



Perry Woodford, President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 26, 2012, and offered the following agenda items:

Agenda Item: **Attendance**

SOC Members in Attendance: Mike Todd, Perry Woodford, Kasey O’Leary, Stephanie Koerner, Brian Cregg, Doug Andreassen, Terry Fisher, Tom Ament, Todd Lincoln, Ron Witherup, Lance Calloway, Matt Moran, Kim Calkins, Brian Curl

SOC Members in Attendance via Teleconference: Gail Zimbelman

Guests in Attendance: Hal Uderitz

Discussion: Having taken attendance and found fifteen of members present, either in person or by teleconference, Ron Witherup noted that a quorum sufficient to conduct business had been established.

Agenda Item: **Consent Agenda – Approval of Minutes**

Motion: RESOLVED that the Soccer Operations Committee hereby endorses and approves the minutes from the meeting of November 3, 2012, as presented, and the minutes from the meeting of December 5, 2012, as presented.

Offered by: First: Kasey O’Leary Second: Mike Todd

Vote: Vote approved unanimously

Agenda Item: **Operation Documents**

Discussion: Perry Woodford presented and reviewed changes made to the Registration, Events, and Judicial Sit Out for Yellow Card Operation Documents.

Motion: RESOLVED that the Soccer Operations Committee hereby approves the changes made to the Registration Operation Document.

Offered by: First: Kasey O’Leary Second: Mike Todd

Vote: Vote approved unanimously

Motion: RESOLVED that the Soccer Operations Committee hereby approves the changes made to the Events Operation Document.

Offered by: First: Lance Calloway Second: Mike Todd



Vote: Vote approved unanimously

Discussion: Committee discussed if the yellow card sit out rule structure is appropriate or if it needs to be tweaked. Discussion about needing uniformity in referee reporting, as an example, two yellows in one game should be 2 points, Red would not count for points. Agreed that the operating document could use a good review and education effort with discipline committees.

Motion: RESOLVED that the Soccer Operations Committee hereby approves the Judicial Sit Out for Yellow Card Operation Document.

Offered by: First: Lance Calloway Second: Kasey O'Leary

Vote: Vote approved unanimously

Agenda Item: **Miscellaneous Reports**

Discussion: TOPSoccer Sub Committee (written report attached).

Discussion: Regional Club Sub Committee (minutes from RCS meetings attached).

Perry Woodford inquired about a league increase of \$50/\$75 starting in the fall 2013. Todd Lincoln confirmed the increase was approved by the RCS and that the RCS looking at what would be the best scheduling system for the Regional Charter League. The investigation is just starting. Mike Todd asked that reports from subcommittees be submitted in standard SOC report format. Committee had discussion about the MSL franchising notes in RCS minutes. Todd Lincoln reported that the RCS is investigating the best system to use in partnership with MLS youth development.

Discussion: Select Sub Committee (written report attached).

Brian Curl inquired if more people can participate in the committee if not every District submits a rep. SOC feels it's important to have representation from all districts, however, need to keep the committee manageable. Should have as many members as needed and try to make it representative. Brian Curl wanted to impress upon the SOC how important state cups games are to the select level teams. Lance Calloway stated that the SOC and sub committees should fully explore ideas before implanting them within policy and operations. Ideas need to be fully vetted to the membership and implementation needs to slow down and not be a knee jerk reaction.

Discussion: Recreational Sub Committee (written report attached).

Brian Cregg reports that the sub committee is looking to host local forums to gather input from the state membership.

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- Discussion: Perry Woodford presented and reviewed changes made to the Recreational Cup Rules Operation Document. The modification were approved by the Recreational Cup Sub Committee.
- Motion: RESOLVED that the Soccer Operations Committee hereby approves the modifications to the Recreational Cup Rules Operations Document.
- Offered by: First: Mike Todd Second: Lance Calloway
- Vote: Vote approved unanimously
- Discussion: No Technical Staff members not present at the meeting. Mike Todd would like to have a verbal report from the Technical Department at a future SOC Meeting. Perry Woodford also expressed an interest in such a report and stated that he would add to the next SOC agenda. Group agreed to have a conference call with Timo and or James prior to the May quarterly SOC meeting.
- Discussion: No Disciplinary Committee written report was submitted. Mike Todd feels that referee disciplinary report system(s) are not working very effectively. It was suggested that the SOC needs to work with Will Nichols to improve the referee reports. Matt Moran stated that the state needs a more clear process of reporting cards for state cup tournaments. It was noted that the Disciplinary Subcommittee has no chair.
- Discussion: Founders and Challenge Cup - Matt Moran gave a brief overview of the current progress of the cups. Nothing concerning to report.
- Discussion: District 1 (written report attached).
- Discussion: District 3 (written report attached).
- Discussion: District 5 (written report attached). Ron Witherup asked the Board of Directors to start considering what governance changes need to take place in the event there is no association in a District/Region due to mergers. Doug Andreassen took that action item.
- Discussion: District 6 (written report attached). Stephanie Koerner presented the new structure of District 6. The District voted not to dissolve but to hire a district employee who reports to a reduced District 6 Board.
- Discussion: District 7 (written report attached).
- Agenda Item: **Old Business**
- Discussion: District 4 dissolution status: Kasey O'Leary presented that District 4 BOD will vote to dissolve at the next AGM. Kasey O'Leary will remain on the SOC as the representative from the District. Associations in the District are Merging so there will only be one Association in the district.

Discussion: Combining Player Fee and Annual General Meetings: Many SOC members stated that the general consensus from their areas is to have two meetings and not to combine them into one. Membership is aware of the additional costs that a second meeting creates.

Discussion: Update on Member Advisory Committee: Update presented at the Annual Player Fee Meeting.

Discussion: Update Tournament reports Specifically Discipline and card carry over: Reports of cards issued at sanctioned tournaments not being updated on state website timely. Terry Fisher state the state office be more diligent on posting reports and data on website in a timely manner.

Discussion: Creation of Foundation and Fundraising: Perry Woodford carried agenda item over to next meeting.

Agenda Item: **New Business**

Discussion: Changing tone of APFM and AGM: Perry Woodford commented that the tone at the APFM this year was very positive and an improvement.

Discussion: SOC Charter: Perry Woodford carried agenda item over to next meeting.

Discussion: 501 (c) (3) giving money to another 501 (c) (3): This was determined to be an issue that should be reviewed by the Membership Advisory Committee.

Discussion: IT Road Map: Terry Fisher asks that the SOC should poll membership which IT system our membership body we should adapt. Needs to be the choice of the membership. There is no one perfect solution. Perry Woodford would like a meeting to discuss why are we have a meeting about IT, but not a meeting about IT. ECD for meeting is three weeks.

Discussion: Of the year awards: Perry Woodford requests the SOC to start considering changes to the process of nominating individuals to the Of The Year Awards. There should be a top down approach as well as the bottom up we use now.

Agenda Item: **Good of the Game**

Discussion: Kasey O'Leary reported on a great project his daughter did for a Cystic fibrosis fundraising involving soccer.

Agenda Item: **Adjournment**

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. on Saturday, January 26, 2013 with the consensus of the Committee.