

MINUTES
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2004
5:45 P.M. CENTRAL TIME

VIA PHONE: Dr. Robert Contiguglia, Sunil Gulati, Bill Goaziou, Mike Edwards, Burton Haimes, David Messersmith, Alan Rothenberg, Peter Vermes.

APOLOGIES: Don Garber, Cameron Rast.

IN ATTENDANCE: Daniel T. Flynn, Jay Berhalter, Alison Kocoras, Timothy Pinto.

President Contiguglia called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present.

GRIEVANCE RECOMMENDATION

Sunil Gulati provided an overview of Southland Athletic Association v. Illinois Youth Soccer Association, a grievance filed with the Federation under Bylaw 704. Mr. Gulati, as chair of the grievance panel that conducted the hearing, outlined the issues in the grievance and summarized the panel's recommendation for resolution. He then asked the Executive Committee to approve the recommendation, with one minor amendment to include two specific clubs, in addition to the league, in its requirement of withdrawal from a pending lawsuit. David Messersmith asked that quotation of a USSF bylaw in the recommendation be expanded to include the full text of the bylaw.

Bill Goaziou **MOVED** that the Executive Committee approve the recommendation with the amendments by Mr. Gulati and Mr. Messersmith. The Executive Committee members **PASSED** the motion by unanimous vote.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT UPDATE

Dr. Contiguglia and Dan Flynn presented an update on negotiations with the Men's National Team. He indicated that the two sides continued to be far apart in their proposals, but would continue to work toward an agreement.

OTHER UPDATES

Dan Flynn updated the Executive Committee on several other US Soccer matters, including that John Ellinger and Thomas Rongen had accepted coaching positions elsewhere, and that negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement with the Women's National Team will begin in early November.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.