

**Georgia State Soccer Association
Annual General Meeting – General Session
February 1, 2020
Renaissance Waverly Hotel – Atlanta**

Minutes

- I. Call to Order**
The President, Kali Blackshear, called the meeting to order at 1:04 a.m.

- II. Introduction of Guests**
Tim Turney, Vice Chair, US Youth Soccer; Youth Council Representative,
US Soccer Board of Directors
Todd Lockhart, South Region Rep, US Youth Soccer
Skip Gilbert, CEO, US Youth Soccer

- III. Roll Call/Credentials**
Kim Bowen, Director of Membership, conducted roll call. Of 318 eligible votes, there were 235 present. The credentials report was approved.

- IV. Approval of Minutes of the 2019 SAGM**
Karon Beyer made a **motion** to approve the minutes as published in the meeting book. The motion was **seconded**. Motion **carries**.

- V. Annual Board and Audit Reports**
The president's report and the audit report were provided in the meeting books.

- VI. Bylaw Change Proposal**
Neil McNab made a **motion** to approve the change to bylaw 4.1 as printed in the meeting book. The motion was **seconded**.

Neil McNab made a **motion to amend the language of the bylaw change as follows:**

Strike the last two sentences of the proposal and replace them with the following sentence:

In order to satisfy the requirements of US Soccer, every player, coach, trainer, manager, administrator and official must be registered with either Georgia Soccer or another member organization of US Soccer.

The motion was **seconded**. The **motion to amend carries** unopposed on a voice vote. **The amended motion carries 187:25.**

VII. Election of Officers

- A. President – Russel Rankenburg
Russel Rankenburg was elected President;
the vote was Kali Blackshear 82: Russel Rankenburg 151
- B. Treasurer – AJ Hurst
AJ Hurst, running unopposed, was elected on a voice vote.
- C. Director at Large – Neil McNab
Neil McNab, also running unopposed, was elected on a voice vote.
- D. Independent Directors (2) – Mark Bloom, Glenn Gooding
Both candidates, Mark Bloom and Glenn Gooding, were elected on a voice vote to fill the two open positions for Independent Directors.

VIII. Status Change Request

Chiefs FC has asked to add an adult program to their existing affiliation
Their request was approved on a voice vote.

IX. Other Business

Because of the failure to use our electronic voting system when the vote was taken at the SAGM in August, some members question whether the Red Wolves' affiliation was properly approved. Juan Castillo made a **motion** to rescind the previous approval of Dalton Red Wolves Academy as a Georgia Soccer affiliate. The motion to rescind was **seconded**.

The hotel's WiFi went down, disabling our electronic voting system. In the ensuing discussion, a challenge was made regarding whether there was still a quorum present, and attendance was taken again. Answering the second roll call were 178 votes, assuring a quorum.

Juan Castillo made a **motion** to withdraw the motion on the floor. The motion to withdraw was **seconded**. A voice vote on the motion to withdraw the motion to rescind the SAGM vote approving the Red Wolves' affiliation was inconclusive, so the electronic voting system was utilized. The vote to withdraw was 151:16. **The motion was withdrawn.**

X. Adjournment

The General Session was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.