

**GSSA Board Meeting  
October 27, 2014, 7:04 PM  
Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Russel Rankenburg, President  
Bryan McDermott, Vice President – Youth  
Andrew Egan, Vice President – Adult  
Eric Keller, Treasurer  
Juan Castillo, Director of Youth Recreation  
Delroy Ziadie, Director of Youth Select  
Peter Valentino, State Referee Committee Chair  
Jim Smith, Independent Director  
Daniel McAdams, Independent Director

**Attending by teleconference**

Peggy Pruitt, Director of Adult Competition  
Aly Wade, Player Athlete  
Melissa Camp, Director-at Large

**Non-voting members in attendance:**

Greg Griffith, Executive Director/Secretary

**Guests**

Lee Jordan, Robins, Eskew, Smith & Jordan  
Dan Clum, Robins, Eskew, Smith & Jordan  
Matt Chandler, Robins, Eskew, Smith & Jordan  
Sharron Safriet, Director of Marketing and Tournaments (teleconference)  
Jade Beaulieu, Director of Operations  
Jacob Daniel, Director of Coaching  
Suzanne Donahue, Executive Administrative Assistant, minutes

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

**II. Correspondence**

None

**III. Guests (to address the Board)**

Accountants from Robins, Eskew, Smith & Jordan

**IV. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Minutes (September 22, 2014)
- B. Board and Committee Reports
- C. Staff Reports

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

## V. Items Not on Consent Agenda

A. Audit Presentation – RESJ Auditors  
The auditors reported a good, clean opinion of Georgia Soccer's financial statements. Bryan McDermott made a motion to approve the audit as presented; Eric Keller seconded the motion. The motion carries unopposed.

B. Concussion update from US Youth  
FIFA, US Youth Soccer, and Cal North are all defendants in a lawsuit regarding handling of possible concussions/ return to play procedures.

Changes to State & President's Cup for 2016; All Star tournament for 2015

The new Georgia Cup series, coming in 2016, will include State Cup, President's Cup and Academy Cup. One goal will be to integrate the events by having eligible teams eliminated from State Cup competition moved into President's Cup. Increased visibility at all State events will be key.

Additionally, the Georgia Rec Cup will debut a new format this year with teams playing single elimination games until the final four are identified. Final four teams will play on Champion's Weekend where State Champions will be crowned. This change should result in lower fees and less travel for the recreational teams. Georgia Soccer will also host an All-Star Rec Tournament on Champion's Weekend. Tournament Director Sharron Safriet welcomes additional suggestions.

C. SAGM 2015 – July 18?  
The date for the Semi-annual General meeting is set for July 18, 2015.

E. Town Hall meeting November 12 Agenda items  
Plans for the Town Hall meetings were discussed.

F. New Registration Information Policy for approval  
Georgia Soccer has re-assessed our handling of registration information, and considers that we—not our affiliates—own the registration data. To protect that data, Georgia Soccer will require all registrars to pass background checks as a condition for access, and will take responsibility for vetting the results. To weed out registrars who are no longer active, unused access will expire after 6 months. The new policy will be posted on the Georgia Soccer website. ADG recently passed an information audit, so we are confident that our data is secure in their hands.

- G. US Youth Soccer will be mandating use of American Eagle to register for regional and national tournaments, with ADG supplying the back-end database. New mobile device apps are possible for player passes, game cards, etc.
- H. New affiliation process  
The board will propose a bylaw change to return new affiliation approval to the Board for a more professional review of applications. Those applying for new membership would be listed in advance so that existing members would have the opportunity to comment before approval is considered.
- I. SRC Committee positions  
This will be discussed by conference call.
- J. Elections at the AGM could bring significant changes, with both our President and Vice President – Youth completing their final terms. Submit nominations to Nominating Committee chair Mike Kirschner.

## **VI. Good of the Game**

- A. Morgan Brian, a starter in the US Women's National Team win over Costa Rica in the 2014 CONCACAF Women's Championship Final, played the first 55 minutes of the game and supplied the assist to Abby Wambach for the team's first goal.
- B. Abby Wambach is coming on November 8!
- C. Georgia has secured good hotels for Regionals.
- D. The US U-17 Women's National Team roster includes two players from Georgia: goalkeeper Kat Asman of Roswell (Concorde Fire) and forward Rachel Jones of Lawrenceville (Tophat).

## **VII. Executive Session**

Executive session not held.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.