**NCSL Board Meeting**

**January 9, 2024**

**Via Zoom/Teleconference**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

The following clubs were in attendance/represented by a proxy at the meeting: Alexandria Soccer Association, Alliance Soccer Club, Annandale Boys & Girls Club, Arlington Youth Soccer Club, Bethesda Soccer Club, Braddock Road Youth Club, Burke Athletic Club, Calvert Soccer Association, Calverton Soccer Club, Champions FC, Clarke County Soccer League, DC Soccer Club, DeMatha Soccer Academy, DORADUS, Epic Soccer Club, Fairfax Police Youth Club, FC Charles, FC Dulles, FCVA Ashburn, FC Frederick, Fredericksburg FC, Hagerstown 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, OBGC (Olney), Old Dominion Football Club, Potomac Soccer Association, Prince William Soccer, Real World Futbal Club, South County Athletic Association, Springfield South County Youth Club, St. Mary's Soccer, Stafford Soccer Club, Sterling Youth Soccer Association, Takoma Park Soccer Club, Team America Football Club, Top Rank Soccer Academy, Vienna Youth Soccer, Villarreal Virginia Academy, Virginia Revolution, Virginia Soccer Association, VISTA, West Virginia Futbal Club

Roll call indicated that the following clubs were not in attendance and were not represented by a proxy: Blue Ridge United, Great Falls–Reston, Gunston Soccer Club, Premier Athletic Club, Thunder Soccer Club, Virginia Valor

Executive Committee in Attendance: Maureen Dalbec, Carol Montoya, Eric Popiel, Doug Wall

Staff in attendance:Alison Smith, Jamil Walker

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were accepted by acclimation.

Maureen Dalbec – NCSL Commissioner: No report.

Doug Walls – NCSL Commissioner: No report.

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

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

Alison Smith – NCSL Administrator: Applications for spring teams are open. The deadline is January 31. If teams are interested in playing in Super Group or the Elite Series, they should contact Alison and Jamil.

Invoices for the spring season will be sent on February 1. Payment can be made by check. If clubs want to use ACH or credit card, there is a fee. Contact Alison to set up payment.

Division structure information is due by February 5.

Weekly club rep emails have started. If they are not being received, contact Alison.

The spring season will start on April 6. The next Board meeting is in March. All dates are populated on the website calendar.

Carol Montoya – NCSL Secretary: No report.

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

Jamil Walker for Alan Paez – NCSL R&D: The Sit Out list was circulated via email. Club reps were asked to remind teams to check the list.

Jamil Walker – Executive Director:

*SFL/NCSL Rec*

Jamil said that the integration of SFL into the league is complete. SFL is now NCSL Rec. Information about the rec league has been posted to the website, under the Recreation tab.

The rec season will start on April 6. Jamil will be convening meetings for the age group commissioners and the club reps. Items to be discussed include cost, structure, registration, scheduling, rules and discipline, and expectations of the clubs.

Alison addressed some questions about rosters. A player cannot play for an NCSL travel team and an NCSL rec team. Jamil said there will be the ability to adjust rosters so that rec players can move from team to team.

There should be a club rep for NCSL Rec. This may be the same person or a different person than the NCSL Travel rep.

Jamil said the league is hiring a dedicated administrator for the Rec program.

*Division Structure*

Jamil asked club reps to make sure division structure and playing up requests are completed by the deadline. Doug reiterated the importance of this information in the placement process.

In response to a question, Alison said that information entered into team applications about structure needs to be entered into the Google sheet as well.

*League Championship Series*

Jamil said that teams looking for another pathway to Regionals should register for the League Championship Series. All teams that participate in State Cup are eligible, even if they are not NCSL teams.

Other Business

Dan Giffin said that DC United’s season starts on February 24. He will be discussing NCSL night with Jamil. He teased a friendly game in July with a top Champions League team.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.