

**GSSA Board Meeting  
January 26, 2015**

**Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Russel Rankenburg, President  
Juan Castillo, Director of Youth Recreation  
Delroy Ziadie, Director of Youth Select  
Peggy Pruitt, Director of Adult Competition  
Aly Wade, Player Athlete  
Melissa Camp, Director at Large  
Peter Valentino, State Referee Committee Chair  
Jim Smith, Independent Director  
Scott Moran, Independent Director  
Chris Etheridge, Independent Director  
Daniel McAdams, Independent Director

**Attending by teleconference**

Eric Keller, Treasurer  
Andrew Egan, Vice President – Adult

**Non-voting members in attendance:**

Greg Griffith, Executive Director/Secretary

**Guests**

Kim Bowen, Director of Programs  
Sharron Safriet, Director of Marketing and Tournaments (teleconference)  
Jacob Daniel, Director of Coaching  
Jade Beaulieu, Director of Operations (teleconference)  
Suzanne Donahue, Executive Administrative Assistant, minutes

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m.

**II. Correspondence**

None

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

None

**IV. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Minutes (December 10, 2014)
- B. Board and Committee Reports
- C. Staff Reports

Jim Smith made a **motion** to approve the consent agenda; Juan Castillo **seconded** the motion. Motion carries unopposed.

## V. **Items Not on the Consent Agenda**

### A. Georgia Soccer Scholarships – announced at AGM

Eric Keller made a **motion to approve** the scholarship offerings as presented. Delroy Ziadie **seconded** the motion. **Motion carries** in a unanimous vote. Georgia Soccer will now offer five \$1,000 college scholarships to Georgia Soccer players. In addition to the Rich Freeman and Board of Director scholarships, there is a Phil Woosnam scholarship seeded by a donation from Carl Krauth.

### B. AGM Overview and schedule

The schedule for the AGM was approved.

### C. Nominations: requirements for independent director

There was a discussion of the definition of and requirements for several board positions, particularly that of independent director. The Board discussed the intent of Board and Membership in creating these positions was to bring in expertise that might help the organization. The Board determined that the Nominating committee has the authority and ability to determine the eligibility of the candidates with Board approval. In the case of Independent director, one candidate, Tom Deaver, was deemed by the nominating committee to not be Independent due to his employment at the Georgia Soccer Park. Scott Moran made a motion to approve the nominating committee recommendation to remove Tom Deaver from the ballot. Delroy Ziadie **seconded** the motion. **Motion carries** in a unanimous vote.

Peggy Pruitt made a motion to remove Franklin Lawson from the ballot as a Player Athlete Director, as he is not currently a registered adult player with Georgia Soccer, unless he can provide proof of his current player registration by Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Jim Smith **seconded** the motion. **Motion carries** unopposed.

### D. Bylaw and Rule changes

Board members discussed ways to allow the youth and adults to direct their own matters without interference; these included approving new youth and adult affiliations in their respective councils rather than in a full membership vote.

### E. Member Credentials for AGM

Members with outstanding past-due balances will not be credentialed to vote. We will wait until Wednesday's mail is received before closing the credentials report.

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

This is Jim Smith's last meeting as a member of the Board of Directors. We all appreciate his contributions to Georgia Soccer.

The U20's qualified for the World Cup!

**VII. Adjournment**

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