

GEORGIA STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
January 31, 2015
Adult Council Session 10:00 AM
Renaissance Waverly Hotel

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:59 a.m.

II. Attendance

In Attendance:

Atlanta District ASL	Mike Hogan
AFU Adult SA	Scott Grest
Columbus Adult SA	Jason Robertson
Ga Adult Co-Ed	Jurgen Hastor
Greater Atl Women's	Erin Magee
Henry County Adult SL	William Humphries
Liga Buenabaj	Adan Vicente
MA YMCA Adults	Tom Bontrager/ Karon Beyer
Roswell Men's SL	Aly Wade
Stockbridge United	Kim Reis**
United Futbol Adults	Lena Mitchell

Not in attendance:

Dalton Christian Acad
Express Regional SA
Fayette County Adult Soccer
North Ga Screamin Eagles
Silverbacks Park

** Signed in, did not answer roll call.

III. Introduction of Guests

Eric Keller, Georgia Soccer President- Nominee
Susanne Conlon, Georgia Soccer President- Nominee
Greg Griffith, Georgia Soccer Executive Director
Peter Valentino, Georgia Soccer Board Member
Sharron Safriet, Georgia Soccer Dir of Tournaments
Jade Beaulieu, Georgia Soccer Dir of Operations, minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the GSSA Adult Council 2014 SAGM Session
Aly Wade made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2014 SAGM. Motion was **seconded. Motion carries**, with none opposed.

IV. Reports of Adult Board Officers and Directors- None

Andrew noted that the mission of the Georgia Soccer Adult Council is to grow the leagues and the game for adults. The Council will be looking at how to accomplish this. USASA is pushing more competition. To have relevance, Andrew agrees there should be more adult competition. USASA is the nationwide advocacy group for adult soccer and the only standing entity at the adult council of USSF.

- V. Nominating Committee Report and Election of Directors
 - Director of Adult Comp- Peggy Pruitt
 - Player Athlete- Aly Wade

Motion to approve by acclamation made by Mike Hogan. Motion was **seconded**. **Motion carries**, with none opposed.

- VI. Council and Policy Change Proposals – none for consideration
- VII. Other Business

A. Insurance and Fees

Registration Fee Includes-
Georgia Soccer Fee

USASA Standard player fee	9.00 (includes liability insurance)
Medical Insurance (by league choice)	5.00
Admin Fee*	5.50

*Administration fee includes registration, coaching and referee training, and state advocacy support.

B. Local Competition

Veterans Cup- Still a very good event to attend. Getting good competition and the ability to travel and play worldwide. If any clubs have teams that fit profile for Veterans Cup please contact Aly or Peggy.

Women's Championship - Georgia Women's team came in second place in 2014 event. Good opportunity for great competition and chance to play different teams.

Adult board wants to help promote participation of Georgia teams. Georgia is working on 3v3 adult tournaments. The goal is to get younger people involved in soccer tournaments. The Pub Series will continue and player information will be provided to the leagues for recruitment.

On June 12, 2015 Brookhaven Park and Kennesaw University will hold events around the Women's World Cup. Teams have not shown interest in long term, traveling events. Small sided competitions seem to be the way to go. Could Georgia Soccer adult hold a champions league? Possibly put together a mini-championship series to include adult open, adult competition and women's

divisions. Goal would be for teams to play three games in a shortened time period.

Championship format change at Region 3 has hurt the state associations. People are not excited about having to go to a national tournament if they win at the local level. Good first step is the mini championship and it could coincide with the KSU Fest.

C. USASA National Competitions

Packet has information of national championships. USASA has combined the National Championship Series. The event will include Women's championship, U-23 Men's championship, Veterans Cup and the Men's National Cups all in one location. The annual National Championships Series will take place July 14 through July 19, 2015 at Hampton Roads Soccer Complex, Virginia Beach, VA. It will feature competitions for all levels of adult players from U23 to over 70 years of age. The combining of these events is better for the local state teams and Georgia teams should consider attending.

Georgia Soccer is interested in supporting adults to attend more local and national events.

D. GSSA Bylaw Proposals

Proposal to change adult voting structure at state level has been removed. Moving forward, the adults hope to work better with the youths and vice versa.

VIII. Good of the Game

Women's team came in 2nd place in National Championships.

Older Men's teams went to Florida and won 1st or 2nd place.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.