

**Georgia State Soccer Association  
Annual General Meeting – General Council Session  
January 31, 2015  
Renaissance Waverly Hotel – Atlanta**

**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

The President, Russel Rankenburg, called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

**II. Roll Call/Credentials**

Of 365 eligible votes, there were 339 present. Bryan McDermott made a **motion to approve** the credentials report and close it; the motion was **seconded**. The **motion carries**.

**III. Introduction of Guests**

The President thanked our sponsors: Publix, SCORE, Sport Pins International, Nationwide Insurance, and the Silverbacks. He welcomed the Life Members in attendance.

**IV. Approval of Minutes of the GSSA 2014 Semi-annual General Meeting**

Bryan McDermott made a **motion to approve** the minutes of the 2014 Semi-annual General Meeting as presented. The motion was **seconded**. The motion **carries**.

**V. Board Reports**

Board reports were printed in the meeting book. The Executive Director told members about our Mini-pitch program, with sponsorship from the Arthur Blank Foundation and Boris Jerkunica.

**VI. Bylaw Revision**

Bylaw 5.4.1.4 New Affiliation Approval

Two proposals for changes to this bylaw had been offered, but Steve Keiss withdrew his proposal in favor of that authored by Eric Keller. Eric Keller made a **motion** to approve the proposed change. The motion was **seconded**. The motion was **amended** so that the amended bylaw would read as follows:

5.4.1.4 Applications for new “Affiliate” membership must be submitted to the Georgia Soccer office by 10/1 for the following Spring Season or by 3/15 for the following Fall Season.

All new affiliate applications will be vetted by Georgia Soccer. New **youth** applications will be considered for rec only. Once vetted all current members will be notified of any pending applications and be provided three weeks to comment to Georgia Soccer. All information will then be presented to the board, and either

approved or denied by a majority vote, at its November meeting, for Spring admittance, or April meeting for Fall Admittance.

If admitted and upon successful completion of a year of participation, new **youth** leagues may add Academy Programs the first Fall following a full year of membership, and Select the first Fall after competing two years of membership. No waivers will be considered unless the new **youth** leagues will be located at least 25 miles from any **youth** league that currently provides an Academy and/or Select program.

The **motion to amend carries**, but the **amended proposal fails** 50.6%: 49.4%.

Bylaw 6.3.2.6 Duties of VP-Adult, Bylaw 6.3.3.6 Bylaws Duties of VP-Youth  
Proposals to amend these bylaws were withdrawn.

Bylaw 7.2 Powers of Board of Directors

Geoff Fulton made a **motion** to approve the changes to Bylaw 7.2. The motion was **seconded**. Motion **carries** 85.9%:14.1%.

Bylaw 8.5 Voting Representation – Number of Votes  
Bylaw 8.5 Voting Representation – Weight Percentage  
Proposals to amend these bylaws were withdrawn.

Bylaw 9.3 Terms of Service

Lance Chapel made a **motion** to adopt the changes to Bylaw 9.3. The motion was **seconded**. Motion **carries** 76.5%: 23.5%.

Bylaw 10.1.1 Committee Appointments

Larry Green made a **motion** to approve the changes to Bylaw 10.1.1. The motion was **seconded**. Motion **carries** 84.6%: 15.4%

Bylaw 10.1.3 Committee Appointments

Ron Moore made a **motion** to approve the changes to Bylaw 10.1.3. The motion was **seconded**. Motion **carries** 79.6%: 20.4%

## **VII. Election of Officers and Directors**

Susanne Conlon was **elected** President by a vote of 58.3%: 41.7%.

For the position of Independent Director, there were two openings and two candidates. Carl Krauth made a motion to approve the new independent directors by acclamation. The motion was **seconded**. Motion **carries**. Michael Delaney and Alex Gonzalez were **elected** by acclamation.

## **VIII. Other Business**

A **motion** was made to allow Georgia Elite Academy to offer select play in their second season of operation. The motion was **seconded**. **Motion fails** 45.3%: 54.7%.

**IX. New Affiliate Applications for Review**

Six new affiliates were approved for membership:

Atlanta City FC  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
Fugees Soccer Club  
Georgia Mountains YMCA  
Oglethorpe County Rec Dept  
Soccer Academy CFR Atlanta Inc.

**X. Good of the Game**

- A.** Thanks to Russel Rankenburg for 25 years of board service!
- B.** There will be viewing events for the Women's World Cup in Brookhaven Park and at Kennesaw State University.
- C.** Georgia Soccer members are entitled to a discount from Nationwide Insurance, to be applied in addition to any other discounts.
- D.** A Women's National Team player is expected in Atlanta in late November or early December, for a Georgia Soccer fundraiser.
- E.** Two former Georgia Soccer youth players are now coaching, and have just returned from Nicaragua.

**XI. Adjournment**

The General Council session was adjourned at 12: 50 p.m.