

**Georgia State Soccer Association  
Semi-Annual General Meeting – General Session  
August 7, 2021**

**Minutes**

- I. **Call to Order**  
The president, Russel Rankenburg, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
- II. **Roll Call/Credentials**  
A **motion** to approve the credentials was made. The motion was **seconded**. Motion carries on a voice vote. Kim Bowen, Director of Membership, conducted roll call. Of 238 eligible votes, there were 176 present/authorized. A simple majority will require 120 affirmative votes, while a 2/3 vote will require 116.
- III. **Announcements**  
Russel Rankenburg, President and Laura Halfpenny, Executive Director announced the new Georgia Soccer brand, logo and wordmark. Of the year Awards and Scholarship winners were announced.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes of the 2021 AGM**  
A **motion** to approve the minutes as presented and posted on the Georgia Soccer website occurred. The motion was **seconded**. Motion carries.
- V. **Annual Board and Audit Reports**  
The annual budget was presented by treasurer A.J. Hurst noting the financial successes of the year. The 2021-22 budget was presented for approval. A motion was made by A.J Hurst. The motion was **seconded**, a voice vote occurred. The budget was approved.
- VI. **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 adopt the change to bylaw 8.3 (quorum and attendance). The vote fell short of the votes needed for passage, and time was taken to confirm the ability of all to use eBallot and vote.  
  
Russel Rankenburg made a **motion** to adopt the change to bylaw 8.3 (quorum and life members). The vote passed.
- VII. **New Affiliate Applications**
  - A. **New affiliation application was presented for FC Sudamerica, Newton**

Recreation, Atlanta Panthers, United FC, Vinotinto Academy, Bartow Parks & Recreation.

- B. A motion to approve Atlanta Panthers Academy was made by Russel Rankenburg. A voice vote occurred. Motion passes.
- C. A motion to approve Bartow County Parks & Recreation was made by Russel Rankenburg. A voice vote occurred. Motion passes.
- D. A motion to approve FC Sudamerica was made by Russel Rankenburg. A voice vote occurred. Motion passes.
- E. A motion to Newtown Rec was made by Russel Rankenburg. A voice vote occurred. Motion passes.
- F. A motion to approve United FC was made by Russel Rankenburg. A voice vote occurred. Motion passes.
- G. A motion to approve Vinotino Academy FC was made by Russel Rankenburg. A voice vote occurred. Motion passes.

**VIII. Good of the Game**

- A. Jacob Daniels, former Director of Coaching was awarded the US Youth Soccer Dr. Fleck Award for service and dedication to the game.
- B. Former Board Member Juan Castillo and family request
- C. Russel Rankenburg thanked the staff.
- D. Russel Rankenburg requested volunteers to assist the association on committees.
- E. Kim Bowen welcomed the new affiliates.
- F. Glenn Gooding noted Alex Lescott was awarded "The Whistle" for the amateur regional finals.
- G. Karon Beyer congratulated GAWSA for their national championship.

**IX. Adjournment**

The General Session was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.