

**GSSA Board Meeting  
April 28, 2014 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  
Peggy Pruitt, Director of Adult Competition  
Aly Wade, Director-Player Athlete  
Melissa Camp, Director-at Large  
Peter Valentino, State Referee Committee Chair  
Chris Etheridge, Independent Director

**Attending by teleconference**

**Non-voting members in attendance**

Greg Griffith, Executive Director/Secretary

**Guests**

Jade Beaulieu, Director of Operations  
Sharron Safriet, Director of Marketing and Tournaments  
Jacob Daniel, Director of Coaching  
Suzanne Donahue, Executive Administrative Assistant, minutes

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**II. Correspondence**

None

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

None

**IV. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Minutes (March 24, 2014)
- B. Board and Committee Reports
- C. Staff Reports
- D. Financial Reports (March 2014)

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

**V. Items Not on Consent Agenda**

- A. E-mail policy  
All are reminded to take care when sending and forwarding e-mail.

- B. Georgia Soccer Tournament Costs  
In answer to questions, the Director of Marketing and Tournaments compared our state tournament entry fees to other local and regional tournament entry fees. There was a discussion about ways to increase state tournament participation. A new committee will work on this; members will include Bryan McDermott, Delroy Ziadie, Juan Castillo, Melissa Camp, Aly Wade, and Sharron Safriet.
- C. Failure to Attend AGM  
Fines have been levied for affiliates that did not attend all required sessions of the AGM.
- D. Nationwide Contract  
Eric Keller made a **motion** to approve the contract with Nationwide. Juan Castillo **seconded** the motion. **Motion carries** unopposed.
- E. Abby Wambach fundraiser contract  
Eric Keller made a **motion** to approve the fundraiser agreement with Abby Wambach. Bryan McDermott **seconded** the motion. **Motion carries** unopposed.
- F. NSCAA Coaching Courses Offered by Georgia Soccer  
Bryan McDermott made a **motion** to approve both agreements with NSCAA, one for classes, the other for membership. Eric Keller **seconded** the motion. **Motion carries** with unanimous approval.
- G. U13 Regional Premier League selection discussion Part II  
This item was not addressed.
- H. State Cup Seeding  
Aly Wade made a **motion** to approve reseeding the State Cup boys' teams as detailed below. Eric Keller **seconded** the motion. **Motion carries**, with seven for and three against. Eric Keller will write the e-mail to announce the changes.

**Original State Cup Seeding**

- 1.UFA 00 Elite
- 2.GSA 00 Premier
- 3.Concorde Fire Elite
- 4.Storm SSA 99 Black
- 5.Ambush B00 Red
- 6.NASA B18 Elite

**Newly Approved State Cup Seeding**

- 1.UFA 00 Elite
- 2.Storm SSA 99 Boys Black
- 3.GSA 00 Premier
- 4.Ambush B00 Red
- 5.NASA B18 Elite
- 6.Concorde Fire Elite

*Seeding on the girls' side remains unchanged.*

- I. Referee Assignor from Savannah area  
The President removed this item from the agenda.

- J. 2014 USASA National Cup  
Two Georgia Soccer women's teams plan to enter the USASA National Women's Championships, and the Director of Adult Competition requests financial support from Georgia Soccer for uniforms, travel, and registration. The Vice President – Adult will consider his budget and let the Director of Adult Competition know what Georgia Soccer can do.

**VI. Good of the Game**

- A. We have an MLS team! Join the Founder's Club!
- B. World Cup viewing activities are in the planning stage across the state, including events in Brookhaven Park, Washington Park, and the City of Roswell.
- C. State Cup, Presidents Cup, and Rec Cup need volunteers.
- D. Georgia Soccer player Dembakwi Yomba has signed with Atlético Madrid!

**VII. Executive Session**

Executive session not held.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.