soccer
- Revitalize the committees
- Create and revise team information and training materials.
- Increase the communication from the top down

Tim mentioned that he intended to make a proposal at the USASA meeting to hold a National President's meeting similar to our Region President's meeting to work on programs and issues important to the Associations.

The question came up about registering youth players with USASA. Dan asked how the youth players can be registered with USASA. Jim Hamilton mentioned that there could be are liability issues around registering youth players. Bill will check on what needs to happen to register youth players.

**Treasurer's Report Graham Biles** – Submitted in writing prior to the meeting.

**Appeals – Jim Hamilton** stressed the importance o following the bylaws in order to prevent appeals from being upheld.

**Coaching, Bill Bosgraaf** – No change. Still waiting to find out the coaching committee status.

**Coed Cup, Bill Bosgraaf** – Currently Coed Cup is not budgeted. Jim Sadowski put together some information about Coed Cup for 2008, but is waiting for the USASA Executive Committee to accept the proposals. Marge mentioned that it will be funded; it is a matter of getting everything in order.

**Grants, Klaus Reicht** – Several people have applied for grants, but have not received a response. It is unclear if the Grants committee still exists.

**Hall of Fame, Bill Bosgraaf** – For the Region IV Hall of Fame, we are still waiting for Mike Edwards resume. There is also a nomination for Eric Beck.

There are six Region IV people being inducted into the USASA Hall of Fame this year.

**Midyear Meeting** – No Report.

**National/Regional Leagues** – WPSL is growing to a point that they may need to turn some teams away and maintain the league size. Jerry discussed a team in the league that committed insurance fraud.

The NPSL is experiencing growth mostly in the Northeast. They are looking for ways to revitalize the enthusiasm west. The Arizona and Nevada teams have dropped out causing some travel issues for the west coast team and teams and other west teams.

**National Cups, Mike Maloney** – Arizona is putting in a bid for the 2008 National Cups Region tournament, but requested to push it back one weekend. Pushing it back a week would put it on Memorial Day weekend. Several States had tournaments that weekend and their teams would not be able to participate.



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The National Cups dates are:

Region IV team entry dead line (Except U-23)	March 30, 2008
Region IV deadline for rosters	April 30, 2008
Region IV Nat'l Cup in Scottsdale Arizona	May 15-18, 2008
State winners declared	April 13, 2008
Under 23 entry deadline	May 21, 2008
Under 23 National Cup (Possibly Scottsdale AZ)	June 20-22, 2008
Under 23 deadline for rosters to me	June 4, 2008
National deadline to declare Region Winners	June 30, 2008
Roster Deadline to USASA	July 23, 2008
National Final (Seattle Washington)	Aug 8-10, 2008

**FEES:** Please note that state association may add additional fee.

Men and women open	\$225.00
Men, Women, Amateur, Over 30, and Under 23	\$175.00

**Note:** U/23 players can play only if they are born on or after the following date: August 1, 1984

Paul asked if there was any discussion about whether we could change the format of the National tournament to more of a multi-game tournament with all of the teams. Mike said that Regions I and II have had their entries increase and didn't want to change the format.

Jerry asked what happened with the discussion about holding the Women's Open Cup championship with the Donnelly Cup, since the women can still play then. There was no change in that direction.

**Guest, Brooks McCormick** – Brooks was questioned about the length of time it takes to get minutes approved and posted and also the number of USASA Executive Board meetings. Brooks said that they have had the same number of meetings as the previous year. He also described the process for getting the meetings minutes approved. The final approval happens at the next Executive Committee meeting and they will not post draft minutes. Brooks suggested proposing a change from the floor at the USASA meeting to change the process.

Brooks introduced the new USASA staff members, Steve Addington and Carolina Finol

**Guest: Aleks Mihilovic** – Aleks spoke about the trip to Ireland with the Men's Select team. The players were chosen for their mannerisms and skills on and off of the field. The trip will be a memorable event for all. Four players were selected as potential professional players.

**Referees, Eric Beck** – No report

Jerry expressed some concerns about the level of referees at not only WPSL games, but at all levels. They have many women that are highly skilled and very fast to the point that many referees can not keep up. Dave Simmons expanded on the problem by saying that they have to rely on the recommendations of local assigners, which sometimes ends up being a "good old boys club". They looking at ways to form a list of recommended referees for the higher level games.



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**Guest, Tom Hayes, Insurance** – Tom will hold a workshop at this meeting. They will be unveiling a program for accident insurance for referees available at a State Association level. Tom said that if States ever have a problem communicating with new leagues or unaffiliated leagues about the benefits of insurance, he would be happy to help. Call his toll free number to get help.

Tom spoke about getting insurance for youth players that are registered with USASA and said that they could insure them, but it would probably cost a little bit more.

There was a question about the Director and Officer insurance and how far down it extends. It extends to the State Board members, but not to the league officers. It does not cover a State officer if they are doing league activities (only for State activities).

Guest: Mike Edwards, USSF – Many of the events did not turn out as well as US Soccer had hoped, They are evaluating the outcome of the Women's World Cup, to make appropriate adjustments to the staff and team. It is apparent that other country's teams skill levels have advanced.

**Rules, Erin Langenwalter** – There is a rule change proposal regarding changing the number of days required for announcing a candidate's intention to run for an office. The Rules Committee was split as to their support for this rule proposal.

**Select Teams, Geir Olsen** – Gier passed out Select packets to each of the State Associations. The packet has a DVD of the Ireland games and a description of the new format including a name change proposal. For the camp, each State Association can determine who their scouts will be. The scouts will choose the designated number of players for the camp. The designated number of players is determined by State Association population. If States need to tweak the number of designated players, they can work with Gier on that.

**Veterans Cup, Paul Scherer** – Brackets marked with an asterisk must be filled with at least four teams by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 in order to keep them open. Typically, attendance in the second year of the same location drops. The Veteran's Cup committee is hoping that introducing international teams to the tournament will keep the attendance up.

### **Women's Committee:**

**Old Business:** none.

**Motion:** To form a committee to review the Demosphere contract, and product offerings to determine if it meets the needs of the customers and determine possible solutions to meet customer needs.

Erin encouraged everyone to at least try the program to evaluate it for themselves and how well it might meet your Association needs.

### **New Business:**

Next year, the Region will continue with the workshop format. Referees seem to always be a popular workshop and we will invite Lynn Berling-Manual back to speak about Marketing.



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Tom Moore suggested that we have a workshop for the committee (to be formed) to meet with users to determine customer needs.

The Presidents meeting will be held in Portland in September 2008.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

**Calendar:**

January 12-14, 2008	USASA George F. Donnelly Cup Tournament	San Diego, CA
February 22-24, 2008	USSF & USASA AGM	Kona, Hawaii
February 22, 2008	Region IV Council Meeting	Kona, Hawaii
March 31, 2008	Region IV Nat'l Cups	Entry Deadline
May 15, 2008	USASA Veterans Cup	Entry Deadline
May 16-18, 2008	Region IV Open Cup & Nat'l Cups Tournament	San Diego, CA
May 26, 2008	Region IV U-23 Nat'l Cups	Entry Deadline
June 28-29, 2008	Region IV U-23 Nat'l Cups Tournament	TBA
June 21-29	USASA Elite Player National Camp	Carson, CA
July 8-13, 2008	USASA Veterans Cup Tournament	Bellingham, WA
August 1-3, 2008	USASA National Cup Finals	Seattle, WA
September 2008	Region IV Presidents Meeting	Portland OR
October 17-19, 2008	USASA Midyear Meeting & Workshops	San Antonio, TX
October 17, 2008	Region IV Council Meeting	San Antonio, TX
January 10-11, 2009	Region IV Council Meeting & Workshops	San Diego CA
January, 2009	USASA George F. Donnelly Cup Tournament	San Diego, CA
March 12-14, 2009	USSF & USASA AGM	Orlando, FL
March 12-14, 2009	Region IV Council Meeting	Orlando FL
May, 2009	Region IV Open Cup & Nat'l Cups Tournament	TBA
June, 2009	Region IV Select Teams Tournament	TBA
June, 2009	Region IV U-23 Nat'l Cups Tournament	TBA
July, 2009	USASA National Select Teams Camp	Carson, CA
July, 2009	USASA Veterans Cup Tournament	TBA
August, 2009	USASA National Cups Finals	TBA
September, 2009	Region IV Presidents Meeting	TBA
October, 2009	USASA Midyear Meeting & Workshops	Phoenix, AZ
October, 2009	Region IV Council Meeting	Phoenix, AZ