

Marino Torrens: Okay. Let's try this again like in school. Good morning!

Audience: Good morning.

Marino Torrens: (Laughing). I've always wanted to do that you know. Okay. I'm going to call this meeting to order, it's about 9:12. Uh, first thing is to adopt agenda. Does anybody have anything they want to add to the agenda before we start? Okay. Need a motion to adopt agenda please.

Male: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: I hate...okay, thank you. Okay. One thing before we start, whoever's gonna say anything please, we need you to go up to the microphone...one of the two microphones in the center of the room...the center aisle of the room...first thing is your name and the club you're with please, so we have it for the record. Okay. The first uh, I'm gonna turn it over to Usha for the Credentials Report.

Usha Vargas: Good morning. Okay. So the total...total available votes this year were 7,040. We had 6,473 which were validated, which equals to 91,95 percent. So that's a large improvement over last year. Hopefully next year it gets much better. A simple majority is 3,238 votes. Two thirds is 4,315. Thank you Cody. Okay.

So Region A votes...Region A picked up 99.58 percent of their votes.

Region B – you have an election today. You picked up 97.45 percent votes.

Region C picked up 85.85 percent votes.

And Region D you have an election today as well. You picked up 54.55 percent of the votes. Motion to adopt credentials?

Female: I move.

Usha Vargas: Thank you.

Marino Torrens: Okay. Now Becky McLaren for the Proposed Rule Changes. Okay. So you're gonna do the rule changes. (Talking under breath..."No you're gonna do it".)

Becky McLaren: Before we get started with the changes I want to go over the standing procedures. As a reminder...

Marino Torrens: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: ...yeah Marino likes to delegate. Um, as a reminder, please go to the center microphone, state your name and the club that you're from or the affiliate that you're from. Um, also when we discuss these proposed changes if you wanna...we will if there's discussion you will have one

person speak for and one against and going back and forth until one side is exhausted. So it would have to be either a "for" and then an "against" or an "against" and then a "for" and alternate that way. So we will get started. You will see that we have besides the rules changes being in your Book of Reports in the back white section, you will see that we also have them presented here on the screen. I move that we accept the change to Bylaw 2.3 as presented in the Book of Reports and as presented on the screen.

Member: I move.

Member: Point of Order

Becky McLaren: Lew? Yes sir.

Lew: Okay. Uh, we can't vote on this...

Member: The whole idea...

Lew: Excuse me? Oh, I'm sorry. Lew Confessore, Soccer Academy of the Americas Today (inaudible) the states tomorrow.

Becky McLaren: Well actually later today Lew when it's finished.

Lew Confessore: Okay. Uh, there is a proposed problem with the submission of these Byla-, of these changes that was discussed yesterday at the, at the meeting. And uh, I believe that they cannot be voted on at this time. Howe-, because of the way they're adopted.

Becky McLaren: Lew you want to explain it, because there was some people in the room that were not at that workshop yesterday?

Lew Confessore: Okay. Uh, our rules say very specifically that only affiliates can make amendments to the Bylaws. The Board of Directors, the Rules Chairperson, they are not listed as affiliates. They are in the organization, but they are not affiliates. Um, we also have some...later on, by one the employees and we have been doing this for several years, but it came up. We've been dealing back and forth now for two or three weeks with the Secretary and with Becky about how to handle this. So, I would like to present that since they were not submitted correctly, we can't vote on them.

Becky McLaren: Anybody else that was in the meeting yesterday that would like to speak because I do believe yesterday there was some people at the meeting that also presented that. Um, and it also states that members may submit a rule change as well Lew, and that com-, members of the Rules Com-, the people of the rules committee are members of affiliates and as such could. I believe that there was some gentleman in the room and some people in the room that wanted these housekeeping changes because the majority of your rules except for one. And by the way, the three that were proposed by um, an employee have been withdrawn. So those will not be presented, but that they wanted to go ahead and get these housekeeping issues taken care of. So if um, somebody wanted to make a motion

from the floor so that we could go ahead and take care of these housekeeping issues we could also entertain that.

Charlie Graham: I'm Charlie Graham, Satellite Beach Soccer Club. I move that we take care of these housekeeping uh, rules.

Becky McLaren: Do we have a second? Can you get...if you can go to the microphone just so that we have it for the minutes, I'm sorry.

Tessie Goicoechea: Tessie Goicoechea Bay United Soccer Club.

Becky McLaren: And it has been moved and seconded to go ahead and accept...

Member: Somebody's going up.

Becky McLaren: Is there any discussion?

Jeff Kurzer: Yes, Jeff Kurzer South Florida United Youth Soccer Association. I don't believe that you can do this on the floor. This...the rules specifically states affiliates...and although these housekeeping things do need to be done...unless you have an affiliate member signed on to these rule changes and that require to be changed prior to this meeting, I still don't think you can vote on this.

Male: So the rules say affiliate or member...

Becky McLaren: Sta-...

Steve Sassman: I'm sorry. Steve Sassman (inaudible)...

Becky McLaren: Thank you Steve.

Steve Sassman: So the rule says member or affiliate. Can we amend all the appropriate rules instead of submitted by rules committee to say submitted by and then the member that submitted the rule; would that be acceptable?

Becky McLaren: We could, we could do that. I would then have to take time and go back to all, through all of the e-mails to go through and do that, because they were done by committee members.

Male: So those committee members are also members...(Inaudible – not at microphone).

Becky McLaren: That is correct. Marino.

Marino Torrens: Marino Torrens, President. All members of the rules committee are members of a club whether they're registered, some registered or not. Some of them are even boarding members of clubs

because they don't have...they're not part of a board of directors. So in essence this rules, as the rule committee itself they were all submitted by members of FYSA.

Becky McLaren: Any other discussion?

Male: Becky?

Becky McLaren: Yeah.

John Dino: John Dino with Optimist. I, I'm, I've heard about this yesterday a little bit. I was reading some of the rules and bylaws...maybe I'm wrong, but, was there a Section 4000 or 3..

Becky McLaren: Yes there is.

John Dino: ...that said if there is something that maybe for the benefit of the organization that you may be able to exercise their part. Now maybe again I'm being the devil's advocate here but, I thought I read something in there.

Becky McLaren: There is something under the...

John Dino: The other thing is with uh, uh, no disrespect, if you are sitting on the Board with the FYSA, I don't think you are gonna be considered by yourself submitting paperwork to amend uh, laws according to what was said earlier that you know, if you're part of a club and you're sitting on the Board that makes it a conflict of interest to actually submit papers for. But the 4003 or 2 may allow you to, to do that.

Becky McLaren: 4003 will allow for filing late after the 90 day deadline.

Male: (Inaudible – not at microphone).

Becky McLaren: 4003.5 will allow for filing late after the 90 day deadline. That the proposal may be referred to the Rules and Revision Committee for consideration at their next regularly scheduled meeting, except if called up by the Board of Directors by a two thirds majority vote. So the two thirds majority vote could do that.

Male: May I speak again?

Becky McLaren: Yes Lew.

Lew Confessore: Okay. Uh, 4003, 4003.1...if you have the book up there read that one for everyone.

Becky McLaren: 4003.1 which is one of the changes that we had up here because it says that they can be submitted um, shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary of FYSA by an affiliate or its members.

So the people on the Rules Committee are members of affiliates. The documents for which the changes suggested shall be noted along with the Article Section or Subsection in the proposed change. Proposed changes may be submitted any time during the year, but no later than 90 days prior to the AGM. But 4003.5 allows for submission after 90 days.

Lew Confessore: Okay. And what, what is the uh...there is something else to that right? It has to be approved?

Becky McLaren: It has...

Lew Confessore: You can't submit it early uh, late without an approval.

Becky McLaren: That is correct.

Lew Confessore: Okay. So you're going to submit them late and see if you can...

Becky McLaren: ...which...

Lew Confessore: ...get approval from the Board of Directors?

Becky McLaren: If they either goes to the Rules and Revisions Committee or it can go to the Board of Directors. If the Rules and Revisions Committee...if it's submitted late to them...it goes to them. If they agree to add um, it, then it gets added which the proposal, um, what the proposal that is from um, one of our affiliates, not listed as a Rule Committee was received after the 90 day time frame, it did go out to the Committee Members. The Committee Members did agree to add it, and that is the reason that it is in the proposed changes.

Lew Confessore: Okay (laughing).

Male: We have a motion on the floor (not on microphone).

Becky McLaren: So we do have a motion on the floor.

Male: (Inaudible – not on microphone). What was the motion?

Becky McLaren: The motion on the floor is uh, the gentleman...I believe it's uh, your motion...yes...

Male: Can you repeat (not on microphone)...

Becky McLaren: Can you repeat your motion please?

Marino Torrens: (Inaudible) for the record.

Male: I move that we move ahead with all the housekeeping uh, rules at this point.

Marino Torrens: And it was second by Tessie right?

Becky McLaren: Yes. Is there any other discussion?

Katherine Pennington: Good morning. My name's is Katherine Pennington, with Top of Florida Soccer Club. I don't have the Bylaws in front of me; would an appropriate substitute motion be to waive the rules to allow for the late introduction of these amendments?

Becky McLaren: Yes you can do that.

Katherine Pennington: I make that motion.

Becky McLaren: So you're amending...making a friendly amendment to his motion to go ahead to waive the rule to go ahead with the housekeeping?

Katherine Pennington: Amend it or substitute it, whichever is appropriate.

Becky McLaren: Okay. Do you accept the amendment to your uh...okay. So the motion's been amended to...has been made to waive the rule to go ahead and take care of these housekeeping rule changes. Is there any discussion on that? Seeing no discussion, all those in favor please signify by saying "I".

Members: "I"

Becky McLaren: Opposed?

Members: "Nay"

Becky McLaren: Abstentions?

Male: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: Guys, if you'll take out your ballots.

Marino Torrens: Ballot 1, Ballot A (Inaudible)

Becky McLaren: Ballot A, if you'll take out Ballot A.

Marino Torrens: Say what you're voting for.

Becky McLaren: You're voting for either "yes" to go ahead and to take care...waive the rule to take care of the housekeeping amendments; "no" means you don't want to take care of the housekeeping amendment.

Marino Torrens: This must be the stupidest move ever done by the (inaudible)

Female: Wow.

Becky McLaren: If you can hold your ballots up or pass them to the cen-...pass your ballots to the center of the room so that they can collect them at the center of the room. Give them to one of the office staff; they're either wearing red or black.

Marino Torrens: (Inaudible)

Becky McLaren: That is correct.

(Inaudible conversation going on at head table between Marino, Usha and Becky)

Becky McLaren: Ladies and gentlemen, is there any more votes.

Marino Torrens: Have them raise their hand.

Becky McLaren: If you have any more votes if you pass them to the center and raise your hand if you're holding anything.

Marino Torrens: We've got to do electronic voting. Next year, I don't care what we do (inaudible)

Becky McLaren: ...and we did it with SQ (inaudible)...

Marino Torrens: We can't do anything 'til this happens.

Becky McLaren: Yeah.

Female: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: Okay.

Becky McLaren: I'm not going 'til after.

Marino Torrens: Okay. While we're doing this um, I'm gonna jump...nope, not yet. I want to introduce our...one of our guests here with us; and some of you have met him over the weekend; uh, the President of UFU Soccer, John Sutter. If you can...yeah.

(Applause)

Marino Torrens: Sorry about that.

John Sutter: Nothing like going off the cuff. Um, once again it's my great pleasure to be with you on this 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary weekend. And I was struck by a couple of things last night and if you don't mind if we're waiting. I'm not sure how many people might be standing out in the hall while we're waiting for

the count. But just a couple of things: how many people are here for your very first AGM? Can...could you stand just for a second? Let's give them a round of applause first.

(Applause)

John Sutter: Ah, gotta, gotta stay standing. Gotta, gotta stay standing for just a minute 'cause I wanna make a point. Go ahead and stand. Okay. How about those people who are here for less than five (5), more than one (1) and less than five (5)? You wanna stand up just a second? Okay.

Marino Torrens: Wow.

John Sutter: Give those people a round of applause.

(Applause)

John Sutter: How 'bout more than 10? More than 10? Okay. A round of applause for more than 10.

(Applause)

Marino Torrens: There's a few.

John Sutter: Anybody more than 15? Wow. More than 20? More than 25? Still got some people standing. Okay. Give 'em a round of applause.

(Applause)

John Sutter: But I only had three (3) or so stand for 25. We had a very good number for your first, but you need to look at that gap in institutional knowledge, okay. That there's three (3) or so with maybe over 25, and you had a few more that were with 20, a few more that were 15. The big scheme of things particularly when you're looking at institutionalized Florida youth soccer that's you know, 20 years isn't that long of a period of time until...you need to think about the institutional knowledge, the experience, the heritage that are...is starting to go away, and realize back looking at video you saw last night, where FYSA came from. And think about all those people...all that those people have done coming before you. You're now sitting in their seats, okay. And the future of Florida Youth Soccer Association is yours and you need to be proud of where you've been in the past, think about what they've done in the past to accomplish that. They didn't have a room full of 200 people. There was probably five (5) or six (6) okay. And look what they accomplished and everybody's accomplished over the years coming to this point. Think about that 'cause that means an awful lot. I was proud of you for your heritage last night okay. All that has been done in the name of soccer in Florida youth that's been done by people that are sitting right where you are, and that's, that's an awful lot. And I think if you look at the leadership you have today that's you know, starting to move forward um, Marino, Dale, the entire board that you have here. They are respected in Region 3. They carry your voice forward into Region 3. There carry it forward in the US Youth Soccer, and that's a big thing. Okay? They make sure that what's best for you and what's

best for the company is discussed and heard, and that's an awful lot. And then I think, as we talked about before, don't take what you have here for granted. Okay? There's competition there uh, not only other soccer organizations, but other, other things competing for the kids' time. And so you've gotta, gotta make sure that you know, what you have is the very best that it can be. And I think that if as you're going through today and you look at the decisions you're gonna make, you ask yourself, "What can we do to make it better for the kids on the field"? And then you ask yourself, "What can we do make things you know, more economical or more efficient...that's always good. And then by asking, and then end by asking yourself, "What can we do to make things better for the kids on the field". And if you always start with that, and you always end with that, then no matter what comes your way you're gonna make the right decision and you're gonna continue to make...move forward. And as I said last night, I was amazed to see what had happened in Florida Youth Soccer Association over the last 40 years and I for one am excited to see where you guys are gonna go in the next 40 years because you are Florida Youth Soccer Association and you are US Youth Soccer. And I really, once again appreciate you letting me come and share this weekend with you. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

Marino Torrens: Are we close to getting a number?

Male: Five (5) minutes.

Marino Torrens: (Laughing) I hope they're not Cuban minutes.

(Laughter)

Female: (Inaudible)

Marino Torrens: Okay, there you go. We can start with that. Okay. We're gonna do some of the raffle for the baskets you guys bought tickets yesterday. So we'll start with...

Female: (Inaudible)

Male: No.

Marino Torrens: Okay. The first one I got was Florida State University.

Female: Must be present to win?

Female: No.

Marino Torrens: No. The winner is Samantha Sow-, Sowers.

Female: (Inaudible)

Marino Torrens: It's...the ticket number was 522571, Samantha, is she here?

Female: (Inaudible) Beach.

Marino Torrens: Guess not. Well we'll make sure we get her.

Female: (Inaudible)

Marino Torrens: Okay.

(Multiple people talking)

Female: Samantha Sowers, (inaudible) Beach, nice.

Marino Torrens: Okay. The next was in University of Central Florida.

Female: (Inaudible) basic too.

Marino Torrens: The winner takes Rhonda with...no. Victor "N", just the letter "N".

(Applause)

Marino Torrens: Okay. 528842, is Victor "N" here?

Female: (Inaudible)

Marino Torrens: Okay. He's (laughing)...

Female: He's smiling.

Marino Torrens: Get another one from over there.

Female: Here you go.

Female: That's baby blue.

Marino Torrens: Baby blue.

Female: Feels like a book to me.

Marino Torrens: Okay. Very small letters, Andrid Nessfield(sp)? Oh there you go, okay. Thank you.

(Applause)

(Multiple people talking – inaudible)

Female: Carmen, here comes Carmen.

Female: We'll do one more, one more.

Marino Torrens: Okay.

Female: Just one more.

Marino Torrens: One more when Carmen walks up here. Thank you, I want...no. The "U", University of Miami. Oh, don't go too far. Frank, Frank "B". Let's go Frank. Here's the ticket.

Male: Thank you.

(Multiple people talking)

Marino Torrens: Okay.

Becky McLaren: I have just been handed the results of the motion that was on the floor and the "yes" votes are 4,082, "no" 1,064, so we will be voting on the housekeeping changes. So, we'll go back to 2.3. I move that we accept the rule change as it's presented on the screen.

Marino Torrens: The motion was already on the floor.

Becky McLaren: We have a mot-, any discussion?

Male: (Inaudible)

Becky McLaren: Seeing no discussion, all those in favor signify by saying an "Aye".

Audience: "Aye"

Becky McLaren: Opposed? Motion carries. 101.6. I move that we accept the proposed change that is presented on the screen and in your books. Is there any discussion or can I have a second?

Marino Torrens: Second.

Becky McLaren: Any discussion? Seeing no discussion all those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

Audience: "Aye".

Becky McLaren: Opposed? Abstentions? Passes? 101.9 which is kinda long. Cody if, if you can move down so that we can see the change? I move that we accept the proposed change as presented in the Book of Reports and on the screen. Can I have a second please?

Marino Torrens: Second.

Becky McLaren: It's been seconded by Marino. All those in favor signi-, or any discussion? Seeing no discussion, all those in favor signify by saying "Aye"

Audience: "Aye"

Becky McLaren: Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes. 102.2. I move that we accept the proposed change presented on the screen and in the Book of Reports. May I have a second please?

Male: Second.

Becky McLaren: It's been seconded. Any discussion? Seeing no discussion, all those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

Audience: "Aye".

Becky McLaren: Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. The next one has been withdrawn. And the next one has also been withdrawn, as well as the next one. The next one we would be do-, keep going Cody. The next one that we'd be discussing is 201.9. That's it. I move that we accept the proposed change as presented on the screen and in the Book of Reports.

Marino Torrens: Second.

Becky McLaren: Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, all those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

Audience: "Aye".

Becky McLaren: Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes. 205.3. I move that we accept the proposed change as presented on the screen and in the Book of Reports.

Male: (Inaudible)

Becky McLaren: It's been seconded by um, District Commissioner B5, Steve Sassman. Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, ah, yes.

Pat Kennedy: Pat Kennedy Palm Beach Soccer League.

Becky McLaren: Yes.

Pat Kennedy: I was just wondering why the use of the word "shall" in the uh, in the change instead of "sh-", "may"?

Becky McLaren: Because um, sha-, you have name your 18 players that are gonna play.

Pat Kennedy: Okay. But if you only had 17?

Becky McLaren: If you only ha-, this is only if you ha-, you only have to name 18 players if you have...what it is is for the 22, 'cause you can have 22 players on your roster and then you have to name which 18 are gonna play...

Pat Kennedy: Thank you

Becky McLaren: ...the game roster.

Pat Kennedy: Thank you.

Becky McLaren: You're welcome.

Male: (Inaudible)

Becky McLaren: For the game roster. Any other discussion? Seeing no other discussion, all those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

Audience: "Aye".

Becky McLaren: Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes.

Male: Okay.

Female: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: And I move to accept the proposed change as presented on the screen for 303. This is to remove the dollar fee that we added in 2011/2012 for the Support of the Bid Committee, the USA Bid Committee for the World Cup. It's been seconded by the C2 District Commissioner Donna Hass. Any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

Audience: "Aye".

Becky McLaren: Opposed, "Nay". Abstentions? Motion carries. 401.1. I move that we accept the proposed change as presented on the screen and in the Book of Reports.

Marino Torrens: Second.

Becky McLaren: It's been seconded. Any discussion? Seeing no discussion, all those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

Audience: "Aye".

Becky McLaren: Oppose signify by saying "Nay".

Audience: "Nay"

Becky McLaren: Abstentions? Motion carries. 901. I move that we accept the amended change as presented on the screen and in your Book of Reports.

Marino Torrens: Second.

Becky McLaren: It's been seconded. Is there any discussion?

Male: No.

Becky McLaren: Seeing there's no discussion, all those in favor signify by saying "Aye"

Audience: "Aye".

Becky McLaren: Opposed say "Nay". Abstentions?

Male: No.

Becky McLaren: Motion carries. 3007.5. I move that we accept the proposed change as presented on the screen and in your Book of Reports.

Female: (Inaudible)

Becky McLaren: It's been seconded by the Regional Vice President from "B", Rhonda Lake Cummings. Any discussion? Seeing no discussion, all those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

Audience: "Aye".

Becky McLaren: Opposed say "Nay". Abstentions? Motion carries. 3007.7. Cody you want to move down? I move that we accept the proposed change as presented on the screen and in your Book of Reports. Do I have a second?

Marino Torrens: Second.

Becky McLaren: It's been seconded.

Female: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: Any discussion? Marcos?

Male: Um...

Becky McLaren: Identify yourself, but I know who you are.

Marcos Fernandez: Marco Fernandez, Kendell Soccer. Um, the suggested change that the numbering...you just wanna fix those numbers because they just continuous to the old rule?

Becky McLaren: Not a problem, we can do that. You're not changing it...well when we...if the change is approved we'll correct the numbers, if that's okay with the membership.

Male: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: No I'll do it. When I do it, it will be done. Any other discussion? Seeing no other discussion, and all those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

Audience: "Aye".

Becky McLaren: Opposed?

Female: "Nay".

Becky McLaren: Abstentions? Motion passes. 3007.8. I move that we accept the proposed change as presented on the screen.

Female: Second.

Becky McLaren: It's been seconded by Diana Robinson, the uh, Treasurer. Lew?

Lew Confessore: Uh, that's not housekeeping.

Marino Torrens: Who are you?

Becky McLaren: Who are you, even though we know who you are.

Lew Confessore: Oh, okay. Lew Confessore, uh...

Becky McLaren: Today's Academy for Americas Tomorrow (?)

Lew Confessore: Uh, that is not a housekeeping rule so you want to hold another vote, 'cause your, you are allowed to do housekeeping.

Becky McLaren: Oh this is true, I'm sorry.

Female: Oh, sorry.

Becky McLaren: My apologies Lew, but with the, with the hou-...with the one that was done with 2...okay. Does anybody want to um, make a motion to waive the rule to be able to take care of this proposed change?

Male: I would like to make a motion that for the rest of our amendment changes that we follow whatever is written in the first one we passed...

Becky McLaren: Name?

Male? ...however, that needs to be written...

Becky McLaren: Your name?

Charlie Graham: Is Charlie Graham with Satellite Beach Soccer Club.

Becky McLaren: Make a motion to waive...

Marino Torrens: Second.

Becky McLaren: ...is there a second?

Female: (Inaudible)

Becky McLaren: He's waiving so that we can take care of all proposed changes other than the ones that were withdrawn. Who seconded it please? Joe Goldian(sp) from South Brevard?

Male: Brevard Youth Soccer League.

Becky McLaren: Brevard Youth Soccer League. Is there any discussion?

Male: (Inaudible).

Terry Straub: Terry Straub, District 3 Commissioner. If you go back and read your first motion, it was amended...you've already done it.

Becky McLaren: Well that one was specific to housekeeping.

Terry Straub: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: Okay.

Terry Straub: (Inaudible) amendment.

Becky McLaren: Yeah.

Terry Straub: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: Okay. Yes ma'am.

Katherine Pennington: Top of Florida Soccer Club. My original motion did not speak to housekeeping issues. My original motion...

Becky McLaren: Okay.

Katherine Pennington: ...spoke to all rule changes...

Becky McLaren: Okay.

Katherine Pennington: ...unless they were withdrawn.

Becky McLaren: Thank you. We'll go ahead and we'll proceed then. Do you want to...so would you like to withdraw your motion that you placed on the floor sir; since the first motion included all rule changes?

Male: Yes.

Becky McLaren: 3007.8. We still have a motion on the floor to approve as presented. Is there any other discussion? Seeing no discussion, all those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

Audience: "Aye".

Becky McLaren: Opposed?

Female: Opposed.

Becky McLaren: Abstentions? Motion passes. 40-, 4003.1. I move that we accept the change as presented on the screen and in your Book of Reports.

Marino Torrens: Second.

Becky McLaren: It's been seconded. Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, all those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

Audience: "Aye".

Becky McLaren: Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. 4003.2. I move that we accept the proposed change as presented on the screen and in your Book of Reports.

Diana Robertson: Second.

Becky McLaren: It's been seconded by Diana, FYSA Treasurer. Any discussion? All those in favor...seeing no discussion, all those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

Audience: "Aye".

Becky McLaren: Opposed say "Nay". Abstentions? Motion passes. Now we have a proposed uh, proposed change for rule 1500 which would be a new rule. It is presented in your booklets and on the screen. Marcos, would you like to speak to...well first we need uh, a motion to accept the change it, to accept the change and a second and then we can discuss.

Male: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: John Stacy made the motion to accept the proposed change as presented on the screen...

Marino Torrens: I second.

Becky McLaren: Marino seconds. Marcos would like to speak to your proposed change?

Marcos Fernandez: Marcos Fernan-, Fernandez, Kindle Soccer. Um, I brought this proposed uh, rule here because the way uh, well, several of the members I, I, I noticed that when the President of USYS questioned how many people were here brand new or within the last five (5) years they may not have the history of what happened several years ago; so I'd like to explain what happened a couple years ago when the formation of FSPO happened. Two (2) years ago in 2012, the Executive Committee of FYSA established a league. It's my understanding, my opinion af-, after investigating the bit-, the minutes, Bylaws, the rules, BOD Minutes, everything that this league has not been approved by the membership. The EC will make you to believe that it was approved, okay? But the only thing that it states in the minutes in January of 2012, is that there was a motion to approve, approve the rules not establish the league, okay? Approving the rules is one thing the, the FYSA is treating the entire league as if this were one (1) rule, okay? Um, there have been numerous inconsistencies or things that have happened uh, for example: the DC meeting in December of uh, 2012, changing Rules of Competition for a State Cup to require teams that play three (3) games...changing it from three (3) games to five (5) games. And that was not established or approved by the membership. It's a Rule of Competition, but this makes me wonder what has happening with things like that? Last year, the Executive Committee wanted to remove your District Commissioners, which have the voting power which represent us as the affiliates. This is your only...removing them from having voting rights essentially and they're the ones that represent us at these meetings. Um, luckily for us it was defeated. Um, Lew, if you can correct me if I'm wrong, you've been here 25 years or so. The minutes or the meetings...I've been coming here for over 10 years, probably more than a dozen years...we've always started out with, "These are your minutes", "These are your rules", I'm sorry. "These are your rules", okay? Um, I didn't hear that today, but uh, that doesn't matter. But usually that's how we start out these, these minutes. Um, this is just a way of formalizing a league that is opera-, operating already, okay? And providing some sort of structure by which it was con-, uh, accepted back then. And I say accepted, not really accepted and brought on, before the membership here, okay? It was said we are going to do this and, excuse me (clears throat), we're going to do this and by virtue that a proposed rule against it was put on the floor by the CDL. Well after a lot of discussion and a lot of debate, okay you can see in last years' minutes, approved minutes, okay that the, the, the purpose of the league was to just be confined under the top 16 teams that qualified for State Cup. Okay? It was not to compete with the affiliates. Two (2) years ago numerous leagues stood up here and fought it and after...like again, after a lot of debate and after the, the input or the response we had from the Executive Committee, particularly Tommy Thompson, stated that these,

that it was only going to be confined to the top 16 teams, okay? It was not going to be compete with the leagues. So what happens? This year there was a movement to initiate a second tier within State Cup. And even a survey was conducted in May while the movement that justifies the fact that was uh, basically um, justifying the fact that they wanted the members, wanted this to expand more. Well what happened was the survey wasn't sent out to everybody. The survey was sent out only to those members that are in the league. So you're basically preaching to the choir. This is...I want to remind you that this SPL(sp) is not any other league. Okay. This is an FYSA sponsored program. Okay. What's the difference between sponsored? All leagues, all tournaments are sanctioned by FYSA, this is a league run by FYSA, which is a sponsors program. So it needs to be in our rules just like ODP(sp), just like A- uh, the AGM and if there are other pro-, if there are other programs that are not...that are sponsored, they should be. This caught my attention because this is something that happened late in May while they are...in other words we have the carrot before the horse. Um, that's pretty much all I have to say 'cause I've said enough in the other uh, min-, minutes, I mean meeting.

Becky McLaren: Thank you Marcos.

Marino Torrens: Okay Marcos I, I was writing down 'cause I gotta ask like five (5) or six (6) of the things you said. Marino Torrens, President...

Becky McLaren: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: ...Florida Youth Soccer. Okay, the first thing you said is that it wasn't voted by the membership. There's nothing in our rules that says leagues have be voted by our membership. None. Okay? Number of games, number of teams, I'm sorry. The number of teams originated when we brought it up as a board we said that it would first, for the first year we have to restrict it to the run of 16, because when we were starting the league and that was a guideline how we were gonna start it. The second part about the DC. The DC's position is in the rules. That's why we have to bring it in front of you and you guys voted on it. So that's a difference between the league and the DC position. And the survey, the survey was sent to all the clubs that are participated in the league, because we wanted to see the, what they wanted to change. We talked about not only expanding, we talked about having centralized games. Anything else that we needed to do with the refereeing and a whole bunch of other things, and those results were posted on the website from the moment we received them. And they've been posted on there for months now, okay? And there's nothing in the rules that says any sponsored events that we offer is in our rules. There's nothing in there State Cup, Region Cup, President's Cup, there's nothing in there. Why should we put something for the league?

Jeff Kurzer: Jeff Kurzer, South Florida United. Uh, just to address that one point Marino, ODP is in your rules, Section 1000, and that's a sponsored program.

Male: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: Marino Torrens again. Because that counts all the way from the Federation, that's not our...

Jeff Kurzer: It doesn't matter. It's in your rules.

Marino Torrens: ...event. That's not our event.

Jeff Kurzer: It doesn't matter. It's in your rules. You just said that that, that you don't have a sponsored program in the rules. That's a sponsored program in the rules. In addition, according to the minutes approved for the 2012 AGM by Tommy Thompson, this league, speaking about FSPL is restricted to the top 16 teams from the round of 16. So it does have that limit. I am in favor of the proposal. Uh, as a League President uh, the big problem that we have with the Florida State Premiere League is the fact that FYSA is competing with its own affiliates. While we don't think that there is necessarily a reason to have the FSPL, we wouldn't uh, oppose it in the form that's been provided by Marcos Fernandez. Um, the concerns that we have over the second tier are related to watering down competition at the local level, as well as potentially watering down the competition for the FSPL. There are many clubs and teams that can't afford to provide to play in the FSPL, and yet they might...they're one big tournament a year that they participate in could be the uh, State Cup Tournament. So they're gonna work in their local leagues to try and get as good as they can and then go try and compete at, at State Cup. But yet they're not able to go play in some of these premiere events and they're not able to go and play in FSPL. So what happens in that circumstance where you're gonna have three (3) or four (4) teams out of the league's top division go to the FSPL and then you're gonna have a couple of teams that were in State Cup Final sixteen that are gonna be stuck in their local league with less competition. So then FSPL's gonna go pluck more teams that really aren't elite teams into the FSPL and water down FSPL. The mission when they created this was to be an elite place. An elite league where the best teams in the State could compete, while those best teams have already been proved before in the Sweet 16, and that's where the limitations should come from. It surely should be a privilege for teams to participate in FSPL and not to water down the competition. Thank you.

(Applause)

Becky McLaren: Are you, are you for or against?

Jeff Kurzer: I'm for. With that um...

Becky McLaren: Unfortunately I have to have somebody that speaks against before I can have you according to the, the procedures. I'm sorry. A point of order?

Jeff Kurzer: Yeah, I, I want to have an amend-, uh, there's, there's an effective date. There was a concern in the discussions that if this motion's pass that those in the second tier would not be able to participate in the upcoming league year.

Becky McLaren: Okay.

Jeff Kurzer: So uh, I would like to propose that we amend the 1500.2, Levels of Competition, to have an effective date of May 1, 2015. That way all those teams that are already expecting to play next week or whatever um, they can continue on, but effective at May 1, 2015, the league is then at that point limited to 16 per age group. So however I need to do that Point of Order or whatever I'm not...

Becky McLaren: Well you need...

Jeff Kurzer: ...I don't wanna...

Becky McLaren: You need to make an amendment the...what's presented on the floor.

Jeff Kurzer: That is correct.

Becky McLaren: You need a...and is there a second to that amendment?

Male: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: I need you to come to the microphone to second it please.

Gregor Gamlich: Gregor Gamlich with Florida Celtic.

Becky McLaren: It's been moved and seconded to amend 1500.2. You can correct me if I'm wrong guys, to say to become effective with the 2015/2016 Season?

Male: May 1, 2015.

Becky McLaren: Effective May 1, 2015, which would in effect be the following season.

Marcos Fernandez: Becky?

Becky McLaren: Yes.

Marcos Fernandez: Marcos Fernandez, Kindle Soccer.

Becky McLaren: Yes.

Marcos Fernandez: I will accept that friendly amendment.

Becky McLaren: Okay. So he has accepted the amendment so now the motion on the floor will become what is presented on the screen with the addition in 1500.2 to become effective May 1, 2015. Is there any other discussion?

Male: No.

Becky McLaren: Yeah. We're gonna vote on the...yes Bryan.

Bryan Bachelder: Uh, Bryan Bachelder FYSA State Office. Uh, specifically I serve as the Commissioner of the uh, State League as well. Um, and in looking at these changes uh, while I understand that, that two (2) years ago there was a lot of discussion (inaudible), the Executive Committee's put something forward, uh not necessarily gotten something from the membership in beginning the league uh, to start with. I do think it's necessary. One (1) obviously we, we've had the discussion about putting the league itself in the programs into FYSA's Bylaws. I would recommend that you guys absolutely look at making that a uniform project where the FYSA Bucks Program that is run out of the office also be put in there. If that is the case, if you guys, the membership decide that our programs need to be in our Bylaws then that needs to be consistent across the board. Okay? With that said, I-, my personal recommendation would be to split uh, those individual rule changes uh, simply because in, in 1500.4 you mention the concept that the commission uh, establishes the rules of competition. My opinion, the levels of competition as far as 1500.2, is a rule of competition, should be a rule of competition. I believe also that the qualification which currently is set as far as the, the top tier being uh, limited to the round of 16 teams uh, as well as whatever gaps are filled from there. Uh, that also is a rule of competition. And from my stand point with the commission that is put in place uh, which actually already replicates what is in 1500.4, that those six (6) individuals should have the authority to determine, based on the feedback from the clubs that we get to participate in a league that they have the ability to go an address those levels of competition because it's not necessarily set that uh, say your State Cup competition...when we say it's our duty to make the most elite league to bring the best teams in Florida, I'm not necessarily sure that State Cup round of 16 is the best determination of our teams abilities. And that's something we need to take a look at.

(Applause)

Bryan Bachelder: And by putting something within the membership, how many, how many uh, recreational players do we have uh, this year?

Marino Torrens: Over 62,000.

Bryan Bachelder: 62,000. So we're looking at 106,000 total registered players. You're saying that 60 percent of the votes that will come from this group of individuals is going to now determine competitive rules. The rules of competition or at least subsets of them whichever ones that the membership want to. Sixty percent of the votes that will go to decide, those rules of competition are going to come from clubs not, not necessarily that have recreational programs. That's not an issue. But rather the num-, the amount of votes is skewed toward clubs who have no interest either in participating in our league or running competitive programs in the first place.

Marino Torrens: Thank you.

Jeff Kurzer: Jeff Kurzer again, South Florida United. I can appreciate Bryan's position, but the whole reason we're having to bring these things to rules right now is because a lot of stuffs been done behind the scenes to the point where whatever's been promised has not re-, really been brought to the membership. The key is that by having it in rules it gives the affiliates that are here the opportunity to decide whether it should be State Cup. Next year if you decide you want to add some other parameters you can do that as affiliates as opposed to putting all that power in the hand of a committee. Uh, that's where I have an issue because that committee is also the one that started Tier 2 without any input from any of the affiliates that are here.

(Applause)

Becky McLaren: Alright. Um, before we have any further discussion um, we did have the amen-, motion for the amendment on the floor. Um, I know Marcos accepted the friendly amendment, but we do need...because it was a motion on the floor to vote on that with the addition of the...to become effective May 1, 2015, and that would be only to vote on the addition of that to amend, amend this motion that was originally posted on the floor. Yes?

Male: Just to clarify. Marcos Fernandez. The amendment hasn't been voted upon...

Becky McLaren: That is correct.

Marcos Fernandez: ...but that amendment allows the teams that are currently registered for State Cup...I mean uh...

Becky McLaren: We're only...we would only be voting to add, "to become effective May 1, 2015". If that passes then we go back to the original motion with that addition.

Marcos Fernandez: Okay.

Becky McLaren: We just have to vote on to add, "to become effective May 1, 2015".

Male: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: Yeah.

Male: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: Okay. Yeah.

John Stacy: John Stacy uh, Vice President of Coaching and Player Development. Uh, Marcos, I just want to clarify. I think what you're trying to make sure that the effect of this amendment, if accepted, would be to allow for the plans that are in place now for all the teams that were accepted into both the first and second division to exist for this year so those teams are not left out and, and that's, and that so the

amendment if, when if passed would have that effect. We would still have to accept uh, the entire rule. Okay? Just to make sure.

Becky McLaren: Right. So to vote on the amendment...yes.

Male: I just have a question about the amendment. Uh...

Becky McLaren: Okay.

Male: So that would pre-, the...essentially the amendment, would that preclude a second division from next year as well; because we wouldn't be able to vote on adding a second division if we wanted to?

Becky McLaren: That is correct.

Male: Okay.

Becky McLaren: Can you identify yourself please?

Larry Reisman: I'm Larry Reisman from Indian Rivers Soccer Association.

Becky McLaren: Yes.

Larry Reisman: Sorry.

Becky McLaren: What it would do is if we pass the amendment to become effective May 1, 2015, what it would do is would let the second division that has already been applied for, go through this year, but would be...at next year at May 1st, it would only be limited to one (1) division to the round of...to the teams in the rounds of 16.

Male: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: Sixteen teams, but where they would come from would be...first would be the round of 16, and then additional teams to even out brackets until they got to 16.

Larry Reisman: But it, but there would only be 16 teams at all. There would be...we have...

Becky McLaren: (Inaudible).

Larry Reisman: The membership would have no chance for 15/16 I guess would be to have a second division if we wanted to have one.

Male: Right.

Becky McLaren: That is correct.

Larry Reisman: So...

Male: (Inaudible).

Larry Reisman: Right. So I, I, I don't, I guess I'll make and amen-, I'll make a, a friendly amendment to, to change, to push the date back a year to give us the option to have a second division in the future.

Becky McLaren: So push the date back to?

Larry Reisman: Just push it back one (1) year, that would be my friendly amendment.

Becky McLaren: To become effective May 1, 2016?

Larry Reisman: Right.

Becky McLaren: Is, is there a second? Seeing no second we go back to, to become effective May 1, 2015. Is there any other discussion on the amendment to the original motion? Seeing no discussion...

Marino Torrens: Wait there's somebody...

Becky McLaren: Wait, are you getting up to go to the microphone? So many people moving around back there, you never know.

Louie Torres: Um, my name is Louie Torres, Clay County Soccer Club. Um, you know in the best interest of uh, you know the competition in the State I, I think that what Bryan and uh, what the Board have done with the, with the FSPL is, is, is definitely in the best interest for our improving State Cup and competition. Um...

Male: Point of Order, Point of Order.

Becky McLaren: Point of Order. We're eh, we're only discussing the amendment for the effective date.

Louie Torres: Right. It's uh, I'm trying to get to the amendment.

Becky McLaren: Okay.

Louie Torres: Oh, you're talking about the amendment?

Becky McLaren: Yes...

Louie Torres: Oh, I'm sorry.

Becky McLaren: ...to make the effective date.

Louie Torres: I'm out of order for that.

Becky McLaren: Okay then let's go...we'll vote on that, just hang tight. Seeing no discussion of any other discussion about the amendment...

Marino Torrens: Can I just say here please instead of walking all the way over there? Thank you.

Marino Torrens. I just wanted to clarify that everybody's aware that what the gentleman said is correct. If you add May 1, 2015, there's no second tier next year at all. There's...you can't vote on it again before next season starts, the 2015 season.

Male: Point of Order.

Becky McLaren: Okay.

Marino Torrens: I can't hear you.

Becky McLaren: Point of Order. That's fine, just go ahead.

Marino Torrens: What?

Becky McLaren: He's just trying...

Marino Torrens: Wha-, what. Why would...when would you vote again.

Becky McLaren: Alright. The amendment is to become effective May 1, 2015. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

Audience: "Aye".

Becky McLaren: Oppose say "Nay".

Audience: "Nay".

Becky McLaren: Abstentions? I need you to pull out Ballot #B. Remember, if you are voting "Yes", you are voting for to become effective date; if you vote "No", you are voting against. It's Ballot #B.

(Multiple discussions going on in audience)

Female: ...yeah you can't do it.

Marino Torrens: So I wasn't out of order.

(Multiple discussions going on)

Marino Torrens: Okay. Has everybody turned in their ballot please to the center area. If not, raise your hands so they can be picked up. Okay. While they're doing that um, first I would like to thank the st-, the FYSA Staff for what I consider a very nice weekend, very nice reception last night, especially the after

party. They put that together and I want to give them a hand an applause please because they did a great job. Thank you.

(Applause)

Marino Torrens: Second, we're gonna do more raffle in the meantime so we can get that out of the way. Rhonda?

Rhonda: Red, white and blue.

Marino Torrens: Okay. Red, white and blue. There you go.

Male: That will be it.

Marino Torrens: Oh, did I say one. Oh, Patty Wilson.

Female: Patty's not here.

Marino Torrens: Patty's not here so I'm keeping it.

Female: That's funny.

Marino Torrens: Here, you take it to her. That's Patty's. It says its black and white baby. Can we have repeat winners?

Female: Yes.

Marino Torrens: Patty Wilson again.

Female: What?

Marino Torrens: Okay she wins this one. Then we do...we definitely can't have repeat winners. Baby pink. Just to add that, yeah. Carla Kelsey? I don't know if I'm saying the last name correctly. That's Kelsey right? Carla?

Female: Yeah.

Marino Torrens: Carla Kelsey. Are they here, no? Okay. Okay. University of Florida.

Female: That's a good school.

Marino Torrens: Oh, nobody wins it because there's no name on it.

Female: (Inaudible)

Marino Torrens: 522786. If anybody has that ticket...but I don't know if, if they're not here how are we gonna notify 'em?

Female: Well we'll see if they have a ticket.

Female: Do you know the ticket.

Female: Get another ticket.

Marino Torrens: We got another ticket. Is anybody here with that ticket? Ticket number 522786?

Female: No name.

Marino Torrens: No name? Sorry.

Male: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: Herman Arrango(sp). That, okay, back there. Okay.

(Applause)

Female: Make sure we have there.

Marino Torrens: Hold on. What's the next one? Oh, there he is.

Female: Here, here, here.

Female: Christmas...

Marino Torrens: Congratulations. Okay. Christmas baby. That's a lot of babies huh?

Female: If you draw Diana we're gonna

Female: You better draw my name...

Marino Torrens: Carla Kelsey again.

Female: There she is.

Marino Torrens: Oh, there she is. You have two (2), I called you earlier.

Female: You got baby pink.

Marino Torrens: Baby pink. You won both of them. Congratulations. Okay. The University of Florida Baby. Another baby. Shit. What, what's that, a "C"?

Female: It looks like Goodard(sp)

Female: I have no idea. Clete?

Marino Torrens: Goodar, Goodard. Okay, the last name is Goodar. We can't tell the first name.

Female: Plete?

Marino Torrens: Plete or something? I can't, I can't tell who the first name is so.

Female: Clete Goodar.

Female: I have no idea.

Female: There's a phone number here.

Marino Torrens: There's a phone number so we'll notify him.

Female: Clete Gordar.

Marino Torrens: Where's the last one.

Female: Clete Gordar.

Marino Torrens: Are they here? No, okay. Okay, is this the last one?

Female: Yes.

Marino Torrens: Okay, this is last one. The ball signed by Abby Wambach.

(Multiple conversations)

Marino Torrens: It...are you...Clete...no, okay. The letters were like stuck together we couldn't tell. Thank you. Okay. Anne Graham. Oh. Congratsu-...

Female: Abby Wambach ball. Yeah.

Female: Just what she wants, an Abby Wambach ball.

Marino Torrens: Congratulations. Are we done?

Female: We're done. You draw too fast. Is this the one for the ball?

Marino Torrens: You got the numbers? Oh that's good. So we can talk about the budget? We gotta make some time.

Female: Budget.

Female: What's she got?

Marino Torrens: Okay. While we're doing that; while we're waiting for the numbers, the next thing on the agenda is the approval of the 2013 AGM Minutes tha-, that were in your books. Any corrections to those minutes that were there? All those in fav-, I need a motion to adopt the minutes from the 2013...

Male: (Inaudible).

Female: Second on that.

Marino Torrens: C?

Male: C-4.

Marino Torrens: C-4. (Inaudible) C-4 and second by Diana. All those in favor say "Aye".

Audience: "Aye".

Marino Torrens: Oppose?

Female: (Inaudible). What was it again?

Marino Torrens: The approval of the minutes.

Female: From the last year?

Female: Um-hum (affirmative).

Marino Torrens: Okay. After that we don't have any letters to read, so I think Carmen is coming up with the...you got the numbers?

Female: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: I want to do something.

Female: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: Make her cry.

Becky McLaren: No. Make her cry (inaudible) later.

Marino Torrens: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: No. 'Cause (inaudible).

(Both Becky and Marino talking in hushed voices)

Marino Torrens: ...people are gonna leave.

Becky McLaren: Okay that's fine. (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: Okay?

Becky McLaren: We'll get you a...

Marino Torrens: Don't go anywhere.

Becky McLaren: Don't go anywhere. Yeah, turn around.

Marino Torrens: Yes.

Becky McLaren: Don't...we don't...

Marino Torrens: Okay. For those of you that don't know Carmen; Carmen's been with us for 14 years, and this is her last official AGM as a staff member. She's retiring in January so I wanna...all of us to give her a nice hands of applause.

(Applause)

Marino Torrens: We're gonna try and find something for her to do next year at the AGM so she won't miss it that much. Thank you Carmen.

Carmen Massey: I love doing it (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: Okay. On the amendment to the...on the amendment to the motion; yes is 3,799, no's 2,391, abstained 21. The motion does pass. So the amendment to the motion does pass so now we have the original amendment with the addition of, "to become effective May 1, 2015". Yes ma'am.

Katherine Pennington: Thank you. Katherine Pennington, Top of Florida Soccer Club. I would like to make a motion to amend 1500.4 under Rules of Competition to require at least one (1) member from each Region to serve on that Commission and allow staff the flexibility toward it correctly.

Becky McLaren: Okay. Um, the (inaudible) Commission must have a minimum of three (3) Directors of Coaching as members and...

Female: From each Region.

Becky McLaren: ...and at least one (1) member from each Region...

Female: Each Region.

Becky McLaren: Correct?

Female: Yes ma'am.

Becky McLaren: Do we have a second to the amend-, to the amendment that was just proposed? I have a second from Mario Martinez, District Commissioner C-1. Is there any discussion?

Lew Confessore: Yes ma'am uh, discussion.

Becky McLaren: Lew Confessore.

Lew Confessore: Lew Confessore, Coral Estate Soccer Club. It's that late.

Becky McLaren: It's that late.

Lew Confessore: The uh...

Becky McLaren: He's already changed.

Lew Confessore: Yesterday we were told that there are two (2) members from each Region on that Commission.

Female: No (Inaudible).

Lew Confessore: Excuse me. I don't know whether it's true or not, we were told that at one of those meetings yesterday. So would someone tell us who's on the Commission now?

Becky McLaren: I would have to defer that to...

Female: To Bryan.

Becky McLaren: ...to Bryan.

Lew Confessore: Thank you.

(Two females talking in hushed tones).

Becky McLaren: I know.

Bryan Bachelder: Okay. Uh, just to be clear. I'm not uh, I'm not entirely sure of where the two (2) from each Region came from. We do have two (2) from "A", two (2) from "B", two (2) from "C". We do not have any uh, members from Region D. But when looking at a establishing the Committee, I'll get you the names in a second. I apologize for that. Uh, when looking to establish the Commission, we did approach the Region Vice Presidents as far as uh, gathering recommendations of people who would be willing to be on the Commission. Uh, that was discussed within the May uh, EC meeting of this year.

Uh, the names of the Commission Members are Bill Buren, Richie Gray, Jim DiNoble, Diana Hagerman, Bruce Connors, Patrick Zoete.

Male: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: Yes you may.

John Stacy: Uh, John Stacy Vice President Coach, Player Development. Uh, just, just so we're clear. The, the structure is we have a Commission and we have an Oversight Committee. Uh, the Oversight Committee is myself, Sandy Parker, Del Burk and...

Marino Torrens: Mike Strickler.

John Stacy: ...Mike Strickler. Um, and just so everyone's clear I, I am Region D so while I'm not on the official Commission, I am an Oversight Committee member and do work very closely with this Commission in formulating the Rules of Competition.

Tessie Goicoechea: Tessie Goicoechea, Bay United Soccer Club. Just point of clarification John, you're on the Oversight Committee, but you have no vote on that Commission.

John Stacy: That is true, yes.

Becky McLaren: Is there any other discussion on the amendment to the motion? (Inaudible - speaking under her breath).

Brendan Moriority: Brendan Moriority, Bradon River Soccer Club. By adding the word "and", you're changing the number of total Commissioners and/or you're gonna require at least one of the DOCs uh, so make sure uh, that's the word you want.

Becky McLaren: The make of the motion, did you want that "and" be three (3) Directors of Coaching and members and at least one (1) member from each Region? I need to change the sixth person at the top.

Katherine Pennington: No ma'am. I was, I was not recommending to changing the total number of people on the Commission. Um, and in, in my thought actually was that you establish a six (6) person committee comprised of at least one (1) person from each Region so that one (1) person could be a DOC, may not be a DOC um, so it was not my intention to change the total number.

Becky McLaren: So do you want it say, "to include at least one (1) member"?

Katherine Pennington: At least one (1) member from each Region.

Becky McLaren: Cody, can you change that a-, and to include at least one (1) member? Is that what, what's on the screen now what you intended?

Katherine Pennington: You're assuming I can see that.

Becky McLaren: I know, I'm sorry. It says um...thanks Cody. "The FSPL have a minimum of three (3) Directors of Coaching as members to include at least one (1) member from each Region." You can make it smaller Cody.

Katherine Pennington: I, I, I think as long as you understand what the intention is that we would give staff the authority to make it grammatically correct. I'm not sure that, that's completely...

Becky McLaren: That you want to have representation from each Region?

Katherine Pennington: ...that each Region will have representation on this commission.

Becky McLaren: I think that's probably...what?

Katherine Pennington: And they're not mutually exclusive. Think like a Venn diagram or something.

Becky McLaren: Okay.

Marino Torrens: Go ahead sir.

Joe Moran: Joe Moran, Pinellas Park United. I'm not sure I understand that's clearly to include at least one (1) member from each Region, Is it going to be including one (1) member of each Region where we can have basically a clarification? But at least one (1) member is that gonna be more or?

Becky McLaren: It could be...it has to be at least one (1) member so if it's a six (6) person committee that's designated at the thing, you have to have at least one (1) person from each Region that's four...

Joe Moran: Yeah...

Becky McLaren: ...A, B, C and D and then the two (2) others could come from...

Marino Torrens: Any one...

Becky McLaren: ...any one of the four (4) Regions.

Joe Moran: Okay, so including one (1) member of each Region could be uh, would be uh, more...

Becky McLaren: We'd make sure we have each Region represented, yes.

Scott Hilton: Scott Hilton with Creek Soccer. Could we uh...in looking at it, it doesn't read quite...I don't think we're all real confused.

Becky McLaren: (Inaudible) yeah.

Scott Hilton: I think if we were to say um, “and representation from each Region”.

Becky McLaren: “And representation...”

Scott Hilton: So in-, instead of, “to include at least one (1) member from each Region” to say, “and representation from each Region”.

Becky McLaren: Then that would uh, add a person.

Scott Hilton: N-, no, no. Because it would say...as long as...I mean again if you’re a Director of Coaching and, and you’re in my Region...

(Talking over each other)

Becky McLaren: Must...

Scott Hilton: ...you represent, you’re representing that Region. So, if you say versus “and representation from each Region you’re saying each Region...

Becky McLaren: Okay.

Scott Hilton: ...must have representation on the committee.

Becky McLaren: Cody. Okay. Lew.

Lew Confessore: Okay. Lew Confessore again. I have a, I have a concern about...why do we have a committee with only six (6) on it. Uh, it makes it a little difficult to come to some sort of a decision and um, why do we have an Oversight Committee that’s a part of the committee? The Board is the Board. The committee should be an entity and the...saying that you have an Oversight Committee over that Board, then they don’t vote so you have a six (6) member committee with no way to break ties.

Male: (Inaudible).

Lew Confessore: The VP of Competition is...

Becky McLaren: Well the VP of Competition is...will chair and establish a six (6) person committee. So the VP of Competition is the chair so that would be the seventh person.

Lew Confessore: Okay.

Becky McLaren: ‘Cause they’re the chair and you’d have six (6) other members.

LW: Thank you.

Becky McLaren: You’re welcome.

Steve Sassman: Regarding...Steve Sassman, District Commissioner B5. Regarding the wording, would it be proper to move the "representation of" up after the "six (6) person committee" with representation...with at least one (1) member from each Region as the designated...in other words, the way it reads now it looks like you need four (4) representatives to fill three (3) Directors of Coaching members.

Becky McLaren: Okay. Cody change the word "and"?

Marino Torrens: (Inaudible)

Becky McLaren: Put it...where do you want to put it Steve?

Steve Sassman: I would put it up, I think after six (6)per-, establish a six (6) person committee...

Becky McLaren: Committee with at least...

Steve Sassman: Yeah.

Becky McLaren: ...with at least one (1) member from each Region...

Steve Sassman: Yes.

Marino Torrens: Of whom at least (inaudible)

Becky McLaren: ...to be designated as a Florida State Premiere League Commission to establish the Rules of Competition and oversee operational decisions. The FSPL Commission must have a minimum of three (3) Directors of Coaching?

Marino Torrens: Yep.

Becky McLaren: Okay? Make that yellow and take the bottom one out. Yes ma'am.

Katherine Pennington: Katherine Pennington, Top of Florida Soccer Club. Um, we were having a discussion back here and I don't think it's clear the...because I'm interpreting the VP of Competition will chair and establish a six (6) person committee. So I'm reading that to, to believe that the VP of Competition is one (1) of the six (6) members, that it's not a seven (7) member commission. So if intent is that it be a seven (7) member commission including the VP of Communication (verbatim) as the Chairman, it may need to be reworded because I don't think it says that there. So I guess I'm asking for clarification from the Chair?

Becky McLaren: Okay.

Katherine Pennington: If it's a six (6) member or seven (7) member commission.

Becky McLaren: The VP of Competition will chair and establish a six (6) person committee. So they're gonna chair the committee and have six (6) members.

Katherine Pennington: I, I don't think that's clear.

Becky McLaren: Okay.

Katherine Pennington: Is it six (6) additional members? It doesn't...I don't think it says that...

Becky McLaren: Okay.

Katherine Pennington: ...we would ask for clarification.

Becky McLaren: Okay.

Donna Haase: Clarification, Donna Haase...

Becky McLaren: Yes Donna.

Donna Haase: ...DC. Um, in regards to the Commission itself are the, are...in the, in the committee are the people that are on the committee affiliates, memberships...members of an affiliation?

Becky McLaren: I believe that all of them right now are DOCs, so yes they are.

Marino Torrens: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: Except for one.

Bryan Bachelder: Alright, I'll try to clarify as much as I can. I believe that four (4) of the six (6) are affiliated with a uh, club. Currently one (1) of them previously served on the FYSA uh, Competition Committee and I believe uh, she, she ended up retiring last year. I do not believe that she's apparently attached to a club. I know there is a DOC which, I'm not entirely sure if or which affiliate he's currently registered to. As far as the six (6) person committee, this is something that we attempted to spell out within the Rules of Competition um, what our intent was as far as the Oversight Committee was simply to act as an advisory group. Uh, that, that one uh, was a part of the selection process for that commission uh, and also would ensure that those commission members who are members of affiliates uh, act in a manner with integrity um, and simply ensuring that uh, you know that we're doing our jobs. Uh, as far as the six (6) person committee goes and how you break ties; uh, within the Rules of Competition initially it was established that, that I would break the ties as the Florida State Premiere League Commissioner uh, only in the event of a tie. I do not have an active vote, but rather in the case of a tie I would be the determining uh, vote there. That's how it's been spelled out within rules of comp, however, you guys wanna do it here is fine. Obviously I would recommend doing what we tried to do.

(Inaudible – females speaking under breath)

Becky McLaren: Give me one second guys. I'm trying to think how to clarify this here. Go ahead.

John Stacy: I'm, I'm with this microphone way too much today um, I wanna be...I wanna make sure we're clear.

Becky McLaren: (Inaudible).

John Stacy: I'm, sorry, John Stacy, VP Coach and Player Development, all that good stuff. So this rule as outlined was not...is not being put forward by the, the Commission or the Oversight Committee. The way we've operat-, we've been operating, this rule will essentially will start over. Now the, the people who are in those roles may continue in and fill out the, the six (6) person committee uh, if the addition of the representation from each Region is required, we will have...and Bryan correct me, but there's no Region D um, person at this time so we will have to reformulate and basically comply with the terms of this. So I just wanna make sure that we're not, we're not necessarily trying to say that this is exactly how we're operating today. There is no Oversight Committee in this particularly model. And so um, the committee itself may choose to seek input from others from uh, the State staff from the other members of the...perhaps the EC, but this does not spell out an Oversight Committee at all.

John Dina: John Dina, Optimist. What's the duration for the members on that committee; how long? I mean should-, shouldn't that be established as well?

Becky McLaren: All of our...in our particular Bylaws already, all committees are established as a year.

John Dina: Would that qualify...

Becky McLaren: They serve for a year.

John Dina: ...would that follow in the...

Becky McLaren: That should follow the same thing.

John Dina: Should that be designated somewhere or?

Becky McLaren: It's already designated in our Bylaws. Um, what if the FYSA VP of Competition will Chair and select a six (6) person committee? Will that clarify?

Female: No

Becky McLaren: Would Chair and select a six (6) person committee? 'Cause they're gonna Chair and then they have to select six (6) people.

Katherine Pennington: Katherine Pennington, Top of Florida. I think you need to say is, "to select six (6) additional members. And I don't, I don't..."

Becky McLaren: Okay.

Katherine Pennington: ...know who the previous speaker was back here in the black shirt. Um, but...and he talked about in, in cases where the VP of Competition would break a tie...

Becky McLaren: Okay.

Katherine Pennington: ...you know those are not consistent with Robert's rules, so if you're gonna stray from Robert's rules then you need to put that in your Bylaws or something. I, I'm just...I know we're getting a stray here, but I...

Becky McLaren: Okay so..

Katherine Pennington: ...I think you need to say select six (6) for a total of seven (7).

Becky McLaren: Okay.

Katherine Pennington: I think you need to clarify if its, if it's the Chair plus six (6)...

Becky McLaren: Okay.

Katherine Pennington: You need somewhere to say for a total of seven (7) members.

Becky McLaren: Um, so at the end um, at a sentence at the end this committee will consist of seven (7) members?

Female: Including...

Becky McLaren: Including the Chair?

Katherine Pennington: And establish a six (6) person committee for a total of seven (7) members.

Becky McLaren: Okay. So...

Katherine Pennington: And I would amend my motion to reflect that.

Becky McLaren: Okay. So under after committee, "establish a six (6) person committee with seven (7) members"?

Katherine Pennington: For a total of seven (7) members...

Becky McLaren: For a total of seven (7) members...

Katherine Pennington: ...and at that point you need to put a comma there after seven (7) members.

Becky McLaren: And then a comma...

Katherine Pennington: Um-hum (affirmative).

Becky McLaren: ...with at least one member from each Region to be designated.

Katherine Pennington: Right.

Becky McLaren: And they...

Katherine Pennington: Well from each Region (comma), to be designated as the Florida State Premiere League Commission.

Becky McLaren: Okay Cody can you highlight the, "for a total number of seven (7)" also? Thank you. Okay.

Katherine Pennington: And I've amended my motion to reflect tha-, the change.

Becky McLaren: Okay. Does the person that second the amendment to this motion accept that? Yes? Okay.

Steve Sassman: Steve Sassman, District Commissioner D5. I just wanna make sure I'm clear. What's being proposed here is different from what Bryan is speaking to so it sounds like we're taking two (2) different committees. Bryan is speaking to what would exist if this amendment weren't passed or this motion weren't passed; and this rule uh...right now we should be focused on this rule.

Becky McLaren: That is correct.

Steve Sassman: Okay.

Becky McLaren: Okay. We have an amendment to the motion on the floor to add the highlighted section to 1500.4. Is there any other discussion on the amendment? Seeing no discussing, all those in favor of the amendment to the motion only, signify by saying "Aye"

Audience: "Aye".

Becky McLaren: Oppose?

Male: No.

Becky McLaren: Abstentions? The amendment passes. Alright. Now we will go back to the amended, amended motion that we now have on the floor. Is there any further discussion on the motion as it is presented now with the two (2) amendments that have been added?

Male: The whole motion; the whole rule change?

Becky McLaren: I'm sorry?

Male: The whole thing.

Becky McLaren: The whole thing. The whole thing with all the amendments in it.

Marino Torrens: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: Okay. He was there before. I'm sorry.

Male: (Inaudible) an order.

Louie Torres: Louie Torres, Clay County Soccer. Um, I have big problem wi-, I don't have a big problem with a lot of these things. The biggest problem I have is that we're having one entity basically, and it's not just one, but it's the League Commissioners around the State, various leagues um, aren't restricted as highly as your about to restrict FYSA with their own league which to me might be the most important league. You have flexibility to change and do what you want within your own leagues at almost any given time um, and I think that this is a little backwards. I think this is important. But I think establishing the FSPL Commission to establish whatever that league is gonna be in its structure, is less restricting then um...in doing that first and let them come up with what they believe is gonna be in the best interest and what serves our State the best. Just like what you do is in the best interest of what serves your teams, your leagues um, is probably gonna work better than us voting on something that's so restrictive as of right now. So...

(Applause)

Marino Torrens: I can't speak against him.

Becky McLaren: Anybody to speak for?

Charlie Graham: Yes, that's me. Charlie Graham, Satellite Beach Soccer Club. Uh, just to let you know, we're a very small club so we will probably have you know, one (1) team in that league you know, every couple years, hopefully. That's, that's a realistic goal and what we need for an elite program is a, is a league that everybody wants to get into. If you expand then it's by definition it become deluded. Now there is no...the way this is written there is no reason why there can't be a second division the following year after May 1, 2015. If the membership...if we agree that we want that. The, the, the reason I think there's all the angst in the room is the second division was created without everyone agreeing that we wanted to create a second division. This allows what is in place to move forward so everybody gets to play. Nothing really changes until May 1<sup>st</sup>. And from now until May 1<sup>st</sup> that we can have a survey, you can have a discussion whether a second division makes sense. It doesn't, it doesn't preclude it from happening far in the future, but what it does do is all those people that are very much opposed to a second division, it allows that to be as a you know, agreed upon. 'Cause we all agree we would like to

have a Florida State Premiere League. What we don't all agree about is if there should be a second division, and by doing this, this gives us a year to take care of that so we have um, input from all the clubs and there's plenty of time to talk about it just doesn't come, and, and without discussion.

Becky McLaren: Okay.

(Applause)

Marino Torrens: Is that for me? No, no, no. The only...the reason why I'm opposed to this rule because I have...Marino Torrens, President FY Soccer. I have a real problem putting Rules of Competition in our Bylaws and half of these things that are proposed in here are Rules of Competition. Okay? That's my problem with this. You're restricting the people that are gonna run the rules from the...that are gonna run the league, you're telling 'em what kind of rules they can have.

Unknown: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: Yes.

Charlie Graham: Um, Charlie Graham uh, Satellite Beach. I disagree. I believe the only thing that is being delineated is the number of teams in league, that FYSA...

Marino Torrens: (Inaudible) Rule of Competition.

Charlie Graham: I understand that.

Marino Torrens: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: Identify yourself please sir.

Male: Well I was making sure I got recognized.

Male: Um, I, I. I'm, I'm against.

Becky McLaren: Um, excuse me sir, you must identify yourself even though we know who you are.

Mike Strickler: Oh, I, I'm Mike Strickler uh, FYSA Director of Coaching. I thi-, I think the biggest issue that, that we look at here is, is I don't have any problem (stammering)...you know one of the things the Commission has done and, and I've, you know, I, I've listened in on a lot of their talks. They...there is...there has been discussion about the second tier whether it's positive or negative. Okay? And that was...and that, that, that went back and forth in that Commission. So, so, so it's, it's not like we're ignoring that, that being an issue. We understand that that may be an issue and we decided to move for-, they, the commission decided to move forward. Now here, here's, here's the piece that concerns me the most is it's, it's, it's all fair to have oversight by the affiliates. You know that's what the Commission is for is to , to give your input, that's what the meeting we had yesterday was to be able to

give our, the input and if the overwhelming input is something that we need to change within the league that's fine. But the way that we looking at here, we're gonna have to come back here okay? We've gotta come back here every year. And when do the clubs decide where they're going to play? They typically do that in the, you know, May/June timeframe, some of the bigger clubs. And if we put this in and have to do it here, we're actually behind the, behind the curve. And that doesn't allow us to be flexible enough where you know, we're you know...and I'll go back, back to what we did two (2) years ago. We implemented something two (2) years ago that in the time that we wasted other leagues started up within our State. Okay? Non-FYSA leagues. Okay? Because we had to wait until August to throw things out. If we, if we pass this then we're gonna have to wait. Now, if there's another, another way that you can see that you can affect what, what, what I...I think the intention of this rule is. And I don't have any problem with the intention okay? That there needs to be you know, they need to have some input. But we need to have a, a, a, a, an ability to react to situations, to react to you know, what the general consensus is, is without having to wait every August to do it. 'Cause if we wait 'til August, it's too late. Thank you.

(Applause)

Male: Um, as far as alternatives um, at that meeting we were talking about what it, the uh, um, Regional Premiere League that Region B is creating; that fulfills that mid-tier. And when we say regional it doesn't mean by our eight (8) regions, A, B, C and D, it would be geographical. That way your...one of the biggest complaints we hear is as you go up you have to travel so much further. Well if you're gonna have a tier at the top you're...it make se-, it's understanding that you're gonna have to travel a whole bunch. But if you're not in that tier and you get put in second tier and you're still having to travel all over the State, tha-, that, that isn't progression. You should have something between and that...the way this is written gives all the regions times to implement that by next year. This year would...you know everything would happen the way its scheduled this year, but that would be a better way to have uh, the competition at different levels. And, and we you know, Region 3 or what-, Region B, we're already having it this year um, in place. So hopefully most of the bugs will all be worked out and that can be modeled to all the other divisions. It gives us time. All this you know, the, the whole intention here...the only reason this...let me rephrase that. The only reason this amendment came was because there was more than 16 teams in what was implied or understood by all the clubs when the uh, Florida State Premiere League was discussed.

John Stacy: Uh, John Stacy, Vice President Coach/Player Development. Um, I'm against the uh, rule, this new rule in its current form. I, I, I agree with the maker of this rule that we should codify our, our programs. They should be part...they should come to the um, the affiliates for, for ratification. My concern is the restrictiveness of the current rule. Um, as I've said before I, I'm on the Oversight Committee uh, that reviewed the feedback that was obtained from across the State. It was obtained...it was, it was...we went to coaches, we went to administrators, we sought the opinion not...I'm not in a league, in fact, my team ap-, applied for this league, we did not get accepted. So um, and just for those

that don't know, I'm from Pensacola, way up in the Panhandle um, so this is not even a viable option for my, my teams to participate in, because of the travel and the other, the other um, various entry. That said, I want to mention the reason we, we sought a statewide league is to respond; and unfortunately, once again FYSA's responding to challenges from outside entities. We are not proactively competing to grow the game of soccer in this state. Other, other organizations have come in uh, and they are run in a much different way. They see an opportunity and much as IBM found in the 80's and 90's, it became less competitive because they thought they were "it", nobody else could compete. Well FYSA's not the only league anymore, we've got competition. We, as an organization need to be able to have flexibility to meet the challenges of the market place, and there is a demand for a first, in my opinion a first and second division. Beyond second I don't see it happening, but there is a demand and I'll just quote the numbers – 282 teams applied to participate in the Florida State Premiere League this year. That's up from 90? Ryan how participated last year?

Male: (Inaudible)

John Stacy: There were 140 last year that applied, 92 were in the League. This year, 282 teams applied, 176 have been accepted into the first and second division. Many of those teams were not part of State Cup Round of 16. Some I, I'm understanding weren't even part of State Cup at all and participated in competitive leagues, competitors leagues that are now looking at FYSA as a viable option for them to come back to. To basically come home to because all these teams that are in these other leagues, they were FSYA members to begin with and other people offered them a better option and took it. We're finally coming to the table with something that they want, and I for one want to see us bring those teams back into the fold because it will make everybody better across the board. Thanks.

(Applause)

Becky McLaren: Ladies and Gentleman, it's 10 to 11:00. Check out time is 11:00 and I know we have more discussion on this amendment. What I'm gonna ask that we do is that we break, go check out and we reconvene here at 11:30 and we will continue this discussion.

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Becky McLaren: If we could please take our seats. We need to get started. Now I can hear a pin drop.

Marino Torrens: When we broke, who was first? Anybody remember that?

Becky McLaren: I think the gentleman...John Stacy spoke last. I think the gentleman here was already coming to the microphone when I broke and my apologies. I know you needed to check out so...state your name and, and your affiliation please.

Pat Fazio: My name is Pat Fazio, I'm with Florida Keys Soccer Club. I just want a clarification. Um, I feel a little bit naïve with all that's going on this weekend. Uh, I was here two (2) years ago for the AGM just for clarification, and I was told there was going to be this elite league, 16 teams and everyone was "Oh

that's...okay we can live with that" and so forth. Now I'm hearing about the second tier, which is fine to a point. I just don't know how many teams are in this second tier. Can you clarify how deep this is gonna go? I just want a clarification.

Becky McLaren: Bryan, I'm gonna defer to you my dear.

Bryan Bachelder: Bryan Bachelder, FYSA Staff. Currently there are 58 total teams who currently participate in what we would call the League II of our uh, Florida State Premiere League. Uh, those age groups are specifically restricted to the 14 boys thru 18 boys, and 14 girls and 15 girls. Uh, the determination of actually expanding uh, into that was determined by the Commission in evaluating the strength of teams that apply uh, and doing so looked at the competitiveness of those teams. But the answer is 58 total uh, at this time. As to where it would go from here, to be quite honest with you, I can't tell you where it would go from here, but rather that the direction would, would be determined by 1) the Commission thru the feedback from the clubs participating in the league.

Becky McLaren: Alright. Thank you.

Female: I'd like to offer an amendment.

Becky McLaren: Identify yourself please.

Catherine Pennington: Catherine Pennington, Top of Florida Soccer Club. I'm trying to get to "yes" on this amen-, no this amendment. I'm trying really hard to get to "yes". Um, my amendment in 1500.1 on the second line, I would add a period after competition; delete the rest of that sentence; delete 1500.2, delete 1500.3 and I'd like to speak to the amendment.

Becky McLaren: I need a second first please.

Marino Torrens: (Inaudible) I second.

Becky McLaren: We got a second here from the...

Marino Torrens: So we can talk about it.

Becky McLaren: ...I'm sorry. The gentleman in the red.

Richard Kreba: Richard Kreba, Treasurer, Coast Soccer League.

Becky McLaren: Okay. Go ahead.

Catherine Pennington: Thank you. I, I, I'm a volunteer with Top of Florida Soccer Club and I, I do have a real job that pays my salary and I deal everyday with, with laws and regulations that get passed, that overregulate, that don't do what people want to accomplish and tie the hands of the people that you've given authority and the people that you've vested that authority in to do something. I, I believe that,

that the Executive Board and the Board of Directors already has authority to do this under page 8 of the Bylaws in Section 5. But with that said I've listened to people here talk about the qual-, the good qualities of the Florida State Premiere League. But if you're going to have a Florida State Premiere League Commission, don't tie their hands.

(Applause)

Catherine Pennington: You're overregulating that, an-, and give them the authority to establish those Rules of Competition. I specifically have some, some little issues restricting it to State Cup. Um, State Cup's an expensive proposition and there are a lot of good teams uh, maybe even better teams that go to Presidents Cup, you're automatically eliminating them. Let the Commission go to that; let the Commission deal with that; and let the Commission hear the debate that we've heard here today. I don't know that this is the appropriate forum to debate the specifics of this. Thank you.

(Applause)

Alan Vegan: Alan Vegan, South Florida United. I would oppose that amendment because basically it takes away the whole point of the rule that was being presented. The purpose of the rule was being presented was: when this first came about we were promised, by FYSA, that they weren't competing with local leagues, that they were going to limit it only to the elite and that this would be about player development of the elite players. And that's all fine, but now exactly what we were afraid of happening when it first came up, which is this sort of bracket creep of continuing to expand it. And now we're gonna basically...the statewide organization is gonna be really directly competing with every single regional competition, with every regional leagues and that's exactly what we were trying to prevent from the , from the beginning and we were promised it would never happen. This amendment just takes away the whole thing and basically says well the Commission will just do whatever it, it wants to do. Uh, the purpose of having this new rule is to try to limit the Statewide League to what it was originally proposed to be and what it was originally promised to all of us to be.

Becky McLaren: Speaking "for" or "against".

Male: Uh, this is speaking against.

Becky McLaren: Okay. I need another "for" first.

Male: (Inaudible).

Male: Uh, no I'm...

Becky McLaren: This is...we already passed the other amendment, now were on this new amendment. And it's the...what...Cody can you highlight that in a different color? Okay. What is highlighted in yellow

is what they want...is what the new amendment is highlighted in yellow and stricken through. "For" or "against" sir?

Male: I'm, I'm aga-, against that.

Becky McLaren: Okay. I need...I have to have another "for" before we can have anybody else speak "against". Okay? Seeing no other discussion "for" then the discussion stops here because we...our standing procedures say you have to alternate. All those in favor...

Female: Wait a minute, wait a minute.

Becky McLaren: I'm sorry. Yes ma'am.

Catherine Pennington: Catherine Pennington, Top of Florida. To I get the opportunity to close on my amendment?

Becky McLaren: To what?

Catherine Pennington: To close?

Becky McLaren: Yes, you can.

Catherine Pennington: Oh, okay. Um, just, just in response to what you did here. What I heard are a lot of people wanting to codify this Premiere League. That is what the amendment would do. It would still do that, and it would vest that authority in the democratic process of that commission. And if we can't put our trust, trust in that democratic process, then I don't know why we're here. Thank you.

Mike Hyatt: Alright. Mike Hyatt, Greater Central Florida East Soccer League...

Catherine Pennington: Closed, I closed (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: No, but he has...because you speak "for", I have to let him speak "against".

Male: Oh, okay.

Catherine Pennington: Point of Order please.

Becky McLaren: Yes.

Catherine Pennington: I closed on the amendment. There's no more debate.

Male: No (inaudible).

Becky McLaren: But you spo-...

Catherine Pennington: I'm the sponsor of the amendment.

Mike Hyatt: Can I speak or not or do I...

Becky McLaren: Yes, go ahead.

Mike Hyatt: Alright, thank you.

Becky McLaren: Identify yourself please.

Mike Hyatt: Mike Hyatt, Greater Central Florida Youth Soccer League. Um, actually I think that, that definitely needs to stay in there because in 2012 when this all came up um, it was kind of like the...nobody had a choice in the matter of what happened. So all they're trying to do today with the whole entire thing is to do now what should've been done back then. Uh, is to have a guideline to go by um, so it doesn't get watered down. Uh, the teams that are in the second tier still have...the-, they're there for this year, you know. And, and where does it go from there? Um, I mean we're talking at 16, now its 32, when does it go to 64; when does it, you know, the, the, the State take over everything? And I know that that's not really not a thing, but all we're talking about is, is setting some guidelines that should've been done in 2012, we're just doing it now. So thank you.

(Applause)

Lew Confessore: No, he's speaking for the motion.

Becky McLaren: Lew speaking "for" or "against"?

I'm calling to question on the amendment.

Becky McLaren: Alright. The question has been called on the amendment to the motion. If you vote "yes", you are voting to remove what is highlighted in yellow and lined through. If you vote "no", you are voting to leave it in, just so I have it clarified so that everybody understands where we are. All those in favor of the amended motion, signify by saying "Aye".

Audience: "Aye".

Becky McLaren: All those opposed say "Nay".

Audience: "Nay".

Becky McLaren: We will go...any abstentions? Seeing no abstentions, get out your ballots, it's Ballot C. "Yes" you are for the amendment to remove what's been highlighted, "no" you are against.

Marino Torrens: Okay. Please make sure you pass 'em to the middle, all your ballots. If not raise your hand so we can pick it up if we haven't picked it up yet. Cod-, Cody's getting his (inaudible) right ready there, so that group right there.

Male: Thank you.

Marino Torrens: Okay. Has anybody...has everybody turned it in...anybody has one raise your hand. Right here. Anybody else?

Male: They called it?

Marino Torrens: Every one turned it in right? Whose no? We're gonna charge you for being late. (Inaudible) you ready for the Budget, Diana, you ready for the Budget? You ready for the Budget? I want (inaudible) this. Let's go. Okay. While they're doing those calculations, Diana Robertson's gonna talk about the proposed Budget, Fiscal Year 2014, just to catch up on things.

Diana Robertson: Just trying to move along while we're waiting on the votes. Okay. So the pretty pink paper in your book has the Budget. Um, the first page uh, is the current year approved Budget and the current year actuals. Um, as you can see the bottom line does show a \$600,000 positive, but that is because all of the State Cup and Regional and National expenses are still being uh, entered so that will go down, but I do feel it'll be a healthy bottom line. On the back side you will see, again the 13/14 approved Budget and the 14/15 Budget. Uh, we do show a budgeted loss of \$68,000 based on the uh, programs budget that were submitted. Um, I don't feel that that will be a problem because every year we do have a lot of expenses that don't necessarily occur or are less than we expect them to be. And I still feel we'll end up at the end of next year with a positive bottom line. Um, I'm just reading my notes, hang on a second. Because we're trying to absorb some of the increases in the cost so that your fees don't go up, that's probably why it looks like \$68,000 negative. Um, but for example FYSA Bucks, we have a budget in there, it doesn't always get used 100 percent, so that's why the actuals may change a little bit by the end of year, that's just one example. Are there any questions?

Marino Torrens: A motion.

Diana Robertson: Oh, a motion to approve?

Female: Second.

Marino Torrens: Second.

Diana Robertson: That was by Becky? She didn't say her name? Uh, those in favor please sa-...

Marino Torrens: Any comments.

Diana Robertson: Any comments?

Marino Torrens: (Inaudible).

Diana Robertson: Sorry. I'm not as good as Becky.

Christine McCarron: I have uh, a question. Christine McCarron with Tampa Bay United. On your actuals for 2013/2014, you had \$142,000 plus in miscellaneous expenses which was about \$90,000 over your proposed budget of \$52.2...

Diana Robertson: I know.

Christine McCarron: ...what constitutes those miscellaneous expenses?

Diana Robertson: I don't have the detail, but usually miscellaneous are items that don't fall into any other category that are currently in the Chart of Accounts. I will...I can get with Carmen to get the details.

Christine McCarron: To you provide a P&L Statement?

Diana Robertson: They are normally...Actuals are posted on the Website.

Christine McCarron: Okay. And I have, I have another question for you. On the "Totaled Sponsored Tournaments", does that comprise of Region Cup, Presidents Cup, State Cup?

Diana Robertson: Yes.

Christine McCarron: And is the Florida State Premiere League also in that line item?

Diana Robertson: I be-...

Christine McCarron: 'Cause ODP has a separate line item since that is a sponsored event by FYSA. Should Florida State Premiere League also have a line item?

Diana Robertson: It is a tournament. Is that right? No, it's a league...

Christine McCarron: It's a league.

Diana Robertson: So I'm going to say at this point it may be included in there and not...

Carmen Massey: Yes it is.

Diana Robertson: It is. Carmen's counting, but she said yes it is.

Christine McCarron: Do you think going forward it should be its own line item since it's not a tournament but it is a spons-...

Diana Robertson: We could to that...

Christine McCarron: Yeah, 'cause break-out ODP in that into their own line item. Thank you.

Diana Robertson: Um-hum (affirmative). Any other questions? I make a motion to approve next years...

Marino Torrens: No you already did.

Diana Robertson: Oh, I'm sorry, call a vote. Uh, those in favor say "Aye".

Audience: "Aye".

Diana Robertson: Those opposed? Do I have to say abstained? Those abstained? Thank you. Uh, one last thing, one quick moment? Uh, would the following clubs, if they are here, could you just stand for a moment? These clubs submitted and received uh, monies awarded through the FYSA Foundation that we did create a couple years ago. Uh, is Tarpon Springs Soccer Association, Deltona Youth Soccer Association, Arlington Football Club, and Satellite Beach Soccer Club...those clubs were awarded by the Foundation to receive some monies through...from uh, the earnings of the investment for the Foundation last year. I commend you all and uh, after the meeting if you go to the back, we have cute little checks to take you picture of to post on the Website. Thank you.

(Applause)

Marino Torrens: Carmen, are we, are we almost there?

Carmen Massey: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: Okay. Again, no Cuban minutes please. Okay. Any unfinished business that we need to discuss?

Female: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: You wanna...you brought it up.

Becky McLaren: I believe last year at this we formed a committee that Mr. Confessore was head of about the restructure of FYSA. Uh, Lew with uh, the Board of Directors...um, Lew do you wanna say anything about what your committee found or where their direction is?

Lew Confessore: The committee report uh, got lost in uh, the uh, work time of the person who volunteered to uh, put them forward. The committee did meet several times on the telephone. The State Association picked up the tab for the telephone calls and there were several recommendations, but they do not appear in your book. So uh, you're not gonna see them probably 'til next year.

Marino Torrens: Any other...you wanna talk about that...you were part of the committee?

Usha Vargas: Yes I was part of the committee...Usha Vargas, Secretary. Um, I promise you that we will get that done as soon as possible. And it, if it needs to go out to membership, we can do that as well.

Marino Torrens: Okay. Okay. Any new business? Mr. Sutter, you've been with us...listening to all this, anything you need to...you wanna discuss, talk as President of...actually the, who oversees us, so.

John Sutter: If I can um...

Marino Torrens: Yeah.

John Sutter: I was going to, to speak against and about the different amendment things and was going to ask someone to seed my, their time so I could do it. So normally I don't get involved, but I urge you to consider very carefully what it is that you're looking at doing right now. Uh, USU Soccer just spent a year and three (3) meetings of calling all of our members together to look at changing our Bylaws. And the reason that we did that is, is because I had, as President, as presidents before me, had to bring everything we were going to do before our members, which were our 55 State Associations, Florida Youth being one of them. And everything we did as USU Soccer had to have the approval of the members. So it took us years to get anything done. Club Pass took us three (3) years to get done. To change our National Comp-, National Championship Rules took us years to get them done. The market place will not allow you to take years to address what you want to do, whether it be competition that's coming in or a new idea you have cannot take you years. The market place won't let th-, they will be gone. Um, and so I, I really urge you to think about what it is you're doing when you start to restrict what it is that you do. Ha-, had this passed, I don't know whether it will or not, having the first and the fourth are fine. You set up a, uh, a league and then you go ahead and give it over to the Commission to let them run. Uh, ultimately everything that they do will come under review of the body and you can bring it up here to it. But if it all stays intact and you pass it, it's two (2) years to do anything. Because if they have to bring it here next July or next August, and even if you approve it, it's too soon to do it for the year you're just about to enter. So any change is two (2) years in the making. How can you respond to competition; how can you head off competition, if you're thinking in two (2) year moves? You cannot do that in today's market. You cannot do that in today's market place. Okay? Like I said it took USU Soccer an entire year, three (3) meetings, a quarter million dollars, that some of our members questioned whether we should spend or not. But at the end of the day we completely revised our Bylaws. We took away some of the voting that the State's went, went to vote on, and we empowered the commissions, we empowered our Competition Committees to go ahead and do what they needed to do for competition with oversight of the Board of Directors. And at some point in time, you have to put your faith in the leadership you've elected or you have to question why you elected them. And so allow them the freedom to be able to do what they need to do to make your programs better, we talked about it. Please don't handcuff them and then be mad at the results when someone comes in and you

lose thousands of, of members. Uh, north, northeast and Region I lost 50,000 players to the stroke of a pen, okay? Because they're not able to move fast enough, they're not able to offer what the players, what their DOCs, what the, what the teams are demanding of them. And if you handcuff yourself then, then unfortunately you can't be surprised at the result. But think about it in terms of remaining flexible, and remaining viable and uh, and uh, I urge you to do that. Thank you.

(Applause)

Becky McLaren: Have the results of the am-, the vote for the amendment of the motion...yes - is 3,035, no - 2,915 and 56 abstentions. So the amendment to the motion would pass.

(Applause)

Becky McLaren: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: (Inaudible). We go somebody coming to the microphone.

Becky McLaren: I know. So now we would be...for the amended motion would go to 1500.1 and then 1500.4 would be renumbered to 1500.2, and the ones in the center would be removed. So Cody if you could delete what you have the line through. Now we have this motion on the floor. Is there any discussion on the new motion?

Alan Mayer: Alan Mayer, Deltona Youth Soccer. And uh, and with all due respect to the last speaker, I agree with him 100 percent that in the market it has to be able to move quickly. But moving quickly doesn't necessarily mean you're moving in the right direction. And I question whether this is in the right direction. We started with the, the comment that, that we've got competitors providing more competitive environments. This proposal initially started out making allowances for 16 teams which is a drop in the bucket, it doesn't go and address the issue. The issue here is a unilateral option to expand it while only talking to the clubs involved with those 16, those 16 teams I believe. The fact is we represent a lot more teams and a lot more programs, and this problem goes much, much deeper than just 16 teams. The fact of the matter is today when you apply to, to be one of those 16 and you don't make it, you've already opened the door to say I'm looking for another option. And actually encourage people to go out and look at what else is out there. Instead of rushing down a path that really hasn't been well thought out to solve the problem, I would actually encourage that we put forth here a "sunset provision" that basically says, look we're already pregnant. Let this thing stand for a year, but it goes away in a year unless we put forth a provision that addresses the competitive situation from top to bottom and addresses all the League questions. Otherwise, what you're basically doing is you're going to run down a path and you're gonna suffer the consequences of, of unexpected consequences. And you'll create more problems than you've solved. At this point you do not have the voice of the leagues involved and you don't have the voice of, of uh, recreational soccer, you don't have the voice of the D-II soccer elements. All you have is, is clubs that had 16 teams and that isn't represented in this, in this

room. In fact, I would even go and hazard to say that if looked at where those 16 teams came from, they probably came from the larger groups that had larger players that could pull a D-I or better team together. So the statistics are already weighed this over towards the larger clubs. And yet if we're here to develop soccer, then it's at the other end of, of the path that we have to account for as well and that's the players coming into the game. And so I would put forth here that I think you're rushing down a path that actually helps our competition and you're ignoring the very voices in the leagues alright, that are dealing with this issue today. And so I would put forth that we offer whatever verbiage is necessary, but a "sunset provision" that says, yes go forward with the plan, you've already committed to these, to these teams, but that next year, this thing goes away unless there's a better provision that's put forth that you can get the full membership here behind. And yes it may take two (2) years, but I've been in enough product roll-outs and businesses where a rush to judgment actually crea-, actually helps your competition. Speed isn't the answer, getting it the right the first time is. We didn't get it right the first time. That's all I have to say.

(Applause)

Becky McLaren: Anybody to speak "for"?

Charlie Graham: Like I said I'm not a lawyer. Charlie Graham, Satellite Beach. Um, what about entering into what has been amended, an amendment that says 15.1.3 um, that there will be 16 teams in each Division effective May 1, 2015, and that that...or what I'm looking for is a date that we're...we have time to plan either "for" or "against" that. I think that is the thinking point and whether it would make more sense to make it uh, 2015 or 2016, I'm okay. I just think we need to have that in there that um, all the clubs are gonna have their input before we've moved beyond where we should've moved in the first place. Do you have a recommendation...

Marino Torrens: Oh no, I was gonna...

Charlie Graham: ...to the amendment?

Marino Torrens: ...talk after you. I'm sorry. (Inaudible).

Charlie Graham: Okay.

Marino Torrens: I, I was waiting for you.

Becky McLaren: What we could possibly do is we could...what we could do is actually um, send out a survey to "all" of our affiliates and get the results from that survey and that could be done while this is going on so that it could be brought back...it could be given to the Commission so that they have...because what...in essence what this is doing is giving the Commission the ability to set the Rules of Competition, the qualifications and things. So we could send that out to all of the membership, a

survey with that so that it comes back and it's given to this seven (7) person commission so that they can use that to make decisions that would affect the whole membership.

Charlie Graham: But a, a survey is just a survey, it doesn't change anything right?

Becky McLaren: No...

Charlie Graham: So even if the survey came back 90 percent, whatever, the Commission could still say, well we don't care that the 90 percent said this, we can do something else. I know that gets into a political arena, but yo-, you understand where I'm going. I, the little guys wanna make sure our vote really counts it's not just a paper trail.

Steve Sassman: Steve Sassman, District Commissioner B-5. I, I heard a lot of good ideas and a lot of thought, but I really don't know that this is the place to try to rewrite this whole rule. So at this time I would like to make a motion to table this for further discussion and put it before the EC at their next meeting and they can put it out to membership for a vote.

Becky McLaren: For a vote or to form a committee...

Steve Sassman: Well uh, I read a little bit about the rule change process, but I'm not quite clear, but I believe the EC has the power to recommend a change that they can present at the next, at the next...

Becky McLaren: At the next...

Steve Sassman: ...meeting.

Becky McLaren: ...Board of Directors Meeting?

Steve Sassman: Yes. And so what I'm offering you is let's table this, let's get both sides together and, and move down that path 'cause we're not gonna solve this today, I don't believe. That's that so I'm making a motion to table.

Becky McLaren: There's a motion on the floor to table and there's been a second. Is there any discussion about the motion to table? It's been...

Marino Torrens: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: It's been moved and seconded to table this. All those in favor on tabling the motion, signify by saying "Aye".

Audience: "Aye".

Becky McLaren: Opposed?

Audience: "No", "Nay".

Marino Torrens: We done it, we done it for everything else. Ballot...go to...

Becky McLaren: Go to Ballot D...

Marino Torrens: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: ...go to Ballot D. I wanna make sure that we get this one correct. So if you'll pull out Ballot D. "Yes" you are in favor of tabling the motion, "No" you do not want to.

Female: I'm sorry but (inaudible).

(Marino and Becky talking)

Marino Torrens: I like that one. I like how it is now.

Becky McLaren: I am too. I (inaudible).

Marino Torrens: I got \$20 on Nick. I put, I put my money on Nick. (Inaudible) I like that one.

Female: Yeah.

Marino Torrens: Wait uh, okay. Anybody else? Cody you...that's one up front. He's slow. Okay. Everybody turn to Alison. No, okay. Are they recording? Not up here. We don't want you. I think you, you hearing things already. No. Are they just...are they loosing...okay we collected every ballot? Every...anybody else raise your hand. No. Okay. The last thing I got on my agenda before we finish with this is approvals of the actions of the Board of Directors for 2013/2014 Seasonal Year. Do I need...do I have a motion to approve the actions of the Board of Directors for the 2013/2014 Seasonal Year?

Male: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: Is there a second?

Female: Second it.

Marino Torrens: Okay. Any comments on the approval of the actions of the Board of Directors for 2013/2014?

Male: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: That would be none. All those in favor say "Aye".

Audience: "Aye".

Marino Torrens: Opposed?

Male: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: You guys wanna wait for the votes or do you wanna start elections?

Female: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: Abstentions, I'm sorry?

Female: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: Okay then. Go ahead, we'll go with the first one which is oh, uh, I gotta...I'll get out of the way.

Usha Vargas: Okay. At this time we'd like to uh, hold elections for the position of President of FYSA. May I have a nomination on floor? I'd like to open it up.

Female: I nominate Marino Torrens

Female: Second.

Female: Third.

Female: Sixth.

Usha Vargas: Are there any other nominations on the floor? Okay. The nomination is now considered closed...

Female: (Inaudible) motion.

Usha Vargas: I'd like a motion to close the nomination.

Female: I (inaudible) the nomination.

Usha Vargas: Second? Anyone second?

Male: I'll second.

Usha Vargas: Okay. Mr. Marino Torrens the re-elected President of FYSA.

Marino Torrens: Thank you.

(Applause).

Usha Vargas: Okay. We now move on to election for the position of Treasurer on the FYSA Board.  
We'd like to open up nominations for Treasurer.

Female: I nominate Diana Robertson.

Female: Second it.

Female: (Inaudible) nomination.

Usha Vargas: Okay.

Female: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: (Inaudible).

Usha Vargas: There was a nomination by Donna Haase, District Commissioner D II, and seconded by Ronda (inaudible)...

Marino Torrens: (Inaudible).

Usha Vargas: ...for the position of Treasurer.

Marino Torrens: For who?

Usha Vargas: For, oh for...I am sorry, for Diana Robertson. Are there any other nominations?

Female: I move to close on the (inaudible).

Marino Torrens: Second.

Usha Vargas: Okay. Nominations are now closed. So the position of Treasurer goes to Diana Robertson.

(Applause)

Usha Vargas: Okay. We would now like to open up the nomination for Vice President of Administration and Communication on the FYSA Board.

Terri Towers: Terri Towers, DC III B. I'd like to nominate Becky McLaren for the Vice President of Administration and Communication.

Male: Second.

Usha Vargas: Seconded by who please?

Female: Jeff Kurzer.

Marino Torrens: Jeff Kurzer.

Usha Vargas: Jeff Kurzer, okay. Are there any other nominations?

Marino Torrens: (Inaudible).

Usha Vargas: The nominations are...motion to...

Marino Torrens: Motion to close the nomination.

Usha Vargas: Okay. Nominations are now closed. Becky McLaren you are still the Vice President of Administration and Communication.

(Applause)

Marino Torrens: Okay. Now as most of you know that Tommy Thompson retired during year and Usha Vargas has been appointed to Secretary to cover to end the year by our rules. The position is open for a one (1) year term until the original term comes up at the next AGM. So I opened the uh, the nomination for Secretary for the...to finish the term that Tommy Thompson could not finish.

Lew Confessore: I would like to nominate...

Female: Lew identify yourself.

Marino Torrens: I don't...who are you?

Lew Confessore: ...for Treasurer. Oh, okay. I hope they get my name spelled right. Lew Confessore, from Coral Estate Soccer Club. I would like to nominate Usha Vargas.

Female: I second it.

Marino Torrens: Is that a second by District Commissioner B II.

Lew Confessore: Usha.

Marino Torrens: For Usha. Any other nominations for the position of Secretary?

Female: I move that we close nominations.

Marino Torrens: Congratulations.

(Applause).

Marino Torrens: Thank you. Now you gotta do that (inaudible).

Usha Vargas: I'd like to now open up nominations for the Vice President of Region B...

Female: (Inaudible).

Usha Vargas: ...so this election is only for Region B.

Steve Sassman: Steve Sassman, District Commissioner B IV. I'd like to nominate Rhonda Link-Cummings for Vice President, Region B please.

Usha Vargas: Very good. Any second? Okay.

Marino Torrens: Second (inaudible).

Usha Vargas: Okay. Any other nominations?

Mike Hyatt: Mike Hyatt, President, Greater Central Florida Youth Soccer League. Uh, I'd like to nominate the lady that made our uh, afghans and everything.

Female: (Inaudible).

Mike Hyatt: You just did?

Female: (Inaudible).

(Laughter)

Mike Hyatt: I second that nomination. Thank you very much.

(Laughter and applause)

Usha Vargas: Are there any other nominations for Vice President, Region B?

Female: (Inaudible) to close nominations...

Male: Second.

Usha Vargas: Okay. So Rhonda Link you are still the Vice President of Region B.

(Applause).

Marino Torrens: Before we, before we go to the next one. All those raffle things, she did those things through the whole year, and we collected \$423 that are gonna be used to uh, for...

Female: For scholarships.

Marino Torrens: ...for scholarships in the Foundation.

(Applause)

Marino Torrens: (Inaudible).

Usha Vargas: Okay. Moving right along. We now have the uh, the last position, Vice President of Region D. So only folks from Region D are eligible to do this.

Tessie Goicoechea: Tessie Goicoechea, Bay United Soccer Club. I'd like to nominate Bill Modrow.

John Stacy: John Stacy, second.

Male: (Inaudible).

(Laughter)

Male: Can we get a recount?

Female: (Inaudible) move to close.

Usha Vargas: Any other nominations?

Female: (Inaudible).

Usha Vargas: I need a second on that move?

Marino Torrens: Second, I'm sorry whatever it was.

Usha Vargas: Okay. Bill Modrow, you're still the Vice President of Region D.

(Applause)

Marino Torrens: Okay. That's what I thought.

Female: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: I have the results from the vote to table the motion. Yes to table – 3, 799, no – 2,303; so the motion is tabled.

(Applause)

Marino Torrens: No for, for the good of the game, why couldn't you make the motion about two (2) hours ago? No, I'm only kidding

Female: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: Okay.

Becky McLaren: Marino (inaudible).

Marino Torrens: No, did every...for the good of the game. There was a lot of discussion on this motion and I, I, I'm, as your I guess, re-elected President, I would like to call Marcos to get with Becky McLaren within the next month or so and try to rework something that we can bring back to the Commission to be brought up to the...I'm sorry?

Female: To the membership (inaudible).

Marino Torrens: ...to the Commission to review, uh work with the Commission so that we can bring something up to this membership soo-, as soon as possible, if that's what you still would like to do.

Female: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: Lew?

Lew Confessore: For the good of the game. I think you guys need a Parliamentarian in this place while we have AGMs.

Becky McLaren: What?

Marino Torrens: Okay.

Female: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: Parliamentarian. That's what he said. Okay. Anything else for the good of the game? Yes sir.

Gregor Gramlich: Uh, Gregor Gamlich from Florida Celtic. I think that um, it's a good idea to get the original draft of the amendment and Becky...

Marino Torrens: Right, that's why I said Marcos was the original drafter, I'm sorry, I didn't clarify that.

Gregor Gramlich: Now my, my comment on that is that the uh, the, the timetable for that shouldn't necessarily be set for, "as soon as possible", although the discussion should start soon...

Marino Torrens: Right.

Gregor Gramlich: ...but I think the uh, objective also would be to how this season starts to play out since this might be a good uh, litness(sp) test for going forward in different uh...different age groups have different quantities of players. You can see the results of that later on in the season as well.

Marino Torrens: Okay. Okay. Anything else for the good of the game?

Mike Hyatt: Mike Hyatt, Greater Central Florida Youth Soccer League. I'd like to nominate Rhonda, no wait a minute, wait a minute. Um, I don't know if it's...I guess it's for the good of the game when we're

talking about our AGM here. Um, and, and, and, and all respect to my friend Steve uh, to table things um, that's why we're here at the AGM, it's the Annual General Meeting. It's a time for...where all affiliates have a say in what happens with our organ-, organization. Um, and to table things to a point and time when all the affiliates aren't able to be there and not get a say...you know I think that for a lot of us in the room whom are...gosh let's just get the meeting over with so we can go you know. Whatever time it takes to get things right I think is, is what we need to look at in the future, 'cause I love FYSA, I love what we do and all, so let's just take the time to do it right when we have the chance for everybody to have a say and do it right...

Marino Torrens: Thank you.

(Applause)

Marino Torrens: Steve.

Steve Sassman: Steve Sassman, District Commissioner B IV. So I have an observation for you all today. If the Committee doesn't put forth rule changes...nobody else submitted a rule change this year or, or there were very few...

Marino Torrens: (Inaudible).

Steve Sassman: ...rule changes submitted by members or affiliates.

Marino Torrens: One.

Steve Sassman: One. And that's okay, because there are rules. But I would also say, you know as John pointed out, we need to trust the Board, but look who nominated folks for the Board positions that are currently up there. It was the DCs and members on, on the Board. It wasn't you all.

Unknown: (Inaudible).

Steve Sassman: I'm sorry, one person, yep. If you want 'em changed, then you need to get engaged. And, and I'll respond to Mike real quick. It wasn't, it wasn't that I wanted to get out of here. Marino, I know...Marino was teasing me 'cause I should've done two hours ago. No, it has to play out. But if we're sitting here a locked, then get everybody together that has spots on it separately so we're not tying everyone up. Thank you.

(Applause)

Marino Torrens: Anything else? No. I'm sorry, I didn't see you.

Becky McLaren: You didn't see me 'cause you were in the way. As Mari-, when Marino just stated for me to get with Marcos um, there were quite a few people in here who are very passionate about

speaking “for” and “against” and to make amendments to this. I’m gonna tell you that I am going to um, get with Marcos but I’m also going to get with Marcos because I think we need to also do a survey that’s going to go out to all of you so that we can get your thoughts back on this so that we can bring something back to you. Um, some of the people who made amendments to the motions and things, if you would like to serve on this Committee, I ask that when we adjourn here, please come up and see me and give me your contact information so that I can have you with us in this discussion because I think that’s important if we want to truly bring back something to the membership that all of us can agree on or we can come to some consensus that is important to have other people that are involved. But I can tell you that we will put together a survey and we’ll get that survey out to you as quickly as possible, but I also wanna make sure that we make it encompassing to include the things that were discussed here in the points. So I wanna tell you all that we will do that and I ask you that when you get that e-mail, that you as administrators of your clubs make sure you take the time to discuss it with your other board members of your clubs, with your directors of coaching of your clubs, and that you make sure that you respond to the survey and you send us back so we have a true representation of the people in this room.

Marino Torrens: Anybody else for the good of the game?

Male: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: Yeah, they both don’t fit in there.

Male: (Inaudible). Yeah I guess so. I’m gaining some weight. Um, I wanna thank...

Male: Who are you?

Dave Ditillio: To the road, I’m Dave Ditillio, VP for Region C. I wanna thank John Sutter for coming here this weekend and pleased for our 40<sup>th</sup> year. Don’t be a stranger, come back next year and I will show you how to drive a golf cart.

(Applause)

Marino Torrens: Mike, for the goo-, it should be on, no?

Male: Is it on?

Marino Torrens: Yeah.

Male: Okay. Well I wanna kinda try and talk to, to the biggest part of it. Um, on...in our meeting yesterday on Thur-, on...what was yesterday? I’ve lost all track of days, sorry.

Female: Saturday.

Male: Saturday. We had our, our Recreational Initiatives Meeting okay? And for those of you that aren't aware in, in September which is USU Soccer Month, we're kicking off uh, uh, uh, recreational initiative program. Um, we highlighted that in the meeting yesterday. If you weren't in the meeting, we'll have the information posted uh, you know, probably late August. Uh, the intent of this is to, is to get into the recreational clubs. Um, well actually it's to get into all the clubs and kinda begin to, to, to build a relationship in terms of what are you doing well that we can share with the rest of the State, were there issues that maybe we can help you with or maybe some other clubs are doing similar things. Basically have a conversation the initial time so, so, so we'll spend a lot of time probably in the Fall and maybe even the early Spring having that conversation and then come back to those clubs with some of the you know, some of the uh, you know solutions or, or, or basically, what are your needs. Though initially it's a lot of listening, seeing where we are and then following up with each of the clubs. Okay? So if you wanna be involved with that uh, we'll have you know, for those that like forms, to fill out forms and send back to me uh, that would be great. Um, if not you can just send me an e-mail, I'm okay with that 'cause that's as easy for me as anything else. Uh but, but it is one of those things we want to now begin to give uh, uh, uh, better sense of you know, what we can do. As I told everybody yesterday we you know, I, I, I have two (2) folders or I have two (2) file cabinets that are in my office, the "have tos" and the "want tos" and this has been a "want to" for about oh, five (5), six (6), seven (7) years, but it has never made it over here. Well we're just kind of shoving it over here now and saying let's do it. We're excited about it, I'm excited about it and hopefully you'll be able to take part in it. Thank you.

(Applause)

Marino Torrens: Okay. For me personally, I want to thank you for your support again to be leader for the next two (2) years. Uh, like I said from the beginning I'm here to try to do what's best for FYSA, not for me. And I will continue to do that and I wanna especially thank my wife and my kids for their support. Thank you.

(Applause)

Marino Torrens: And secondly, Carmen, thank you very much again.

(Applause)

Marino Torrens: Need a motion to adjourn.

Becky McLaren: I move to adjourn.

Marino Torrens: Oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead sir.

Female: Sorry.

Charlie Graham: Very quick, Charlie Graham uh, Satellite Beach Soccer Club. Um, good of the game, is what's the most important for all of us. Uh, it's important for FYSA to remain relevant and for FYSA to remain relevant. Um, the one thing that is desirable that you don't want to dilute is gonna be your State Cup. If you ask anyone in any state, anywhere what, what do you, you know, what do you want, you are the State Cup Champion, you know that's gonna advance. So anything you do to protect that is gonna be... 'cause that's an FYSA asset. Just like the PGA owns uh, Sawgrass and the Player's Championship, well it's become a fifth Major because they own that and they can make rules to exempt players from their organization for the following year. So please everybody remember that.

Marino Torrens: Thank you. Anybody else for the good of the game before I again...so a motion to adjourn? All those in favor?

Audience: "Aye".

Marino Torrens: Oppose? Thank you very much. Have safe travels and Board of Directors, don't move.

Becky McLaren: Let 'em go to the bathroom.

Marino Torrens: You gone one (1) minute to go...

Becky McLaren: We need to collect the ballots. Marino, Marino...

Male: (Inaudible).

Becky McLaren: (Inaudible).

Marino Torrens: For what?

**AUDIO ENDS**