



ILLINOIS STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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Monthly Meeting Notes

September 10, 2024

Attendees:

- Claudio Frigo, President
- Mariusz Folta, Treasurer
- Renata Bechtoldt, Recording Secretary
- ~~Hugh Orlicz, Delegate-at-Large~~
- Gaetano Traversa, Delegate-at-Large
- ~~Richard Grady, SRA~~
- Ante Loncar, Executive VP
- Erwin Fleps, Delegate-at-Large
- Duncan Riddle, Delegate-at-Large
- Karen O'Dowd, Secretary
- Daniel from Chicago Fire Rec, guest

Location: 2775 Algonquin Road, Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60005

Meeting to Order: 7:15pm

Meeting minutes review from July 23, 2024; motion to approve minutes – Mariusz (1st) and Gaetano (2nd); all in favor

Agenda Topics

Financials (attachment):

- Decision to pay USASA for player passes (owed for 2024) = \$105,952.00
- Statement of Activity \$203,137.14
- Certificate of Deposit / date of expiry / market rate (4.637%) – source of income for ISSA
- Opportunity to obtain sponsorship from bank / deposit more funds
- Motion to approve: Gaetano (1st) and Duncan (2nd); all in favor

Player Registrations (attachment):

- 11,049 total player registration (2024)
- Registration down slightly due to 2 leagues withdrawing from ISSA
- Looking to enhance player registration through player pass fee reduction through USASA

New Business

- Daniel from the Chicago Fire Recreational Soccer; announcing Fall Cup 2024
 - Sunday, November 3, 2024; 10,000 cash prizes
 - \$850 team fee; hosting at the new performance center (UIC facility)
 - Men's 9v9 tournament (open level); 28-minute halves; 3 matches guaranteed
 - Promote through our Facebook page and leagueapps
- Over 55 League (Aurora) potential new member – no more contact
- Metro East FA – no more contact / player registrations

- ISSA Holiday Party – Karen to help organize (December 7th target)
- Message read from Claudio around Hugh’s medical status; well wishes from the board of directors
- Midwest Premier League – questioning affiliation with our ISSA (discussions on-going with their board)
- Erwin representing ISSA at the next USASA meeting in Dallas; elections for new USASA president (John Motta no longer running; 2 new candidates) and vice-president
- ISSA Facebook page relaunched; need to increase activities and postings

Referee Updates

Unfinished Business

Affiliation Committee Review / Output (Karen, Duncan, and Hugh)

- USSSA – not chasing our business; focused on wide-range of adult and youth sports; not just soccer
 - Comparison chart provided by Affiliation Committee
 - Very limited opportunities exist related to USSSA
 - Eliminate option around USSSA
- USASA or going direct affiliation with US Soccer
 - Insurance and liability coverage
 - Flat \$10 fee going back to USASA; \$5 fee recreational
 - Invitation from ISSA to Bruce around our proposal
 - Action items: obtain information around insurance fees outside of USASA (Duncan, Karen and Gaetano)
 - Affiliation Committee will act on behalf of board members to present proposal to USASA
 - Plan of action to compare USASA and US Soccer direct affiliation

Adjourn Meeting: 8:40pm

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 8, 2024