

**GSSA Board Meeting
August 25, 2014, 7:00 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
Aly Wade, Player Athlete
Melissa Camp, Director-at Large
Jim Smith, Independent Director
Scott Moran, Independent Director
Chris Etheridge, Independent Director
Daniel McAdams, Independent Director

Attending by teleconference

Peter Valentino, State Referee Committee Chair

Non-voting members in attendance:

Greg Griffith, Executive Director/Secretary

Guests

Kim Bowen, Director of Programs
Sharron Safriet, Director of Marketing and Tournaments (teleconference)
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)

None

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes (July 19, 2014)
- B. Board and Committee Reports
- C. Staff Reports

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

V. Items Not on Consent Agenda

- A. Review of Player Registration Social Media Campaign test

Georgia Soccer funded a Facebook campaign to promote recreational soccer registration the last weekend of July. Results of this test were promising. The campaign brought over 1,400 visits to the Georgia Soccer member club locator and 754 visitors went through to the the registration page of our Affiliate members.

- B. SAGM Review/Review Affiliation process
Board members discussed ways to improve the process for new affiliation approval. Eric Keller will draft a bylaw change proposal with input from Delroy Ziadie, Juan Castillo, and Bryan McDermott.
- C. Committee/Board interaction
At the suggestion of several Board members, Greg Griffith reached out to the Georgia Center for Nonprofits, to discuss Georgia Soccer governance. Greg was connected with Neil Sklarew, a consultant with the Georgia Center for Nonprofits who specializes in non-profit governance.

Russel, Chris and Greg met with Neil Sklarew on July 17th. Neil shared that it seemed to him that there were some issues with the structure and oversight of Georgia Soccer committees. Russel and Chris brought it up to the Board and the Board agreed a discussion should be added to future Board meeting agendas, led by Jim Smith and Scott Moran advocating for moving forward on this issue.
- D. RPL Seedings
The selection criteria needs to be updated based on changes in the region premier league. Region premier league has agreed to honor the state's recommendations. The Vice President-Youth will review our criteria, soliciting suggestions from the RPL Selection committee before sharing both our criter1a and the regional rules with our member affiliates.
- E. Registrar access in ADG system
Staff is making some changes to refine user access to information in the ADG system based on Board suggestions.
- F. Continue Referee Assignor enforcement policy discussion
Discussion continued on this issue. Unfortunately, the online class was not up and running as expected on August 21, but should soon be available. Once it is, we will notify our member affiliates.

Peter Valentino made a **motion** to prohibit an affiliate from assigning referees to games without a certified assignor. The motion was not seconded.

Eric Keller made a **motion to suspend the current referee assignor policy**. Bryan McDermott **seconded** the motion. **Motion carries** on a voice vote. Russel Rankenburg asked Bryan

McDermott to propose a solution regarding enforcement of the policy once it is re-activated.

- G. All board members are invited to help with the awards for the Publix Atlanta Cup.

VI. Good of the Game

- A. Publishing the select pairings early without times and fields has really made the Age Group Coordinators' jobs easier.
- B. The select committee anticipates making spring schedules available in mid-December.

VII. Executive Session

Executive session not held.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.