

**Georgia State Soccer Association
Annual General Meeting – General Session
August 3, 2019
Renaissance Waverly Hotel – Atlanta**

Minutes

- I. Call to Order**
The President, Steve Keiss, called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.
- II. Roll Call/Credentials**
Kim Bowen, Director of Membership, conducted roll call. Of 346 eligible votes, there were 218 present. The credentials report was approved.
- III. Introduction of Guests**
Sponsors, vendors
- IV. Approval of Minutes of the 2019 AGM**
Bryan McDermott made a **motion** to approve the minutes as published in the meeting book. The motion was **seconded**. Motion **carries**.
- V. Strategic Initiatives Review**
- VI. Treasurer's Report/ Budget Approval**
Bryan McDermott made a **motion** to approve the budget as presented. The motion was **seconded**. Motion **carries** unopposed.
- VII. Scholarship Winners**
 - A. BOD scholarships winners: Colin Burnett, Ashlyn Mumme
 - B. Rich Freeman scholarship winners: Kane Alvarez Del Pino, Caroline Duncan
 - C. HOF Scholarship winner: Elizabeth Hedrick
- VIII. Safe Sport**
On February 14th, 2018, the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 was enacted by Congress and became federal law. It is more commonly referred to as the SafeSport Act. Greg Griffith, Executive Director, explained the new federal requirements
- IX. New Board Policies**
Two new Georgia Soccer policies were introduced: Georgia Soccer Board Policy on MLS Academy Team play in Georgia Soccer youth leagues and the Policy on U.S Soccer Bylaw 212

X. New Affiliate Applications

A. Dalton Red Wolves Academy

Mike Hogan made a **motion** to approve Dalton Red Wolves Academy as a new affiliate. The motion was **seconded**. Motion **carries** on a voice vote.

B. Judah Soccer Association

Luke Collins made a **motion** to approve Judah Soccer Association's new affiliation. The motion was **seconded**. Motion **carries** unopposed on a voice vote.

C. Legacy Park Sharks

Bryan McDermott made a **motion** to approve Legacy Park Sharks as a new affiliate. The motion was **seconded**. Motion **carries** unopposed on a voice vote.

XI. Good of the Game

A. Tribute to Hall of Fame member Mike Balson, founder of the original Steamers

B. Our own Susanne Conlon has been inducted into the US Youth Soccer South Region Hall of Fame!

C. InterAtlanta will receive a Georgia Soccer field loan to develop the Arizona Avenue venue.

D. Introduction of Teen League

E. Three Georgia players on U.S. Women's 4th World Cup championship team!

XII. Adjournment

The General Session was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.