**NCSL Board Meeting**

**November 13, 2023**

**Via Zoom/Teleconference**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

The following clubs were in attendance/represented by a proxy at the meeting: Alexandria Soccer Association, Arlington Youth Soccer Club, Blue Ridge United, Calvert Soccer Association, Calverton Soccer Club, Clarke County Soccer League, DeMatha Soccer Academy, DORADUS, Epic Soccer Club, Fairfax Police Youth Club, FC Charles, FC Dulles, FC Frederick, FCVA Ashburn, Fredericksburg FC, Great Falls – Reston, Gunston Soccer Club, Herndon Youth Soccer Association, La Plata Soccer Academy, Lee-Mt. Vernon Sports Club, Leesburg Football Club, Loudoun Soccer Club, Maryland Rush, McLean Youth, Montgomery Soccer, Northern Piedmont SC, Northern Virginia Soccer Club, Old Dominion Football Club, Potomac Soccer Association, Premier Athletic Club, Prince William Soccer, Real World Futbal Club, South County Athletic Association, St. Mary's Soccer, Stafford Soccer Club, Sterling Youth Soccer Association, Takoma Park Soccer Club, Thunder Soccer Club, Top Rank Soccer Academy, Vienna Youth Soccer, Virginia Revolution, Virginia Soccer Association, VISTA

Roll call indicated that the following clubs were not in attendance and were not represented by a proxy: Alliance Soccer Club, Annandale Boys & Girls Club, Bethesda Soccer Club, Braddock Road Youth Club, Burke Athletic Club, DC Soccer Club, Hagerstown Soccer Club, OBGC (Olney), Springfield South County Youth Club, Team America Football Club, Villarreal Virginia Academy, Virginia Valor, West Virginia Futbal Club

Executive Committee in Attendance: Maureen Dalbec, Howard Kohn, Carol Montoya, Alan Paez, Eric Popiel, Dave Shannon

Staff in attendance:Alison Smith, Jamil Walker

Approval of Minutes

Takoma Park made a motion to approve the August 28, 2023 Board Meeting minutes. FC Frederick seconded. There were no objections, and the motion was approved by acclamation.

New Club Application: Champions FC

Howard Kohn introduced Champions FC; the club submitted an application indicating sufficient teams, coaches, and fields to be considered for membership. Israel Hildago and Rachel Hildago joined the meeting to discuss their application to be a new club. They gave a brief presentation about their club, philosophy, and background. The club is sponsored by Clark County, Virginia Valor, and DORADUS, the last of which spoke briefly about why they are supporting Champions FC. Israel responded to questions about the club’s referee pool and coaching education.

Israel Hildago and Rachel Hildago left the meeting.

The floor was opened to discussion. There were some concerns expressed about field space and competing with other area clubs for a player base.

Takoma Park made a motion to accept Champions FC as a new member. FC Frederick seconded. Votes were indicated in the chat, and there was a request for a roll call vote.

A roll call vote was taken. Forty-three clubs voted; there were 895 votes allocated in favor and 743 votes allocated against. The motion passed and Champions FC was approved as a new club.

Executive Director – Jamil Walker: Jamil said the winter college combine will be held at the St. James on Sunday, November 26, 2023. He reported that work continues on the launch of the Suburban Friendship League recreational league in the spring. He will be scheduling meetings with club reps and commissioners to discuss next steps.

Maureen Dalbec – NCSL Commissioner: No report.

Doug Walls – NCSL Commissioner: No report (not present).

Maryland Registrar - Jessica Hafer: No report (not present).

Carol Coulter – Virginia Registrar: No report (not present).

Alison Smith – NCSL Administrator: Alison noted it was a very damp season and thanked everyone for their communications regarding field closures and rescheduling.

U11 game scores and final standings are now posted on the website.

Applications for the spring season are now open. There will be no more club rep update emails until January. All spring dates have been posted to the calendar on the website.

Carol Montoya – NCSL Secretary: No report.

Eric Popiel – NCSL Vice President & NCSL Treasurer: No report.

Alan Paez – NCSL R&D: Alan said the committee will be following up on sit outs owed. Gwen Stewart, the R&D Administrator, is doublechecking the lists. Alan thanked the reps for being responsive to Gwen’s requests throughout the season.

Suburban Friendship League Update: Eric opened the floor for any questions about the recreational program. There was a question about how field loading will be handled. Alison said that travel field assignments will be done first and there may be a way to indicate if a field is preferred for travel or rec use. There was a question about referee assignments; NCSL has a referee assignor for travel games, but clubs are responsible for referee assignments for rec games. Alison said an effort will be made to keep travel games together and rec games together. Jamil said the league will try to keep rec games on Saturdays.

A motion was made by FC Frederick and seconded by LMVSC to adjourn. There were no objections, and the motion was approved by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.