

**GSSA Board Meeting
February 25, 2014 Minutes**

Attendance

Russel Rankenburg, President
Bryan McDermott, Vice President – Youth
Andrew Egan, Vice President – Adult
Delroy Ziadie, Director of Youth Select
Peter Valentino, State Referee Committee Chair
Chris Etheridge, Independent Director

Attending by teleconference

Peggy Pruitt, Director-Player Athlete
Juan Castillo, Director of Youth Recreation
Scott Moran, Independent Director
Melissa Camp, Director at Large

Non-voting members in attendance

Greg Griffith, Executive Director/Secretary

Guests

Kim Bowen, Director of Programs
Sharron Safriet, Director of Marketing and Tournaments
Suzanne Donahue, Executive Administrative Assistant, minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

II. Correspondence

None

III. Guests (to address the Board)

None

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes (January 27, 2104 and February 1, 2014)
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Board and Committee Reports
- D. Staff Reports
- E. Approval of 2014 Credit Card User Authorization List
(moved to consent agenda before the vote)

Bryan McDermott made a **motion to approve** the consent agenda; Delroy Ziadie **seconded** the motion. The **motion carries** unopposed.

V. Items Not on Consent Agenda

- A. Recognize New Board Members
Our new members were not present, so this was postponed.

- B. Financial Management Policies & Procedures
Bryan McDermott made a **motion to approve** the existing Financial Management Policies & Procedures. Delroy Ziadie **seconded** the motion. The motion was **amended** to cover just the next month, to give the new Executive Director the opportunity to suggest changes; the Board will revisit this issue at their next meeting. The **amended motion carries** unopposed.
- C. 2014 Board Meeting Schedule
The board amended, then approved the meeting schedule for 2014.
- D. Premier League Committee Creation
The Board discussed the best way to have fair representation on the premier league committee. Bryan McDermott made a **motion** to appoint the DOC from each affiliate with a team playing in the Premier League to be a member of the Premier League Selection committee. Delroy Ziadie **seconded** the motion. The **motion carries** unopposed.
- E. Vacant Board Positions
Peggy Pruitt was approved to fill the unexpired term of **Director of Adult Competition**. The **Director-Player Athlete** position she vacates will be filled by **Aly Wade**.
- F. Approval of Committee Appointments
Bryan McDermott made a **motion** to approve the committee appointments as listed. Delroy Ziadie **seconded** the motion. The **motion carries, with none** opposed.
- G. Procedure for Funding Proposals
The Executive Director asked for the Board's direction in his search for additional funding: how involved does the Board wish to be? The President expressed full confidence in the Executive Director, and gave him permission to move forward on applications for grants and other funding without the need to involve the Board directly in the process.
- H. Update from Executive Director
The Executive Director reported that the condo association is in the process of getting an energy audit and quotes for a new HVAC system. As of the end of January, we have made 58% of budgeted expenses—this is right on target—and have taken in 67% of budgeted revenue. Publix continues to support Georgia Soccer, and we are planning an event with the Latin-American Association. We are planning a membership drive and other events for the World Cup.
- I. Increase our facebook fans
The President reported that he had invited his friends to join our

facebook page, and challenged others to do the same.

- J. US Youth Soccer has ruled that the Region acted within its rules that were in place when it overrode Georgia's fourth-place team selection, so their appeal has been denied.

VI. Good of the Game

- A. Russel and Jacob reported on their trip to Portugal to meet with FC Porto, a fan-owned club. They hope to send ODP 2000 and 2001 boys players to Porto for training this spring.
- B. The US Soccer AGM will be held in New York City this weekend; Georgia Soccer is sending five representatives to the meeting.
- C. We had a great turnout for the US Women vs. Russia at the Georgia Dome, in spite of the bad weather.
- D. Tickets to see Nigeria vs. Mexico on March 5, also at the Georgia Dome, are nearly sold out!
- E. We still hope to see an MLS team make Atlanta home.
- F. The World Cup schedule is already posted! See fifa.com.

VII. Executive Session

Executive session not held.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.