

**Georgia State Soccer Association
Semi-Annual General Meeting – General Session
August 8, 2020
Georgia Soccer’s first virtual general meeting**

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The president, Russel Rankenburg, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. Roll Call/Credentials

A.J. Hurst made a **motion** to approve the credentials. The motion was **seconded**. Motion carries on a voice vote. Kim Bowen, Director of Membership, conducted roll call. Of 306 eligible votes, there were 228 present/authorized. A simple majority will require 115 affirmative votes, while a 2/3 vote will require 204.

III. Approval of Minutes of the 2020 AGM

A.J. Hurst made a **motion** to approve the minutes as presented and posted on the Georgia Soccer website. The motion was **seconded**. Motion **carries**.

IV. Annual Board and Audit Reports

A. The President introduced our new Executive Director, Laura Halfpenny, and two recently appointed board members, Jason Robertson, Director of Adult Competition, and Michael LaBerge, Director- Player Athlete. He also explained that Eric Keller was serving in Juan Castillo’s stead as Vice President-Youth until September 1, while Juan deals with family issues.

B. The Treasurer made his report, noting the hardships caused by the current pandemic. A.J. Hurst, Treasurer, made a **motion** to approve the 2020-2021 budget. The motion was **seconded**.

After discussion, A.J. Hurst, made a repeat **motion** to approve the fiscal-year budget ending June 30, 2021 budget as presented. The motion was **seconded**. Motion **carries** on a voice vote with one opposed.

V. Bylaw Change Proposals

The President turned the meeting over to Eric Keller, Vice President-Youth, to preside over the proposals for changes to the Bylaws.

Russel Rankenburg made a **motion** to approve the change to bylaw 7.1.3 (Secretary). The motion was **seconded**. The electronic vote (165:18) fell short of the votes needed for passage, and time was taken to confirm the roll call and ability of those present to vote.

After determining that there were enough votes present to reach the 2/3

majority (188) required to pass the bylaw changes, a verbal count was taken of votes against and any abstentions. A verbal vote indicated votes for and with no votes against and no abstentions, the motion **carries** unopposed.

Eric Keller made a **motion** to approve the change to bylaw 7.2.4 (Executive Director). The motion was **seconded**. Motion **carries** unanimously on a voice vote.

Bryan McDermott made a **motion** to adopt the change to bylaw 7.8 (Vacancies). The motion was **seconded**. Motion **carries** unanimously on a voice vote.

Bryan McDermott made a **motion** to approve the change to bylaw 7.9 (Budget). The motion was **seconded**. Motion **carries** unanimously on a voice vote.

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Bryan McDermott made a **motion** to approve the change to bylaw 9.2.8.9 (SRC Appointments). The motion was **seconded**. Motion **carries** unanimously on a voice vote.

Bryan McDermott made a **motion** to approve the proposed changes to bylaw 6.2, 6.4.6, 6.4.5, 6.6.2, and 7.1.1 in a single vote. The motion was **seconded**.

Russel Rankenburg offered a proviso that these changes would go into effect at the 2021 Annual General Meeting. The proviso **passes**
Bryan McDermott made a motion to approve the change to bylaw 9.2.8.9 (SRC Appointments). The motion was seconded. Motion carries with one abstention on a voice vote. The motion, including the proviso, **carries** on a voice vote with 2 abstentions.

VI. Good of the Game

- A. Georgia Adult Co-Ed starts its fall season today!
- B. Charlie Morgan, welcome to Richmond Hill!
- C. Welcome back, Arsenal Rome!
- D. Moment of silence for those we have lost.

VII. Adjournment

The General Session was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.