



MINUTES

Georgia Soccer Board of Directors Meeting May 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Virtual

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by President Neil McNab at 7:06 p.m.
- II. **BOD Attendance:**
 - A. **Voting Members Present:** Neil McNab, Melissa Camp, Micah Wilson, Geriano Viveros, Mark Bloom, Karon Beyer, Juan Castillo, Tricia Biando
 - B. **Non-Voting Members Present:** Kevin Biando, AJ Hurst, Jim Walker (Executive Director)
 - C. **Guests Present:** Brad Stinson and Cory Finney of The Collective Global
 - D. **Members Not Present:** David Miles (voting), Donald Barksdale (voting), Tommy Zavieh (voting), Leigh Jakes (non-voting)
- III. **Correspondence:** None.
- IV. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approval of Minutes (April 28, 2025) – Motion by Karon, Seconded by Melissa, Approved unanimously
 - B. Approval of Financials (April, 2025) – Motion by Karon, Seconded by Melissa, Approved unanimously
- V. **Items Not on Consent Agenda**
 - A. Brad Stinson and Cory Finney of The Collective Global gave a PowerPoint presentation on next steps with respect to their strategic involvement with GSSA (staff and board).
 - i. It was noted that The Collective Global is looking for GSSA to identify a cross-section of membership (and non-membership) for them to interview to secure additional feedback on GSSA. Board members encouraged to provide Jim with ideas on potential clubs and individuals for them to meet. Target is between 10-15 clubs.
 - B. Neil provided a brief reminder on the August 9 SAGM and solicited the board to submit ideas on speakers, vendors, suggestions, etc. on the SAGM.
 - C. Jim provide updates on the following:
 - i. Youth State Cup and President Cup results
 - ii. Jim and Neil's meeting with US Soccer regarding World Cup preparations.
 - Neil noted US Soccer's desire to utilize GSSA as a conduit to Georgia schools
 - It was noted that Sari Rose would be transitioning to US Soccer and Chris Bentley would be accepting a position with USYS.
 - iii. Update and status of the Adult State Cup with advancement to Regionals for a Men's Amateur Open team, a Men's Over 40 team, and a Women's Amateur Open team
 - D. Youth General Update
 - i. Melissa mentioned that we need to be contemplating where we can help our competitive teams find additional games, if needed and desired, especially for the girls.
 - Efforts on those lines have already occurred with respect to SC and AL

- E. Youth Recreational Update
 - i. Jim and Neil noted that GSSA was meeting with Soccer Stars in an attempt to grow the game at the very young ages (one year through 12 years) with this program.
- F. Youth Select Update – Tryouts are around the corner.
- G. Adult General
 - i. Karon provided a brief update on the adult tournament and USASA Region III Regionals occurring in Greensboro, NC
- H. Referee Update
 - i. Kevin provided an update on the search for a new SRA, noting that the SRC had culled the list to 5 candidates and that they were then evaluating the group to narrow to 3 candidates, whereupon in person interviews would occur to determine their recommended individual for the position to offer to the GSSA Board.
 - ii. Kevin noted that there is a fitness test scheduled for June 1 with a FIFA AR presenting.
 - iii. Kevin also indicated that referees had been selected for summer regional events for USYS Presidents Cup, USYS National Championships, and USASA Regionals
 - iv. Kevin advised the Board that a budget meeting was set for the upcoming Thursday at the GSSA offices with all SRC members invited to attend the workshop.
- I. Board Member Updates – Nothing else other than what is set forth above.

VI. Good of the Game

- A. Kevin noted that US Soccer had reached out to him to congratulate GSSA on having their Regional referee delegations determined and submitted.
- B. Jim advised that GSSA (via Miranda) had coordinated a GSSA game day with Decatur FC of the WPSL on May 30 (with GAWSA and US Soccer also teaming up with GSSA for that event)

VII. Executive Session: None.

VIII. Adjournment: Next regularly scheduled meeting set for June 23. Melissa made a motion for the adjournment of the meeting which was seconded by Karon. Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.