



MDCVSA General Council Meeting
Conference Call
Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 7pm

Member Leagues

Capital Coed Soccer League
Central Virginia Soccer Association
Commonwealth Soccer League
Northern Virginia Soccer League
Northern Virginia Adult Soccer Association
Northern Virginia Womens Soccer League
Tidewater Women's Soccer League

Elaine Freedman
Jamie Williams, Rob Witte
Jeff Campbell
Luis Riesco
Natalie Parcell, Kelly Mulcahy
Wanda Rixon
Ashley Parker

Officers

James Sadowski
Marti Bevan
Jessie Kratz
Chris Tierney
Katie Carey

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Registrar

Delegates

Chris Eakin, Jamie Williams, Steve Long

Guests

Jesse Rosenthal

1. **Credentials Report**—There were 78 of 165 eligible votes in attendance. A quorum was achieved.
2. **Agenda**—Motion to accept the agenda was approved.
3. **Minutes**—Motion to accept the minutes from the August 26, 2017, meeting was approved.
4. **Officers' Reports**
 - a. **President's Report**—Jim said he would like to save the discussion about the USSF election for new business except to say there are quite a few candidates with good credentials but no one who has it all. Jim also noted there is a US Soccer proposal on how State Referee Committees are appointed for them to have a say in who is the State Referee Assignor—currently both youth and adults manage the process and are upset about the proposal to change that. Jim noted the proposal was tabled indefinitely. Jim then said that USSF is starting to pay attention to what state associations are supposed to be doing and providing to them—they put together an online interface to prove that states are in compliance. He remarked the only thing we're missing is an official risk management policy although we have lots of procedures in place. Jim said he is going to put something together and adopt it at

the next meeting but also cautioned that leagues should have checks and balances as well. Jim ended with that he got elected to the Virginia Hall of Fame and said anyone can nominate someone as an inductee so think about who you would like to nominate in the future.

- b. Vice President's Report—Marti reported there was an uptick in adjudication hearings right before the holidays and wanted to thank those who helped out.
 - c. Registrar's Report (Social media Coordinator)—Katie said that we had a Facebook account and but she created Twitter and Instagram accounts as well and asked leagues to send their handles because we want to post their photos, etc. She noted that MaryBeth attached a link to collect social media handles, thanked those who filled that out, and asked to please fill it out if you haven't and send to: careyk7@gmail.com
 - d. Treasurer's Report—Jessie said she was going to save most of her time for the budget discussion but noted we had fraudulent activity on our checking out—luckily, she caught it and the bank refunded the money but they suggested she open a new a checking account which is why there is a new number associated with it.
 - e. Secretary's Report—Chris had nothing to report.
5. **Referee Matters**—Jim noted both our SRA and State Chair plan to attend AGM in Orlando alternate delegates because they are interested in the discussion on the Federation budget items for referee program expenses, more specifically for the Professional Referee Organization which are being given a large amount of money. He said that lots of refs are concerned about this and expect this to be an issue at the meeting. Jim reported that the number of PRO's is less than half a percent of all refs in the US and the Federation really needs to spend time/money at the grassroots level. Steve asked if the refs have a vote at the annual meetings—Jim said they do not but at the last AGM when we gave a vote to the fans Jim asked why refs didn't have a vote too.
6. **Administrators Report**—MaryBeth said the biggest issue is MailChimp which she is using and wants to know if people are getting her messages. She also said she bccs emails as well in order to make sure she gets everyone and asked for everyone to check your promotions tab. She also reminded everyone about the mandatory insurance waivers—for online leagues they are done with their program but for those that aren't online we've created a google form so people can sign the waiver and it will come directly to us. She noted that all leagues need to pay their \$100 annual fee a month prior to calendar year (pay in December) but asked that leagues get the league affiliation forms in and she set up an online program to pay by cc or by old fashion way. MaryBeth ended by saying she puts everything on our website—minutes, agendas, handouts, etc.
7. **Old Business**—Grant Program—Jessie reported that the 2018 grant program deadline is June 1 and that we give out \$15,000 (with a league maximum of \$2,500). She noted the website has all the details.
8. **New Business**
- a. 2018 Budget—Jessie said she sent out last year's budget v. actual and there are not a lot of surprises except restitution payments ended earlier than she knew about, and we spent more on insurance but Edward Jones account covered that gap. Jessie gave a big THANK YOU to budget committee for looking over draft 2018 budget and making suggestions—thank you Jamie, Kelly, and Katie. Luis asked what PAI was and Jessie explained it's Participant Accident Insurance in case players get injured during affiliated matches. Steve Long made a motion to approve the budget which

was moved, seconded, and passed.

- b. Bylaw and Constitution changes discussion—Jim said we had a discussion to eliminate Registrar because it not needed but we really need to take a look at positions and bylaws. Jim made a request for people to serve on the constitutional and bylaw committee which Katie volunteered to host and will send the email calling for volunteers.
- c. Capital Beltway Futbol Classic tournament subsidy proposal—Kelly (Treasurer for NVASA) said they and CCSL held a 7v7 late in the season over Thanksgiving weekend (November 25) called the Capital Beltway Futbol Classic which had a good turnout for short notice. She said she is asking for a \$1500 subsidy for 2017 and 2018 (it will be held in June 16, 2018). Marti asked when is CSL's event is occurring, which is the second weekend of July, and when the Hoy Cup is occurring, which is the last Saturday in July. She added it would be great if we could be strategic when we time tournaments. Jim asked if Jessie budgeted for it and she said yes. Kelly moved the council to approve \$1500 for 2017 and 2018. Marti noted we need 2018 paperwork as a condition of the 2018 subsidy. The subsidy for both 2017 and 2018 passed.
- d. USSF President election discussion—Jim reported that USSF Presidential candidates Steve Gans and Eric Wynalda participated in a candidates' forum in Lake Tahoe before Sunil decided not to run, and now have 8 candidates—we are having conference call will all of them: we spoke with Carlos Cordeiro (current VP), Kathy Carter, Michael Winograd, Kyle Martino, and Eric Wynalda is next week. Jim mentioned that we never heard from Hope Solo or Paul Caligiuri. Jim said it would be helpful for everyone on the council to share thoughts about the candidates. After a discussion, consensus was we should support a candidate with leadership, management, and business experience but who also knows soccer and can help promote adult soccer at all levels. Marti noted that the athletes' council website has more information on the candidates, and said that we are asking questions on how each candidate will serve the adult membership. Jim finished by saying everyone should let us know if you have any thoughts.
- e. Safe Whistles Lobbying (Jesse Rosenthal)—Jesse talked about legislation to make it a crime to abuse sports officials which didn't come out of committee in the Virginia Assembly. He said that referee abuse is at historic levels, and refs are quitting and retiring because of it. Jesse outlined the provisions of the bill and Steve suggested he gather data. Jim finished up by saying leagues are the first point to deal with these issues.

9. Open issues raised from the floor—none

10. For the good of the game

- a. USMNT vs. Bosnia on 1/28 at 9:30 pm; Women's "She Believes" tournament in March then play France on 6/9.
- b. Next meeting—August 12 or 19 at the new DCU stadium. If DCU if doesn't work go to a Spirit game. MaryBeth will send out a doodle poll.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Tierney
Secretary