



MDCVSA General Council Meeting
Thursday, January 23rd, 2020 at 7pm [actual start time 7:01pm]
VIA CONFERENCE CALL

1. Roll Call

Member Leagues

Capital Coed Soccer League
Central Virginia Soccer Association
Club Champions League
Commonwealth Soccer League
District Sports Premier
Northern Virginia Adult Soccer Association
Southeastern Virginia Women’s Soccer Association
VIP United

Elaine Freedman
Rob Witte
Mayowa Owolabi
Adrian Kerr
Alex Bearman
Lou Chinchilla
Erin Footland
Steve O’Neil

Officers

James Sadowski
Marti Bevan
Lou Chinchilla
Elaine Freedman
Treasurer

President
Vice President
Secretary
Social Media/Marketing Coordinator
Vacant

Delegates

Chris Eakin
Steve Long
Jamie Williams

MDCVSA Admin Staff

MaryBeth Falk

Administrator

2. Credentials Report

There were 69 of 128 eligible votes in attendance.

3. Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda was approved.

4. Minutes—Motion to accept the minutes from the 08/19/2019 meeting was approved.

5. Officers’ Reports

- a. President’s Report— Jamie Williams will serve out the remaining term for the vacant treasurer’s position. Outgoing treasurer Jessie Kratz was not present. Jim thanked Jessie for her contributions and for her long tenure of service (first as Recording Secretary, then as Treasurer). Jim welcomed Jamie to the Executive Committee, having served as a Delegate for many years. Jim updated the

council on his USSF policy change (to reduce player registration fees across the board); Jim does not expect the proposed policy to pass as written, but does expect some relief from the fees. Also, the MDCVSA grant proposal for the MDCVSA App was not approved.

- b. Vice President's Report— nothing to report locally, but received an email from Richard Groff/Grants Committee, encouraging leagues to apply for funds to light and irrigate fields. Also, the USSF AGM is approaching and the VP position will be contested by Cindy Parlow Cone (the incumbent) and John Motta (current USASA President).
- c. Treasurer's Report—No bank statements were presented but the actuals were distributed along with the meeting agenda.
- d. Secretary's Report— Lou's first meeting. Hoping to fill Chris Tierney's shoes.
- e. Social Media and Marketing Coordinator's Report— Thanks to everyone for filling out the affiliation form and sharing social media handles. Elaine will be reaching out individually. Even if your league doesn't use social media, reach out to her if you wish and she will post to the MDCVSA FB page for you.

6. Referee Matters— Jim is working with the State Referee Committee to develop criteria to select the Referee of the Year. The award is new.

7. Administrators Report— MaryBeth was unable to join us but Marti gave the State Cup update – tournament held in Richmond in December, hosted by CVSA. Loko FC won the Open Division and Renegades won the Vets Cup (over 40). Rob Witte (CVSA) reported the weather was good for December and that the tournament was very successful. Mary Beth/Marti will follow up with an after-action phone call with CVSA for a debrief.

8. Old Business

- a. Additional End-of-Year 2019 Give Back Program Recipients - NVASA requested grant funds after deadline. The Executive Committee felt it was appropriate to reopen the process to all leagues that had not received or applied for money. Amounts may have reduced from original amounts offered to remain within budget. Jim wants to remind leagues to please be aware of the grant deadline so that we can stay on deadline and not create additional work for the Executive Committee.
- b. Jim pledged at the last that he would discuss Katie's proposed/tabled by-law changes on term limits at this meeting. From his gmail archive Jim was able to find the original text of the term-limit proposal. It was read aloud during the call and provided that:

“Officers and delegates at large shall be eligible for re-election but may not hold any position longer than six (6) years. Effective January 1, 2020, any officer or delegate who has held a position for longer than six (6) years may finish their current term but cannot run again for that position unless there is no nominated candidate to replace the incumbent.

When the president does not run for re-election, the president may assume a past-president position. Whenever the president position becomes vacant the vice-president automatically becomes president.”

Jim summarized – Out after six (6) years; if in for six (6) can't run again. Also, Jim stated that the proposal, if approved, would see nearly the entire Executive Committee, as of Aug 2019, retired almost in its entirety. As such he asked Katie at the last Executive Committee meeting before the last council meeting to withdraw the term limit proposal to allow for further discussion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION:

Alex Bearman – it would be nice to have the option to apply term limits

Steve Long – term limits as written in his other organization are provisional and apply when there is a conflict of interest.

Chris Eakin – there must be a proper and competent candidate for the position.

Marti – we must have a strategic plan to implement any term limits so that the entire board isn't replaced in one fell swoop (Steve Long concurs).

Jamie Williams – opposed to term limits. Makes little sense to force a contributing volunteer out, and as there are regular, open elections, a qualified candidate can always run.

Jim – if after this discussion any council member wished to propose term limits they may do so by sending out a proposed amendment per the By-Laws.

10. For the good of the game

- a. Next meeting—Marti suggested meeting offsite from Audi Field, in order to secure a meeting room more conducive to discussions. The group generally agreed, although it may be worthwhile to ask DC United for a better room.
- b. Upcoming USWNT & USMNT Games – Women's Olympic qualifying on 1/28, 1/31 and 2/3. She Believes Cup in March. Men's friendlies on 2/1 and 3/26.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Luis E. Chinchilla
Secretary