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1 (Meeting begins at 8:59 a.m.)

2 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Good morning. Thank
3 you for being out here for the 42nd AGM.

4 I'm going to call the meeting to order. I
5 guess it's nine o'clock on the dot.

6 The first thing we're going to do is the
7 credential report. In your books, the purple page
8 is going to give you the final numbers.

9 The first number of available votes we have
10 sixty-eight ninety, six eight nine zero. Those
11 were the ones collected.

12 Simple majority, three four four six.

13 Two thirds, four five nine three.

14 Three quarters, five one six eight.

15 DAVE DITILLIO: Bingo.

16 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. I'm going to skip
17 Region A because there's no elections for Region A.

18 Region B, available votes, two four five
19 seven.

20 Simple majority, one two two nine.

21 Two thirds, one six three eight.

22 And three quarters will be one eight four
23 three.

24 And then skip Region C because they don't have
25 an election.

1 Region D, available votes, two six one.

2 Simple majority, one three one.

3 Two thirds, one seven four.

4 Three quarters, one nine six.

5 Hall of Fame votes, available is three.

6 Simple majority, two.

7 Two thirds, two.

8 Three quarters, two.

9 That was simple.

10 EC and BOD votes, it's only the EC as their
11 BOD votes are included in the region where the
12 board members are from.

13 So the EC vote is, number available is twelve,
14 eleven board members plus Past President Tommy.

15 Simple majority, seven.

16 Two thirds is eight.

17 And three quarters is nine.

18 BECKY MCLAREN: I move to accept the report of
19 the credentials.

20 JOE GOLDIAN: Second, Joe Goldian.

21 MARINO TORRENS: Joe Goldian, second.

22 Any questions?

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: You can't skip A
24 and C.

25 MARINO TORRENS: Even if it's not an election?

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: No.

2 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. No problem. Okay
3 that's fine.

4 Here we go. A, total number of votes, one
5 nine four four.

6 Simple majority is nine seven three.

7 Two thirds, one two nine six.

8 And three quarters is one four five eight.

9 Region C, total number is two two one three.

10 Simple majority is eleven oh seven.

11 Two thirds is fourteen seventy-five.

12 And three quarters is one six six zero.

13 Any other comments on the numbers?

14 (No response.)

15 MARINO TORRENS: Seeing none, accept by
16 affirmation.

17 Okay. Guys, I want to say a big thank you to
18 (unintelligible). I think she was wonderful. She
19 had like two or three --

20 (Applause.)

21 MARINO TORRENS: She have another commitment
22 later on in the day, but thank you very much.

23 Okay. One thing, please, whenever you're
24 going to talk, whenever you come up to the
25 microphone, speak clear. We have a court reporter.

1 Only one at a time, so she can make sure at least,
2 her fingers are not that fast that she can take
3 three people at the same time.

4 Remember your names and the club you
5 represent.

6 Okay. Approval of the previous minutes that
7 were sent and were online.

8 Any comments about the previous minutes, last
9 year's AGM?

10 They're not in the book.

11 ELSA MAROON: They were fifteen hundred pages.

12 MARINO TORRENS: Fifteen hundred pages of the
13 minutes that were sent out, they were posted online
14 months ago.

15 (No response.)

16 MARINO TORRENS: I guess seeing none.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: I move to -- Becky McLaren, VP
18 of Administration and Communication. I move to
19 approve the minutes from the previous AGM as have
20 been posted and presented online.

21 TERRI TOWERS: Second, Terri Towers.

22 She knows me.

23 MARINO TORRENS: Any other, any comments,
24 questions?

25 (No response.)

1 MARINO TORRENS: Seeing none. They're
2 approved.

3 Correspondence, do we have any correspondence?

4 Okay. President's Report.

5 This year it's a very important year for us.
6 We have the team that made it all the way to
7 President's Cup National Finals. We have four
8 teams that made it to National Finals, to National
9 President's Cup. We've got six teams that made it
10 to our National Championship, the most teams ever
11 in one year. And we lost a couple finals, but I
12 think Florida has been well-represented nationally.
13 And that's to you guys because of what you guys are
14 doing for your players, so I want to thank you guys
15 for that.

16 Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Now the Treasurer's
19 Report, Diana.

20 DIANA ROBERTSON: It supposedly started out as
21 pink paper, yellow paper, but it's the green
22 handout. We had some major changes in the look of
23 the report, the accounts, and how we're doing some
24 of our tournaments, we changed the State Cup,
25 President's Cup, and Commissioner's Cup. So it was

1 a lot of fun trying to get this done. I also tried
2 to put some comments as to what the new line items
3 include. Basically we collapsed them to make them
4 a little bit easier to work with.

5 As you can see, we are proposing a loss for
6 next year. The primary reason is we just learned
7 this summer from the FDLE of Florida that we must
8 do a specific background check that will cost an
9 additional thirty dollars for coach/volunteer.
10 Because it occurred this summer, we can't pass it
11 on to the clubs, so we have put it in this budget
12 to cover those dollar amounts for this year.

13 Since this is a budget, what I'm proposing is
14 should the end of next year -- oh, one of my last
15 duties -- should the end of next year come up with
16 a loss, that we can do have some reserves that can
17 cover that loss for the year. We usually ended up
18 in the black every year, so I think this number
19 would probably be less than what is currently
20 showing in the budget.

21 A motion to approve next year's budget?

22 It's one of my last duties with less than
23 three hours to go.

24 I need a motion.

25 JOE GOLDIAN: Joe Goldian, I make a motion.

1 TERRI TOWERS: Second, Terry with an I.

2 DIANA ROBERTSON: Any questions?

3 Wake up, people.

4 (No response.)

5 DIANA ROBERTSON: All right. Then the budget,
6 those all in favor of passing the budget as is.

7 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

8 DIANA ROBERTSON: Any opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 DIANA ROBERTSON: Any abstain?

11 (No response.)

12 DIANA ROBERTSON: They'll probably get into
13 that FDLE stuff later in the meeting.

14 Thank you, everyone.

15 (Applause.)

16 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. What she mentioned
17 about the FDLE, we decided, because the charges
18 came in after May 1st, which is when we have to
19 notify of the fees of next year, we decided we're
20 going to eat that charge. But next year be ready
21 because it's coming to you guys, it will be put in
22 the fees for next year. So when you guys are, when
23 you're paying fifteen dollars to coach now, you
24 might be looking at thirty-five, forty dollars to
25 coach/volunteer for next year. And it's not a lot

1 we can do about it. It's what the FDLE charges,
2 okay.

3 Old business. There was a motion at the end
4 of the AGM last year, the maker of the motion is
5 sitting in the floor, the building, Barry, it had
6 to do with the FSPL, I believe that it was put into
7 the rules already, the motion from last year.

8 BARRY WITLIN: That's fine.

9 MARINO TORRENS: The wording was put in the
10 rules.

11 BARRY WITLIN: That's fine.

12 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Now the fun part,
13 Becky, here we go.

14 We will break, even if we haven't finished the
15 proposed rule changes, we will break at ten thirty
16 for people to check out. So it might be in the
17 middle of the proposed rule changes. We don't know
18 how long that's going to take, okay.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: First of all, I want to thank
20 those who served on the Rules Committee this year.
21 Thanks for your diligence and your hard work,
22 because when we sent out the entire document that
23 we had to go through for the restructure that was
24 approved at the last AGM, I really appreciate
25 everything that you guys helped get accomplished.

1 And also, Elsa and Alice, I have to say thank
2 you to both of you as well.

3 What we're going to is I'm going to do it in
4 three parts. First I'm going to do the entire
5 document that's for the restructure, which was
6 posted online. It wasn't printed, because if we
7 printed it, it would have made your books really
8 thick. And then I'll go to the housekeeping ones,
9 and then we'll go into the proposed changes.

10 Okay. And when you do go into the rules,
11 when, once the motion is made, one person will
12 speak, we'll go for and against until one side is
13 exhausted.

14 Everybody clear?

15 (No response.)

16 BECKY MCLAREN: All right. First thing I
17 would like to do is make a motion that we approve
18 the proposed, the rule change document for the
19 restructure that was approved at the last AGM.

20 JOE GOLDIAN: So move, Joe Goldian.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Joe Goldian.

22 Second?

23 TERRI TOWERS: Second, Terry with an I.

24 BECKY MCLAREN: Terry with an I, thank you.

25 Any discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no discussion, all
3 those in favor signify by saying aye.

4 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

5 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstention.

8 (No response.)

9 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion carries.

10 Thank you very much.

11 Jared, we're going to go to the housekeeping.

12 I would like to entertain a motion to approve
13 all of the housekeeping proposed changes as one
14 entity, unless there's somebody that has an issue
15 with one of those housekeeping changes.

16 I would like to entertain a motion.

17 TERRI TOWERS: Terri Towers, I move we accept
18 all the proposed changes, the housekeeping changes
19 as one vote.

20 TESSIE GOICOECHEA: Second, Tess Goicoechea.

21 DAVE DITILLIO: Good job, Tess.

22 BECKY MCLAREN: So moved by Terri and seconded
23 by Tessie, motion to accept all the proposed
24 housekeeping changes.

25 Any discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no discussion, all
3 those in favor signify by saying aye.

4 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

5 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

6 (No response.)

7 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstention.

8 (No response.)

9 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion carries.

10 Thank you.

11 Jared, we're going to go to the proposed
12 changes.

13 All right. I'm not going to, when we go
14 through these, I'm not going to read them, I'm
15 going to go by what's on the screen. I will tell
16 you there were some modifications to some, based on
17 the proposed rule change workshop that was held
18 yesterday morning.

19 So we'll start with the first one.

20 I move to accept the proposed change as
21 presented on the screen and in your books.

22 MARINO TORRENS: Second.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Seconded by Marino.

24 Any discussion?

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: We can't see what

1 the proposed change is.

2 BECKY MCLAREN: Can you move up a little bit,
3 Jared, please.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Nobody can see it.

5 BECKY MCLAREN: I can't see the screen, sorry.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Scroll down.

7 BECKY MCLAREN: He wants to see the proposed
8 change part, down a little bit. There you go.

9 That one has not changed from what's in your
10 book.

11 Any other discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no discussion, all
14 those in favor signify by saying aye.

15 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

16 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

17 (No response.)

18 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions.

19 (No response.)

20 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion carries.

21 For the next one, 4.2, make a motion to accept
22 this as presented on the screen and in your book.

23 Can I have a second, please?

24 JOE GOLDIAN: Second, Joe Goldian.

25 TESSIE GOICOCHEA: Second, Tess.

1 BECKY MCLAREN: Seconded by Tessie.

2 Any discussion?

3 Jared, can you scroll down so they can see the
4 change?

5 JOE GOLDIAN: Becky.

6 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes.

7 JOE GOLDIAN: One quick thing. While we're
8 adjusting this rule, let's get rid of the EC on
9 that.

10 BECKY MCLAREN: Oh, it will be, because it's
11 already done on the other document.

12 JOE GOLDIAN: Okay.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: Anything that's proposed here
14 will be changed with a new document to have the
15 correct wording.

16 Yes.

17 LOU CONFESSORE: I would like to propose that
18 all --

19 MARINO TORRENS: Name, please.

20 LOU CONFESSORE: Oh, I'm sorry. Lou
21 Confessore Coral Estate Soccer Club.

22 All of the spelling errors, can we take them
23 all, the TOPSoccer spelling errors all at once.
24 There's like seven or eight in there.

25 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes, we can when we get to

1 those.

2 LOU CONFESSORE: This is one.

3 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes, this is one of them, yes,
4 we can.

5 LOU CONFESSORE: Can we do them all?

6 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes, if you would like to make
7 a motion to that, Lou.

8 LOU CONFESSORE: I move that we --

9 MARINO TORRENS: Get closer to the microphone
10 so we can hear you.

11 Is the microphone on?

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yes.

13 LOU CONFESSORE: I move that we -- it's scary
14 being this close to the microphone.

15 Okay. I move that we take all of the
16 TOPSoccer spelling discrepancies and take them all
17 at once.

18 MARCOS FERNANDEZ: Second.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: Second by Marcos Fernandez
20 from Kendall Coalition.

21 Any discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no discussion, all
24 those in favor signify by saying aye.

25 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

1 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

2 (No response.)

3 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion carries.

4 Then whenever we get to the one that has TOPS,
5 we will go right over it because it's already been
6 approved.

7 The next one, Jared, 8.3, 4, and 5.

8 Is the maker of the motion in the room?

9 JENNIFER SMITH: (Raises hand.)

10 BECKY MCLAREN: Would you like to make a
11 motion?

12 JENNIFER SMITH: What?

13 BECKY MCLAREN: Make a motion.

14 JENNIFER SMITH: Make a motion to approve it.

15 BECKY MCLAREN: State your name, please.

16 JENNIFER SMITH: Jennifer Smith, FC Tampa.

17 Make a motion to approve this change.

18 BECKY MCLAREN: Proposed change.

19 Move to accept the proposed change.

20 MARINO TORRENS: Second.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: It's been seconded.

22 Any discussion?

23 Or would you like to speak to your, would you
24 like to speak to your proposed change?

25 TOMMY THOMPSON: I have one question here.

1 On 8.4 you say associate affiliate -- Tommy
2 Thompson, Past President -- State AGM only. So, in
3 other words, you're taking associate affiliates
4 that are within the region, you're taking them away
5 from the Regional AGM?

6 JENNIFER SMITH: I can't hear you, Tommy.

7 TOMMY THOMPSON: Okay. Question on 8.4,
8 associate affiliate, you're saying State AGM only.
9 So the local needs within the region will no longer
10 have a vote at the Regional AGMs?

11 JENNIFER SMITH: The way it was done this
12 year, that's the way it was done. That's why I
13 proposed this rule change, is to bring it in line
14 with where we, how we've been operating.

15 LOU CONFESSORE: Then I'm against this motion.

16 BECKY MCLAREN: Any other discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 BECKY MCLAREN: One second.

19 CHRYSTAL STEWART: Chrystal Stewart, Southwest
20 Florida Soccer Association.

21 I think that this is already a rule and did
22 not need a vote.

23 MARINO TORRENS: We're looking for it.

24 CHRYSTAL STEWART: But it was argued twice so
25 that is not right.

1 BECKY MCLAREN: One second while I look at
2 this in here.

3 JENNIFER SMITH: Becky, Jennifer Smith, FC
4 Tampa. I'm going to make an amendment that we add
5 regional into the associate affiliate Regional and
6 State AGM.

7 BECKY MCLAREN: Amend your motion as presented
8 to add that, to add it to be Regional and State
9 AGM?

10 JENNIFER SMITH: Correct.

11 BECKY MCLAREN: Is there a second to that?

12 JOE GOLDIAN: Joe Goldian second.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

14 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Clarify.

15 BECKY MCLAREN: She's making an amendment to
16 the motion on 8.4, where it says associate
17 affiliate, instead of saying State AGM only, it
18 would say Regional and State AGM.

19 LOU CONFESSORE: Lou Confessore, Coral Estate
20 Soccer Club and Chairman of the Hall of Fame.

21 Does that mean that the Hall of Famers can't
22 vote at Regionals?

23 BECKY MCLAREN: The Hall of Fame, as is in our
24 rule, is State AGM only.

25 MARINO TORRENS: It's right there.

1 LOU CONFESSORE: Okay. But you're changing
2 it?

3 BECKY MCLAREN: No.

4 LOU CONFESSORE: Okay. So you're making the
5 AGM, you're making two separate AGMs now?

6 BECKY MCLAREN: The regions have a separate
7 AGM every year.

8 LOU CONFESSORE: Every year?

9 BECKY MCLAREN: Mm-hmm.

10 LOU CONFESSORE: Okay. Thank you.

11 CHRYSTAL STEWART: I'm sorry. I'm confused.
12 If it's always been that way, why don't we just
13 strike the whole thing?

14 BECKY MCLAREN: It hasn't always been that
15 way.

16 MARINO TORRENS: She's talking about the Hall
17 of Fame.

18 BECKY MCLAREN: You talking Hall of Fame?

19 CHRYSTAL STEWART: No, no, no, for the
20 associate affiliate. I'm sorry.

21 I mean, we've been voting so we just should
22 just strike 8.4 completely.

23 JENNIFER SMITH: No.

24 BECKY MCLAREN: No, because you wouldn't have
25 it -- are you making an amendment to the motion?

1 CHRYSTAL STEWART: Okay. Just explain, isn't
2 it currently that the leagues get a vote?

3 BECKY MCLAREN: At the AGM, yes.

4 CHRYSTAL STEWART: At the AGM, at the Regional
5 AGM?

6 BECKY MCLAREN: No.

7 CHRYSTAL STEWART: Then why we are changing it
8 if we didn't have a vote, why are we changing the
9 vote for the Regional?

10 BECKY MCLAREN: We're actually, we're putting
11 it, the way that she amended it, it's putting in to
12 give the associate affiliate a vote at the Regional
13 AGM.

14 CHRYSTAL STEWART: Was it not already there is
15 my question?

16 BECKY MCLAREN: No, it was not.

17 DONNA HAASE: I just have a question for
18 clarification.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes.

20 DONNA HAASE: Donna Haase, C2.

21 If you are requiring each region to have four
22 required meetings during the seasonal season, are
23 you saying that the associates would not be able to
24 have a vote on anything the region does?

25 BECKY MCLAREN: The regional, the regional

1 boards would have a, have board meetings not an
2 annual meeting. There's only one annual meeting
3 that's done.

4 DONNA HAASE: So the regional board is the one
5 that's going to have the say at the four regional
6 meetings?

7 BECKY MCLAREN: Right.

8 DONNA HAASE: Not the associate.

9 BECKY MCLAREN: No, it's a regional board
10 meeting. It's for them. It's for the members from
11 the board of directors that are within that region
12 to take it back to the appointed regional
13 commissioners.

14 MARINO TORRENS: Excuse me. Do you mind if we
15 table this until we find the old rule and then come
16 back to it?

17 DONNA HAASE: That's fine.

18 JOHN STACEY: I found it.

19 MARINO TORRENS: We found it. Nevermind.

20 JOHN STACEY: I'm going to let Becky read it,
21 Rule 103.5.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Can't hear you.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: 103.5, voting rights of an
24 associate member shall be at the AGM with each
25 associate organization having one vote. No

1 association member may vote in any district or
2 regional election under 103.5.

3 So in order to go with your amendment that you
4 made, Jennifer, we would also have to amend 103.5.

5 JENNIFER SMITH: Okay. Here we go again.

6 Jennifer Smith, FC Tampa, I make a motion that
7 we amend 103.5 to go in line with this rule change.

8 MARINO TORRENS: Do we have a second?

9 JOE GOLDIAN: Second.

10 JOHN STACEY: John Stacey, second.

11 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. Just so everybody
12 understands, with this proposed change now
13 associate affiliates will have a vote at the
14 Regional AGMs as well.

15 Everyone understands that?

16 (No response.)

17 BECKY MCLAREN: Any other discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. All those in favor
20 signify by saying aye.

21 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

22 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

23 (No response.)

24 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion carries and 103.5 will
25 be also done to go along.

1 9.4 has already been approved. It's a
2 TOPSoccer.

3 201.6, Alice.

4 ALICE SMITH: Alice Smith, State Registrar.

5 I make a motion to approve the rule change.

6 TOMMY THOMPSON: On Bylaw 9.4 --

7 MARINO TORRENS: Say your name.

8 TOMMY THOMPSON: Tommy Thompson again.

9 On Bylaw 9.4 you're not just changing the
10 spelling, you're adding Number 15 to the bylaw.
11 You can't just move on from that.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: I'm sorry, Tommy. I'm sorry,
13 Tommy. Let me go, we'll go back to 9.4.

14 Is Dave Robinson in the room?

15 DAVE ROBINSON: Good morning, Dave Robinson,
16 chair of the State TOPSoccer Committee.

17 I make a motion to add TOPSoccer as an
18 authorized standing committee to the list of
19 committees in Bylaw 9.4, Page 13.

20 BECKY MCLAREN: A second.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Second.

22 MARINO TORRENS: Second, Marino.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: It's been moved and seconded.

24 Any discussion?

25 (No response.)

1 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no discussion, all
2 those in favor signify by saying aye.

3 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

4 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

5 (No response.)

6 BECKY MCLAREN: Now we have a motion for
7 201.6.

8 TERRI TOWERS: Second, Terri Towers.

9 BECKY MCLAREN: Terri seconds.

10 Alice motions, Terri seconds.

11 Alice, would you like to speak to your motion?

12 ALICE SMITH: Well, one of these, the way I,
13 the administrative (unintelligible) that we move
14 the date to June 10th, so the people, the staff in
15 the clubs and as well in the office can prepare get
16 ready for the seasonal year. By having July 15th,
17 it's only fifteen days before August 1st to try and
18 get all the paperwork done to be ready for the
19 season. And it's more of an administration rule to
20 assist all the clubs' administrative staff as well
21 as the state.

22 BECKY MCLAREN: Any discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no discussion, all
25 those in favor signify by saying aye.

1 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

2 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Nay, I'm opposed.

4 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstention.

5 (No response.)

6 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion carries.

7 The next one, 201.9.3 is a correction in
8 spelling for TOPS.

9 203.1, Alice.

10 ALICE SMITH: 203.1 -- Alice Smith, State
11 Registrar.

12 203.1 goes hand-in-hand with --

13 BECKY MCLAREN: You need to make a motion
14 first.

15 ALICE SMITH: Okay. I would like to make a
16 motion to approve the proposed rule. I would like
17 to make a motion to approve the proposed rule
18 change.

19 TERRI TOWERS: Second.

20 MARINO TORRENS: Second.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Second by Marino.

22 Any discussions?

23 (No response.)

24 BECKY MCLAREN: Alice, would you like to speak
25 to the motion, please.

1 ALICE SMITH: This motion, this rule goes
2 hand-in-hand with the 201.6 that we just passed,
3 the same logic behind that.

4 BECKY MCLAREN: Any discussion?

5 MARK CARR: Yes, I'll get up there eventually.

6 Mark Carr, Gulf Coast Texans. I just want to
7 clarify, this is going to close the window
8 available to talk to players for (unintelligible)
9 purposes of coaching; correct?

10 ALICE SMITH: June 10th would be.

11 MARK CARR: So the window is basically closed
12 by a month or --

13 ALICE SMITH: Well, I wasn't changing it just
14 for --

15 MARK CARR: No, but that is a by-product of
16 the rule change; correct?

17 ALICE SMITH: Yes.

18 MARK CARR: Okay.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: Any other discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no further discussion,
22 all those in favor signify by saying aye.

23 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

24 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

25 JOE GOLDIAN: Nay.

1 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions.

2 (No response.)

3 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion carries.

4 203.6, Dave.

5 DAVE ROBINSON: Good morning, Dave Robinson,
6 Chair, State TOPSoccer Program.

7 I make a motion to modify Rule 203.6, Section
8 A, Subsection 1, on Page 42. Just for clarifying
9 and housekeeping purposes to some degree is
10 standardizing TOPSoccer as a single brand name for
11 special needs soccer program within Florida Youth
12 Soccer.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: It's been moved.

14 Do I have a second?

15 TERRI TOWERS: Second, Terri Towers.

16 MARINO TORRENS: Terri Towers seconds.

17 Any discussion?

18 Dave, you got somebody behind you.

19 Any discussion?

20 BOB STOVER: Hi, Bob Stover, Regional
21 Commissioner, C4.

22 I want to ask this question because there's,
23 the intent of the rule is to allow kids to play in
24 their appropriate league. One of our clubs does
25 not have a TOPSoccer program but they have players

1 who have special needs that, as a league, a county
2 soccer league, we agree to allow them to play.
3 This rule would prohibit them from playing outside
4 of the TOPSoccer programs as part of our normal
5 recreational program to play down.

6 DAVE ROBINSON: Clarify, Bob, how they're
7 prohibited from playing. This is just kind of a
8 branding clarification as opposed to a prohibition
9 of playing.

10 BOB STOVER: They can't play down as I read
11 this. It's that we would not be able to take a 10
12 player and let them play with the U8s because of
13 their abilities, physically and mentally. It would
14 only be through a TOPSoccer program. So you can
15 prohibit players from playing as I read it.

16 DAVE ROBINSON: I understand what you're
17 saying and I do, the intent of this rule change was
18 not to prohibit that opportunity.

19 BOB STOVER: So I have a proposed change then.

20 DAVE ROBINSON: Let's hear it.

21 BOB STOVER: Is to add on that with approval
22 through FYSA, the individual children could be
23 approved to play in the league like this, you would
24 send it in like playing up, you would send it in
25 playing down, if the Board accepts.

1 DAVE ROBINSON: Bob, my proposed modification
2 would just be to strike the words Challenger
3 Program as a brand and just say TOPSoccer Program
4 or other programs of this nature.

5 BOB STOVER: That's even better.

6 JOHN STACEY: John Stacey, Coach/Player
7 Development, VP of Coach/Player Development.

8 Organizational administrative oversight, 203.6
9 is actually much more in-depth than just this one
10 line. The excerpted Subsection 1, under A, right,
11 or A1. But there are, you've got, the second part
12 says players with Down Syndrome must submit a
13 letter from a doctor for a negative x-ray. If a
14 player is under thirteen, they have to have a
15 second x-ray.

16 And then there's players qualified under ADA
17 that also can play down. There's a, and then
18 there's a list, I mean, it's, it's almost a full
19 page in the book.

20 So this is just simply clarifying that U.S.
21 Youth Soccer sponsors TOPSoccer and no other
22 program. There are other provisions that cover
23 what you want.

24 BOB STOVER: Perfect. I just wanted to
25 clarify because I don't want this child not to be

1 able to play.

2 JOHN STACEY: Understood.

3 BECKY MCLAREN: Any other -- so are we leaving
4 it the way that it stands, Bob?

5 BOB STOVER: What he proposed.

6 BECKY MCLAREN: He proposed a change just to
7 take out Challenge Program and leave the end; is
8 that correct, Dave?

9 I want to make sure I understand.

10 DAVE ROBINSON: Thanks, Becky.

11 Dave Robinson, Chair, TOPSoccer Program.

12 I'm going to modify my proposed amendment, if
13 I can find it, to instead of striking everything
14 after the comma after TOPSoccer Program, to strike
15 the words Challenge Program.

16 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. Jared, do that you have
17 change?

18 We're just going to strike Challenge Program
19 and everything else would remain.

20 JARED WHITE: (Nods head.)

21 BECKY MCLAREN: He's amending his own motion.

22 MARINO TORRENS: Second.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Terri, are you acceptable to
24 the amendment?

25 TERRI TOWERS: Second his amendment.

1 Terri Towers with an I.

2 BECKY MCLAREN: Any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no other discussion,
5 all those in favor signify by saying aye.

6 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

7 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

8 (No response.)

9 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion carries.

10 206.2, Jennifer, would you like to?

11 And, Jared, you can move down because this
12 one, after the proposed rules, rule change, the
13 amendment was changed slightly.

14 JENNIFER SMITH: Jennifer Smith, FC Tampa.

15 I make a motion that we approve this rule as
16 it stands on the screen with the changes.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: It's been moved.

18 Do I have a second?

19 TERRI TOWERS: Second, Terri Towers.

20 BECKY MCLAREN: Seconded by Terri, Region B
21 Commissioner.

22 Jennifer, would you like to speak to your
23 motion?

24 JENNIFER SMITH: The reason I did this rule
25 change was due to the fact that in a lot of our

1 tournaments, we have clubs that fall under other
2 clubs and they don't always have their FYSA
3 affiliate logo on their uniform. And I feel like
4 if we're going to require them to have passes, they
5 need to be visibly identifiable by what they wear,
6 just by the logo, not the color, not anything else,
7 but they need to have that logo of that FYSA
8 affiliate on their uniform.

9 BECKY MCLAREN: Not necessarily on the chest,
10 is it --

11 JENNIFER SMITH: Wherever, physically
12 available to see.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

14 MARINO TORRENS: Marino Torrens, President of
15 Florida Youth Soccer speaking against this rule.

16 Last year something similar came up. We voted
17 and it was turned down. Now this one again comes
18 up. I don't believe that, I don't believe FYSA
19 should be in charge of that. If you want to do
20 that, it should be at the local league levels, like
21 they do down south. Because what are we going to
22 do, if you don't wear that, we going to take away
23 your affiliation?

24 There's no penalty here, and that's the only
25 penalty we can do. What are we going to start

1 charging a hundred dollars every time somebody
2 doesn't wear a logo on their uniform?

3 BECKY MCLAREN: Speaking for or against?

4 MIKE HYATT: Well, mine is more -- Mike Hyatt,
5 Greater Central Florida Youth Soccer.

6 BECKY MCLAREN: Do you have a question?

7 MIKE HYATT: Well, yeah, I have a question
8 because my question is what about sponsorship
9 logos, because we do have a lot of teams --

10 BECKY MCLAREN: Jennifer, do you want to
11 answer that?

12 JENNIFER SMITH: I'll answer it.

13 Jennifer Smith, FC Tampa.

14 BECKY MCLAREN: Get closer to the microphone,
15 dear.

16 JENNIFER SMITH: Jennifer Smith, FC Tampa.

17 We're not saying logo as far as sponsor logo.
18 We're saying your affiliate logo has to be on
19 there. We don't care if you have, you know, your
20 sponsorship on there, of course, because they're
21 paying you good money to be on your shirt. We just
22 want to be able to identify you as an FYSA
23 affiliate.

24 MARINO TORRENS: Again, I'm sorry, Marino
25 Torrens, President of Florida Youth Soccer.

1 Again, as part of the affiliation, we don't
2 require to have a logo. You don't, an affiliate
3 could be just a plain shirt. You don't need a logo
4 as part of being affiliated with FYSA.

5 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against, Mike?

6 MIKE WEBER: Mike Weber, SFUYSA. And
7 obviously people know me is I am totally for this
8 proposal, but I would like to make an amendment on
9 it to the degree that most clubs operate off of
10 fundraising and sponsors, where this rule says that
11 you can't have anything on it.

12 I would like to make a proposal that it is
13 changed to that your club logo or name must be
14 predominantly displayed front left chest or chest,
15 but a sponsor could be put on the sleeve or on the
16 back. Because sponsors donate money for the teams
17 to survive. But I totally support this because
18 when you're out there you have to identify the club
19 somehow.

20 So I would like to make a proposal that we
21 predominantly display, front left chest, chest.

22 BECKY MCLAREN: Can you write the proposed
23 changes because we need to put it up on the screen?

24 MIKE WEBER: Can I write it?

25 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes.

1 MIKE WEBER: You want me to write, you just
2 know I can't write so that's why you asked me that.

3 BECKY MCLAREN: I need you to give it to Jared
4 so he can type it up on the screen, in the corner.

5 While they're, is that, Jennifer, do you want
6 to go over and look and see what he's presenting so
7 we can.

8 One second, guys, we need to get the amendment
9 up on the screen.

10 MIKE WEBER: Actually, I'm (unintelligible).
11 I was reading it on the screen.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. All right. So he
13 withdraws the amendment.

14 Speaking for or against?

15 ANN FULLER: Against.

16 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

17 ANN FULLER: Ann Fuller, Space Coast United.

18 I have a problem with this because of team
19 eligibility. I'm thinking of a specific instance
20 with a child who lost a jersey at an away game and
21 we had to find a jersey of a similar color for him
22 to be able to play.

23 This rule says that that team would be
24 ineligible, and we're here to give kids the
25 opportunity to play soccer. I don't see any

1 penalties associated with that other than a team
2 unable to compete because of a logo on one kid's
3 jersey, that doesn't make sense to me.

4 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against, Lou?

5 LOU CONFESSORE: You know what I think.

6 I'm waiting for somebody to be for so I can
7 get up there.

8 BECKY MCLAREN: I have to ask.

9 For or against?

10 ROBBIE SHIELDS: Just a comment.

11 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

12 ROBBIE SHIELDS: And a --

13 BECKY MCLAREN: A question, point of
14 clarification?

15 ROBBIE SHIELDS: Yes, currently I have two
16 logos on my jersey. This is what we use more for
17 recreation. It's really our affiliate logo. But
18 we have a logo that says Lake Wales Fury, is that
19 defined as affiliate logo?

20 JENNIFER SMITH: In my opinion, yes.

21 ROBBIE SHIELDS: In your opinion it is, but
22 I'm not sure if that's clarified, so that would be
23 just a concern.

24 And the last, and what are team officials?

25 BECKY MCLAREN: Team official would be the

1 coach, anybody who is on the bench.

2 ROBBIE SHIELDS: Okay. Anybody on the bench,
3 okay.

4 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

5 ROBBIE SHIELDS: So they would have to have a
6 jersey?

7 BECKY MCLAREN: They would have to have, if
8 they're wearing a polo shirt, they need to have
9 something that identifies the name on there.

10 Mr. Weber.

11 MIKE WEBER: Mike Weber again for the
12 proposal. The problem is when you're out there on
13 the field and there is an issue or situation, you
14 want to be able to identify who is causing the
15 problem. And if they're out there with the logo
16 that says Joe Schmo on it, we don't know what team
17 or club they're with, so.

18 BECKY MCLAREN: Identify yourself, please.

19 LOU CONFESSORE: Lou Confessore, Coral Estate
20 Soccer Club.

21 Okay. First of all, this whole issue about
22 identification, the referee has a roster.

23 (Applause.)

24 LOU CONFESSORE: And presenting pictured
25 player passes with the club names on them.

1 And who is going to enforce this, the same
2 referee who has, now has to enforce whether it's a
3 real (unintelligible)?

4 That's going, and what is the penalty going to
5 be?

6 You guys don't have enough to do on game day
7 that you want to pass something like this where I
8 have teams come to my field from big clubs in my
9 region that play in my league that wear AYSO
10 uniforms. I have kids who come with YMCA uniforms
11 and play in recreational third division in day
12 league, they're not going to be able to play
13 because of that.

14 It's bad enough when the league made me wear,
15 all the same kids wear the same colors. There are
16 clubs in my league that have four different colors,
17 two for the girls, two for the boys. How are they
18 going to get past the league rule with me
19 volunteering to complain to the league every time
20 they show up. Okay. Do you want to limit yourself
21 to this? It's just ridiculous.

22 Thank you.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against, sir?

24 MARK CARR: Against. Mark Carr --

25 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. Until I have somebody

1 else speaking for here.

2 For or against, gentleman?

3 Everybody standing up is against?

4 MARK CARR: Can I ask for a clarification?

5 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes, you may.

6 MARK CARR: I would like to know what the
7 intent of this is. Because if it is just about, if
8 it is just about the logo, that's one thing. If it
9 has to do with trying to find people skirting rule,
10 that's another thing.

11 What I would like to know is is this a way of
12 calmly putting out on operative method of catching
13 people violating rules. And if that's the intent,
14 it should be clearly stated.

15 JENNIFER SMITH: Jennifer Smith, FC Tampa.

16 In the reasoning it says this will give
17 accountability to all teams in the club as to where
18 they are supposed to be and who they are answering
19 to in regard to incidents, insurance, field
20 directors and location of participation. That's
21 it. The intent is to help with that, to catch
22 those problems.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Anybody else for?

24 Go ahead, Mr. Weber.

25 MIKE WEBER: Okay. The main reason for this

1 is identification. They made a comment of a
2 referee has a roster and everybody has cards.
3 Okay, fine.

4 Let's say now there's an issue, a situation
5 after the game in the parking lot and everyone
6 comes up to the tent and says, oh, there's a fight,
7 these players attacked another player. Who are
8 they with. Oh, their uniform said Joe Schmo
9 Soccer. Well, what club were they with. I don't
10 know, they didn't have club name on the shirt. So
11 if we have an incident, we need to identify the
12 club.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against, guys?

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I am against it.

15 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I think it makes,
17 it's just a bureaucracy that doesn't help anything.
18 I think if you want to identify if somebody is
19 associated with FYSA or not, we can have an
20 identification card. The coaches can have one, the
21 team management have one. It's been recorded in,
22 when you register your team.

23 If you have an event in the parking lot then
24 when you identify people, as the gentleman says,
25 two people are fighting, two kids are fighting, you

1 want to see what's going on, you want to identify
2 these people. You know what you do, you call the
3 police. You get the real identification, and you
4 take it from there. Then you make sure that these
5 players are playing for which club, is this club
6 affiliated with FYSA, boom, it's there. It's done
7 with. We don't have to have to yet another
8 bureaucracy that doesn't help anybody, that hinders
9 kids from playing soccer.

10 And this is what we're all about here, we want
11 kids to play soccer. We don't want a bunch of
12 rules and a bunch of regulations that do absolutely
13 nothing but make life difficult for everybody,
14 especially with the kids that play soccer.

15 BECKY MCLAREN: For?

16 MARCOS FERNANDEZ: Marcos Fernandez, for it.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: Please state which club.

18 MARCOS FERNANDEZ: Kendall Soccer.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: Thank you.

20 MARCOS FERNANDEZ: I'm for it because there's
21 a lot of people playing under other people's
22 banners. And what happens is that, yeah, it's very
23 easy to say call the police or this or that, but
24 the problem is that this is a visual thing. When
25 you're a witness to something, when you see

1 something, that's the first thing you see is the
2 uniform.

3 The only people that see rosters, passes, are
4 referees. Referees make mistakes just checking in
5 players. They don't identify it correctly, okay.

6 So all I'm saying is that there's a lot of,
7 we're relying on sometimes young kids to check in
8 teams to identify players. This is just a very
9 broad visual thing to say, okay, this is who my
10 pass is with, okay, that's all.

11 MARCELO EGUINO: Against.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

13 MARCELO EGUINO: Marcelo Eguino, Tarpon FC.

14 BECKY MCLAREN: Can you get a little bit
15 closer to the microphone.

16 MARCELO EGUINO: Marcelo Eguino, Tarpon FC.

17 I'm against because indeed it creates
18 additional hurdles for kids to participate or even
19 coaches to participate. If a kid forgets a jersey
20 and has to, has to put something on similar, I've
21 had a case recently where they're not allowed to do
22 so. If a coach for example happens to forget his
23 jersey, the uniform, the other coach may look at
24 this rule and say, hey, you know what, they can't
25 compete today.

1 Too many hurdles. We're here to make, to
2 allow kids to play, make it easier for them to
3 play, following the rules that is, but without
4 creating additional hurdles.

5 BECKY MCLAREN: Thank you.

6 For or against, Doug?

7 DOUG: Against.

8 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against?

9 DOUG: Against.

10 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. Then unless I have
11 somebody else that's speaking for, then we're done.

12 MARINO TORRENS: Mike, sit down.

13 TERRI TOWERS: Call the question.

14 BECKY MCLAREN: Terri Towers moves to call the
15 question.

16 Do we have a second?

17 MIKE WEBER: Second.

18 BECKY MCLAREN: Moved and seconded to call the
19 question.

20 All those in favor say aye.

21 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

22 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

23 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Nay.

24 BECKY MCLAREN: To call the question, this is
25 to call the question to go to the vote.

1 All those in favor of calling the question,
2 that's to go to the vote, say aye.

3 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

4 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

5 (No response.)

6 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions.

7 (No response.)

8 BECKY MCLAREN: The question has been called.
9 We now go to the vote. And because of all the
10 discussions that we've had, I'm going to ask you to
11 take out your clickers.

12 MARINO TORRENS: I'm sorry, but we haven't
13 tested them, so I don't know if.

14 BECKY MCLAREN: Jared, can we do a test real
15 quick, please?

16 Can we get somebody to give instructions,
17 please, on how to operate?

18 Well, we can try the verbal if you guys want
19 to try the verbal first.

20 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Yes.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. We'll try the verbal.

22 Guys, I need only people who are holding
23 credentials to vote. If you are not holding
24 credentials, you need to remain silent. So unless
25 you are holding the voting device, I need you to

1 remain silent, okay.

2 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

3 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

4 BECKY MCLAREN: All those opposed signify by
5 saying nay.

6 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Nay.

7 MARINO TORRENS: Go back to the clicker.

8 BECKY MCLAREN: Too close to call.

9 Abstentions.

10 (No response.)

11 BECKY MCLAREN: Too close to call. We're
12 going to need to go to the clicking device.

13 KEVIN GORSKI: Kevin Gorski, San Carlos
14 Scorpions.

15 Can we do a vote, all those in favor stand up.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: No.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: And the other thing is I can't
18 guarantee who's standing up doesn't have a clicker.

19 KEVIN GORSKI: Okay.

20 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Jared, can you tell us
21 how to turn it on first?

22 JARED WHITE: You need to turn on your
23 clickers at this time. We're going to ask you to
24 pick either A or B to test them, you're going to
25 have fifteen seconds.

1 BECKY MCLAREN: How do you turn it on?

2 MARINO TORRENS: They're already on, I guess.

3 Here we go. Press A or B.

4 Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four,
5 three, two, one, zero, liftoff.

6 What is the number, what is the total number?

7 I can't see it from here. I'm sorry.

8 I got to hear from them.

9 Okay. Here we go. You press the button until
10 the little light turns green by the right upper
11 corner under the name. So we're going to do it one
12 more time.

13 And, please, can we see the total numbers to
14 make sure that we got the total number of available
15 votes, can that be done?

16 Okay. Here we go, we're going to do it again.
17 You press the button, A or B, you hold it until it
18 turns green. Once it turns green, that's it.

19 Ready. Here we go.

20 Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four,
21 three, two, one, zero, again liftoff.

22 TERRI TOWERS: Marino, tell everybody to click
23 on A.

24 MARINO TORRENS: All right. Please, please.

25 Thank you.

1 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

2 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. This is what we're
3 going to do on the next one. We're going to try it
4 one more time. Jared, we're all going to click,
5 we're all going to click A, just to make sure that
6 they're working.

7 Okay. Let's try it again. Everybody is going
8 to click only A, 1 or A, okay.

9 Are we ready?

10 Okay. To you, Tommy, fifteen, fourteen
11 thirteen, twelve, eleven, ten, nine, eight, seven,
12 six, five, four, three, two, one.

13 (Applause and laughter.)

14 JOE GOLDIAN: How many clickers are out there?

15 Marino, how many clickers are out there,
16 because there's a hundred and seventy-nine
17 responding.

18 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. How many, I don't
19 know.

20 TERRI TOWERS: Supposed to have sixty-eight
21 ninety.

22 MARINO TORRENS: No, that's the number of
23 votes.

24 Are there any other clickers not turning green
25 when you press it?

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Mine is not right,
2 the numbers.

3 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. I got a question for
4 you. Jared, I got a question for you. Jared, a
5 question for you guys up there.

6 Do we know how many clickers we have given
7 out?

8 JARED WHITE: We're working on that right now.

9 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I got a question.

11 MARINO TORRENS: Yes, sir.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I have ten
13 clickers and I don't have enough time.

14 MARINO TORRENS: Guys, quiet down so I can
15 hear him, please.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I have ten
17 clickers and you're not giving me enough time to
18 click them all off.

19 Can I have more time, please?

20 MARINO TORRENS: For next year, I would
21 recommend that you combine them all into one.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I didn't know
23 that.

24 MARINO TORRENS: That's why I'm saying for
25 next year.

1 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

2 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. What's the call over
3 there?

4 Okay. We're going to do it one more time,
5 okay, Jared. And we need to find out if there's a
6 specific clicker that's not working. You guys
7 should have a list of the clickers that were given
8 out; right?

9 So if one of those clickers is not recording,
10 let us know. There's a number on the back that we
11 can all, there's a club on the back, a name or
12 something on the back of each clicker. If that
13 clicker does not record votes, let us know and that
14 person will go back up to you guys, okay.

15 The person with the ten clickers, as soon as
16 you finish, I'm going to stop the voting, so let me
17 know when you're finished.

18 Okay. Here we go. Just press A, only A,
19 please.

20 Ready, go.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Not yet.

22 JARED WHITE: Not yet. (Unintelligible.)

23 MARINO TORRENS: Thank you, sir.

24 JARED WHITE: Thank you.

25 Okay. Go.

1 MARINO TORRENS: He said go.

2 JARED WHITE: Yeah, go.

3 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. 1, A only.

4 Ready. Go.

5 JARED WHITE: If you don't see a green light,
6 put your hand up.

7 MARINO TORRENS: Press it again. Press it
8 again. We haven't stopped. Press it again. If it
9 hasn't gone down, press it again. There you go.
10 Press it again. We haven't stopped. Press it
11 again.

12 Did it turn green?

13 Can you take yours up there then, sir. If
14 it's not turning green, take it up there. We're
15 only pressing A.

16 Hands up if it's not green.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hands up.

18 MARINO TORRENS: Did everybody turn green?
19 Did it turn green? Anybody's not turn green?

20 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

21 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. We're going to stop in
22 three, two, one.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I can't stop it,
24 I'm not at the computer.

25 (Laughter.)

1 MIKE HYATT: Marino.

2 MARINO TORRENS: Yeah.

3 MIKE HYATT: Mike Hyatt, Greater Central
4 Florida Youth Soccer League.

5 I make a motion that we have a workshop next
6 year how to work the clicker.

7 MARINO TORRENS: On how to press a button?

8 MIKE HYATT: Yeah, how to press a button.

9 BECKY MCLAREN: How to press a button.

10 MARINO TORRENS: Mike, you don't count
11 anymore.

12 Okay. And how many didn't work?

13 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

14 MARINO TORRENS: Do you have clickers that did
15 not record votes?

16 Maybe they're not in the room.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I got one right
18 here.

19 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Do you have it in the
20 system, does it tell you which system did not
21 record votes?

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: No.

23 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. So are we okay now,
24 can we vote on this?

25 Okay. Let me know when you're ready.

1 BECKY MCLAREN: Guys, while we're doing this,
2 somebody found a flash drive on the floor, so if
3 somebody lost a flash drive, come up.

4 MARINO TORRENS: Let me see if it's got
5 pictures on it.

6 BECKY MCLAREN: If you lost a flash drive come
7 up and see us. We're not going to put it in and
8 see what's on there.

9 MARINO TORRENS: Let's put it on the screen.

10 BECKY MCLAREN: So it's here.

11 MARINO TORRENS: Let me know when.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: Are you ready to do the vote?

13 JARED WHITE: Yes, we're ready.

14 BECKY MCLAREN: So this is on 206.2.

15 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Guys, we're back.
16 Let's go.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: 206.2. Okay. Motion on the
18 floor is to approve 206, the proposed change to
19 206.2, okay.

20 You're going to press A or 1 for yea, and B or
21 2 for nay.

22 All right. Are we ready?

23 All right. Start voting.

24 Keep pressing it until you get a green light.

25 When you select, it will show on your little screen

1 what you selected.

2 MARINO TORRENS: (Unintelligible.)

3 BECKY MCLAREN: If you have not had a green
4 light, raise your hand.

5 Five, four, three, two, one, done.

6 Motion fails.

7 (Applause.)

8 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. It is ten fifteen and
9 we know that people need to check out. We are
10 going to recess for thirty minutes to give everyone
11 time go and check out. So we will reconvene in
12 this room at ten forty-five. Ten forty-five back
13 in this room.

14 Also, if you have more than one clicker and
15 you would like, more than five clickers, and you
16 would like to get consolidation, go see the guys in
17 the corner so they can try and take care of that
18 for you.

19 (Break from 10:15 a.m. to 10:44 a.m.)

20 BECKY MCLAREN: Everyone, please get to your
21 seats so that we can reconvene.

22 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Guys, we're starting,
23 please. We're going to take the seats and get
24 going.

25 BECKY MCLAREN: Jared, whenever you get,

1 whenever you're ready.

2 Jared, we can go to the next one which is Rule
3 211, 211.1, 211.2, and 211.3.

4 This is since the proposal changes, there has
5 been a change made to this. If you can look at the
6 screen.

7 Tommy, can I ask you to do me a favor and go
8 to the microphone and read that change for me since
9 I can't see it, we can't see it from here.

10 If you can make it just a little bit bigger,
11 Jared.

12 TOMMY THOMPSON: A player must --

13 BECKY MCLAREN: Get closer to the microphone.

14 TOMMY THOMPSON: A player must have attained
15 his or her fourth birthday in order to register
16 with FYSA.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. I make a motion.

18 JOE GOLDIAN: Second, Joe Goldian.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: I have a motion, second Joe
20 Goldian.

21 Alice, would you like to speak to?

22 ALICE SMITH: This rule is strictly because of
23 the birth year change and this is why it's in
24 there.

25 BECKY MCLAREN: Any discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 BECKY MCLAREN: The one below that would have
3 been a number change because we were, originally it
4 was going to be eliminated but now it will stay
5 211.3. If you just, Jared, on the bottom, it will
6 still be 211.3 where it's crossed out.

7 JARED WHITE: Okay.

8 BECKY MCLAREN: Any other discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no further discussion,
11 all those in favor signify by saying aye.

12 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

14 (No response.)

15 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions.

16 (No response.)

17 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion carries.

18 302.3, Alice, would you like to make a motion
19 to speak?

20 ALICE SMITH: Yes, Alice Smith, State
21 Registrar.

22 I would like to make a motion to approve the
23 proposed rule change.

24 BECKY MCLAREN: For 302.3.

25 TERRI TOWERS: Second, Terri Towers.

1 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: Second.

2 BECKY MCLAREN: Second, Rhonda Link-Cummings.

3 ALICE SMITH: I would like to make an
4 amendment to this rule at this time to change the
5 date from May 15th to the Friday before Memorial
6 Day. So it will be the Friday before Memorial Day,
7 so it comes in front of when we have to come back,
8 when all the games are over at that time.

9 BECKY MCLAREN: Jared, can you go down to the
10 fourth line in the suggested change, and it will be
11 submitted no later than five p.m.

12 ALICE SMITH: The Friday before Memorial Day.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: The Friday before Memorial
14 Day.

15 MARCOS FERNANDEZ: Second.

16 BECKY MCLAREN: Marcos from Kendall seconds,
17 Marcos Fernandez from Kendall seconds.

18 You got that change, Jared?

19 JARED WHITE: Yes.

20 BECKY MCLAREN: Thank you.

21 Any discussion on the amendment to the motion?

22 (No response.)

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no discussion, all
24 those in favor signify by saying aye.

25 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

1 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

2 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Nay.

3 BECKY MCLAREN: The amendment to the original
4 motion passes.

5 Now we go to the amended motion, which would
6 be what's presented on the screen.

7 All those in favor -- or any discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no discussion, all
10 those in favor signify by saying aye.

11 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

13 (No response.)

14 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions.

15 (No response.)

16 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion carries.

17 Okay. The next one, 303, is just a spelling
18 for TOPS. It's already been approved.

19 Okay. The next one that shows in the book is
20 poaching. We're going to go to the tryout rule
21 first and ask that we present them out of order.

22 So we're going to go to 401.6 first.

23 John or Richie, would you like to make a
24 motion?

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Did you guys do

1 303 already?

2 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes, that was just the change
3 for TOPS.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Okay. What about
5 the fees for the FDLE?

6 BECKY MCLAREN: That won't be, that is done
7 prior to May 1st of next year. So we have, those
8 haven't been discussed and it will be sent out to
9 the membership as a fixed cost.

10 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

11 BECKY MCLAREN: Mm-hmm.

12 Richie.

13 RICHIE GRAY: Richie Gray, Florida Rush Soccer
14 Club.

15 I would like to make a motion to modify 401.6
16 to allow the clubs to hold tryouts when they want
17 to.

18 BECKY MCLAREN: We have, it's been moved to
19 accept the proposed changes presented on the
20 screen.

21 Do we have a second?

22 MARINO TORRENS: Second.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: It's been seconded by Marino
24 Torrens.

25 Discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 BECKY MCLAREN: Would you like to speak to
3 your motion, Richie?

4 RICHIE GRAY: Yes. Today clubs have a lot of
5 different options when it comes to registering
6 players, whether it's FYSA, U.S. Club Soccer, AYSO,
7 and it goes on. What we've seen trending is that
8 other clubs are holding tryouts prior to the FYSA
9 tryouts for other affiliations. They're also
10 building their rosters, and FYSA has no way of
11 policing it. So I feel like, as an FYSA affiliate,
12 this puts us at a handicap, a disadvantage and the
13 other clubs are holding their tryouts prior to when
14 we are.

15 Additionally, for some of the larger clubs,
16 you know, it comes right after the Memorial Day
17 weekend, so it's a four-day weekend. And, in
18 addition, it's, you know, you got a thousand kids
19 coming in four days, this would allow clubs to
20 choose and spread out their tryouts if they chose
21 to.

22 So I think in the best interest of FYSA to be
23 more competitive with the other affiliates, that
24 they should allow the market to decide when they
25 want to hold their tryouts and it's their choice.

1 JOE GOLDIAN: Against, Joe Goldian, DC B5.

2 So then a club can start their tryouts
3 September for the, and have tryouts every two weeks
4 until July when they set their team; is that
5 correct?

6 RICHIE GRAY: Yes, if that's what they chose
7 to do.

8 JOE GOLDIAN: That's what you're proposing; is
9 that correct?

10 RICHIE GRAY: Yes, the tryouts are for the
11 next seasonal year. So you're not holding tryouts
12 for this year. If you want to hold tryouts in
13 January for the next following year, that's a
14 choice you can make. If you're a U.S. Club Soccer
15 affiliate, I can do tryouts any time of the year
16 that I want to. So it's happening and this is just
17 leveling the playing field.

18 JOE GOLDIAN: I agree we need to expand it,
19 but I don't like it to be wide open like you said.
20 September we have tryouts every two weeks, and
21 during tryouts there's typically training, so and
22 if you don't consider that poaching, which is next.
23 I've got some issues with it. And I just want to,
24 you know, the membership decides.

25 JOHN STACEY: John Stacey, VP Coach/Player

1 Development.

2 I actually co-authored this amendment with
3 Richie. We actually had two ideas separately and
4 then we collaborated to come up with a final
5 version. I do support this rule for many of the
6 reasons that I originally said. It does put our
7 FYSA-dedicated, FYSA-only clubs at a competitive
8 disadvantage to their larger counterparts who might
9 go both ways.

10 And the whole idea that someone might hold
11 tryouts, for example, on February 1st, to me the
12 market dictates that you wouldn't do that because
13 you can't acquire the new players until the next
14 year. So if you have eighteen players on the
15 roster and you hold tryouts, if you decide five of
16 those players will not be with you in August,
17 you've shot yourself in the foot because now you've
18 told those players ahead of time they're not coming
19 back, and the relationship can be broken. So the
20 club, there's disincentive to hold tryouts early in
21 the year and announce the results of the tryouts.

22 So I'm suggesting, I believe the intent of
23 this rule and I believe the effect of the rule
24 would be for clubs in late April to mid-May to look
25 at their, at their situation and say, you know, the

1 majority of our teams are done for the season.
2 They completed the Commissioner's Cup, and maybe we
3 have one or two teams in State Cup, but we want go
4 ahead and get a jump start on organizing for next
5 season.

6 And this allows us to do that by simply saying
7 we can hold tryouts at any time before the next
8 seasonal year. It doesn't allow, mean the players
9 can leave you. You still have the authority to put
10 them not in good standing if they choose not to pay
11 you. So you're protected, players are. So that's
12 why I support the rule. Thanks.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against?

14 BARRY WITLIN: Against.

15 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

16 BARRY WITLIN: Barry Witlin, South Florida
17 United.

18 It makes sense if in fact it works, but the
19 practice is a disaster. Because any club can hold
20 a practice, call it this to identify player
21 development, to identify players for the next year,
22 at any time starting September, like was stated
23 before, all the way through, and you have no way to
24 enforce against poaching, you have no way to do
25 anything other than allow it to be all open.

1 Having a player assigned to a club and a
2 particular team is going to go out the window,
3 because they'll be practicing with another team
4 basically. And the concept of, if they don't pay
5 you and this and that, I get it, but that means
6 that people who have more money will be able to get
7 all the players they want just by paying off the
8 fines or paying off the teams they were playing
9 with before.

10 So I like the idea about pushing it up so that
11 that timing is better for everyone, it meets the
12 needs of the members. But practice, allowing it to
13 go yearlong, eliminating poaching, and makes it
14 impossible to enforce when someone is truly trying
15 to steal someone. You're dealing with a higher
16 level and a better level, those of us in the club,
17 and you're dealing with people who spend a lot of
18 time trying to figure out how to get around the
19 rules as opposed to coaching their kids. And we
20 have to make sure that we protect our clubs.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against?

22 MIKE HYATT: For.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Thank you.

24 MIKE HYATT: Mike Hyatt, Greater Central
25 Florida Youth Soccer League.

1 I'm for this. At first I was kind of on the
2 fence. But after Richie, hearing Richie talk, it
3 makes perfect sense. Because, I mean, as a league
4 president, I had proof a couple years ago of four
5 of my clubs just calling whatever they wanted to
6 call it to have basically tryouts, and my daughter
7 was a part of that process, and I had the proof.

8 And there's just not enough people with FYSA,
9 and it's not their fault, it's just there's so many
10 clubs that you've got to police over, that they
11 just couldn't keep up with it and all.

12 And with, when our teams are trying to compete
13 with, you know, you know, the other soccer leagues
14 besides FYSA, you know, it puts us at a
15 disadvantage because they're able to, because of
16 the dates that they use, to have tryouts before any
17 of our teams can. So I think that, just like
18 Richie said, it levels the playing field, so I'm
19 totally for it, so.

20 Thank you.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against?

22 JACOB LEHTIO: Point of clarification.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes.

24 JACOB LEHTIO: Jacob Lehtio, Regional
25 Commissioner, Region D East.

1 My concern is that with the rule change, with
2 which I am for the rule change, is that it creates
3 an opportunity, it creates a rule that conflicts
4 with other rules and put coaches and teams and
5 players and parents in jeopardy of violating FYSA
6 rules.

7 401.5, Poaching, A says no coach, assistant
8 coach, trainer, team representative, registered
9 player, parent, or advertisement, may offer any
10 type of inducement to recruit a player and/or to
11 transfer from his or her respective team during the
12 seasonal year as defined September 1 through
13 August 31st.

14 Then it goes on to say, inducing a player
15 includes, but is not limited solicitation to leave
16 the current affiliate, offering a currently
17 rostered player a roster spot on an existing team,
18 or a roster spot for the next seasonal year.

19 That needs to be corrected somehow.

20 BECKY MCLAREN: The reason we're doing this
21 one first is because if this one passes, then we'll
22 go back to the one before, that was the poaching.

23 JACOB LEHTIO: Thank you.

24 BECKY MCLAREN: You're welcome.

25 MARINO TORRENS: Just I guess a friendly

1 amendment or whatever you want to call it.

2 Marino Torrens, President --

3 BECKY MCLAREN: Even though we can hear you, I
4 still need you to get closer to the microphone.

5 MARINO TORRENS: Oh, okay. Marino Torrens,
6 President.

7 I'm kind of in agreement with the rule change,
8 but I'm also looking at what Joe said about every
9 two weeks. So when you guys, I guess accept
10 something like they can only have a maximum of
11 three tryouts between February and June, something
12 like that, that time period, a limited number of
13 tryouts instead of, like he said, that people can
14 do it every two weeks if you leave it wide open.

15 I guess official advertised tryouts.

16 RICHIE GRAY: So what you're asking is can
17 there be a limited number of tryouts?

18 BECKY MCLAREN: During a timeframe.

19 MARINO TORRENS: I'm sorry. I couldn't hear
20 him.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: He said you're asking for
22 there to be a limited number of tryouts in a
23 timeframe.

24 MARINO TORRENS: Right. So that way what Joe
25 mentioned about everybody can do it every week,

1 every two weeks, would eliminate some of that.

2 RICHIE GRAY: Yeah, I'm not opposed to that.
3 I mean, what I'm looking to do is level the playing
4 field and give FYSA affiliates the opportunity to
5 hold their tryouts earlier if they choose to.

6 BECKY MCLAREN: So would you like to propose
7 an amendment?

8 MARINO TORRENS: I mean, do you guys want to
9 discuss it first, because there's two of them and
10 to bring it up, what date?

11 It's okay with you, I don't have a set date or
12 set amount of numbers, but you guys can work it
13 out.

14 RICHIE GRAY: We can move the date to
15 April 1st, and then that would be April and May.
16 Because what's happening is the majority of the
17 tryouts are happening in the month of May. So in
18 May it's a big deal when other clubs are holding
19 their tryouts three weeks before we can. And in
20 January, if a club wants to do that, then, you
21 know, that's their choice, but that's not going to
22 be great.

23 MARINO TORRENS: So I guess what's the
24 amendment?

25 RICHIE GRAY: Can we move it to, instead of

1 being all year, April 1st?

2 BECKY MCLAREN: So it would be organizations
3 affiliated with FYSA may hold any tryout, player
4 identification activity, related to the formation
5 of teams for the next seasonal year, while the
6 players, in all age groups --

7 RICHIE GRAY: Instead of at any time it would
8 be after April 1st.

9 BECKY MCLAREN: After April 1st.

10 RICHIE GRAY: Yes.

11 BECKY MCLAREN: Is there a second?

12 MARCOS FERNANDEZ: Second.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: Marcos Fernandez seconds that.
14 Is there any discussion to the amended motion?
15 State your name and club, please.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)
17 Just a point of clarification. You're not
18 talking about a limited amount of tryouts, you're
19 taking about a date?

20 BECKY MCLAREN: A date, that's correct.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you.

22 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against?

23 CHARLIE SLAGLE: For.

24 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

25 CHARLIE SLAGLE: Charlie Slagle from Tampa Bay

1 United.

2 This is a step in the right direction. I am
3 representing one of the big clubs that can have
4 tryouts for other associations, et cetera, and it's
5 a step in the right direction. But now that you
6 put April 1st in, somebody is going to have a
7 March 20th tryout with the other U.S. club or with
8 whatever USSF.

9 So I would say I'm for the amendment because
10 it's a step in the right direction, but next year
11 we'll probably be discussing getting rid of it
12 completely again. So that's just, I don't know if
13 I'm for or against, but, I mean.

14 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against, sir?

15 GUS CHINCHAY: I'm in favor.

16 Gus Chinchay with Maitland Soccer Club.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. He spoke for it, so I
18 need an against.

19 For or against?

20 JENNIFER MURPHY: I'm for but I have a
21 clarification.

22 BECKY MCLAREN: Point of clarification, yes,
23 ma'am.

24 JENNIFER MURPHY: Or a request for an
25 additional.

1 BECKY MCLAREN: That's fine.

2 MARINO TORRENS: State your name.

3 JENNIFER MURPHY: Jennifer Murphy, Florida
4 Hawks. The only thing, I'm for it, but the only
5 thing that I would ask is that we address if a
6 tryout is held earlier, how we handle the training
7 aspect of it with the club. If they're picked up
8 by another club, if they're able to train with that
9 club until they finish out their contractual
10 obligations with the club that they're signed with.

11 BECKY MCLAREN: They would still be obligated
12 to the club they're registered with.

13 Any other discussion on the amendment to the
14 motion?

15 For or against, sir?

16 DARAGH CULLEN: Point of order, please.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes.

18 DARAGH CULLEN: Daragh Cullen, Lakeland FC.

19 With the proposed date of April 1st, would the
20 State Cup be going on at that time?

21 BECKY MCLAREN: That is correct.

22 DARAGH CULLEN: Would you entertain May 15th?

23 BECKY MCLAREN: I believe --

24 JOHN STACEY: John Stacey, VP of Coach/Player
25 Development.

1 As I said earlier, I really do think the
2 effects would be early to mid-May. Some clubs are
3 ready to go that early, some don't have teams in
4 State Cup. And there's only so many people in
5 State.

6 So if we do May 15th, we will definitely have
7 people doing it May 8th. And I think that the
8 April 15th is early enough, again, I think our --

9 BECKY MCLAREN: It's April 1st.

10 JOHN STACEY: April 1st, sorry.

11 There are, there's still market forces in play
12 that are going to keep people from wanting to
13 declare that the kids are gone for next season
14 because it's going to play against them.

15 So the market will kind of dictate where
16 they're going to do this. We're officially putting
17 in this date of Memorial Day, and it's, it's the
18 best thing with the way the market is supposed to
19 work. So I think April 1st still works.

20 BECKY MCLAREN: Any other discussion?

21 For or against, or point of clarification?

22 RYAN MARTIN: Against.

23 Ryan Martin.

24 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes, what club, sir?

25 RYAN MARTIN: FC Dallas.

1 Okay. My question is what state does this
2 already and how have they dealt with any of the
3 issues that result from --

4 BECKY MCLAREN: I'm sorry. I don't understand
5 your question.

6 RYAN MARTIN: Is there another precedent out
7 there that as we move forward to doing this and how
8 have those states dealt with this?

9 BECKY MCLAREN: Dale, if you have an answer
10 then, please.

11 DALE BURKE: Yes, Dale Burke, Executive
12 Director, FYSA.

13 I'm in a group of eight states, and they're
14 the eight largest states. We comprise one point
15 eight million members, children in play. And I did
16 a survey of that group. Cal North, Cal South has
17 open dates year round. Eastern PA has a March 1st
18 date. Eastern New York has a March 15th date.
19 Everybody has an open date much earlier than what
20 we have. And it was for the same reason, just like
21 Richie said, to level the field.

22 BECKY MCLAREN: Does that answer your
23 question, sir?

24 RYAN MARTIN: Yes.

25 BECKY MCLAREN: Thank you.

1 Anybody else to speak for or against?

2 HERMAN ARANGO: Point of clarification.

3 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes.

4 HERMAN ARANGO: Herman Arango, FC Tampa.

5 I think we should have an end date, April 1st
6 to June 1st.

7 JOHN STACEY: I think I heard -- I would not
8 accept that amendment only because, again, some
9 clubs feel, you know, maybe for their market it's
10 best to hold it June 5th. Why dictate -- we do
11 have a June 15 date --

12 HERMAN ARANGO: Okay.

13 JOHN STACEY: -- that's kind of out there, so.

14 HERMAN ARANGO: June 15th is fine.

15 JOHN STACEY: Well, it's already out there in
16 the rules. Because that's when they have to
17 register players, they have to hold people
18 accountable to (unintelligible).

19 HERMAN ARANGO: That's fine.

20 JOHN STACEY: Or June 10th just to be clear,
21 the other rule addresses that. We're just talking
22 about when can clubs start forming teams, start
23 doing tryouts for the next season.

24 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. Anybody else?

25 There's a motion to call in question by who.

1 Marcos Fernandez of Kendall has called, making
2 the motion to call the question.

3 Is there a second?

4 MARK CARR: Second.

5 BECKY MCLAREN: And you are?

6 MARK CARR: Mark Carr, second.

7 BECKY MCLAREN: Since there's a second to call
8 to question, all those in favor signify by saying
9 aye.

10 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

11 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

12 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Nay, no.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions.

14 (No response.)

15 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion carries to call to
16 question.

17 We're now going to vote on the amended motion
18 with the April 1st date.

19 Can you put that in there, Jared, please.

20 We are going to do a voice vote. If it is not
21 clear, then we will go to --

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: It only takes ten
23 seconds.

24 BECKY MCLAREN: I'm sorry?

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: It only takes ten

1 seconds to use these things, let's use them.

2 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. All right, guys.
3 Everybody get your clicker out. Get your clickers
4 out.

5 If you can put up the screen for 401.6,
6 please. You have the three choices. You are going
7 to press one for yea, two for nay, and three for
8 abstain.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: For the amendment?

10 BECKY MCLAREN: For the amendment to the
11 motion, okay, this is the April 1st date.

12 All the those in favor of the amended, or all
13 those -- everybody get ready to vote.

14 Five, four, three, two, one, press your
15 button.

16 Anybody that's not got a green light, raise
17 your hand.

18 JOHN STACEY: We still have about twenty out
19 there.

20 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. Five, four, three, two,
21 one, done.

22 The amendment to the motion carries.

23 Now we will vote on the amended motion.

24 All right. So, Jared, (unintelligible).

25 All right, guys. You got your clickers. Get

1 ready.

2 Five, four, three, two, one, press your
3 button.

4 Five, four, three, two, one, done.

5 Motion carries.

6 We're going to go back to 401.5.

7 Mr. Stacey, since this is your proposal, I
8 would ask that you make a motion to speak, please,
9 sir.

10 JOHN STACEY: John Stacey, VP Coach/Player
11 Development.

12 So now that we've given the clubs a little
13 more freedom in the way that they plan their
14 calendars and do tryouts, we do have to address the
15 poaching issue that is accompanied by contact
16 between players and prospective clubs. The
17 action --

18 BECKY MCLAREN: You want to make a motion
19 first?

20 JOHN STACEY: Okay. I make a motion that we
21 amend 401.5(B), Subsection B, the book says --

22 BECKY MCLAREN: It's been -- well, wait a
23 second.

24 It's been moved, amended.

25 Do I have a second?

1 JOE GOLDIAN: Second, Joe Goldian.

2 BECKY MCLAREN: Joe seconds.

3 Now it's to you, Mr. Stacey.

4 JOHN STACEY: Okay. Under reason it says if
5 Rule 401.6 is rescinded, I'm not dealing with
6 401.6, I'm dealing with 401.5, Subsection B, so
7 just so we're clear.

8 B, currently B states that, you know, you see
9 it on the screen here I think, yeah, all currently
10 registered payers become free agents at the
11 completion of the State Cup.

12 My suggested amendment would be that players
13 are allowed to attend publicly announced tryouts
14 for the next seasonal year of any FYSA affiliated
15 club. They will not be required to obtain written
16 permission for their current affiliate.

17 Focus on publicly announced tryouts. We're
18 not going to be, this is not intended to allow for
19 a coach to have a private tryout with a prospective
20 player. You have to you put it on your website,
21 you say, hey, everybody come try out for this club
22 after April 1st. That's great. You're the
23 affiliate, you still control your players in terms
24 of who they're registered with, but they're allowed
25 to go, just as they were allowed to come to your

1 tryouts.

2 So that's the motion.

3 BECKY MCLAREN: Any discussion on the motion?

4 Identify yourself, please, sir.

5 BOB STOVER: Bob Stover, Region C4

6 Commissioner.

7 John, I have question. When you say publicly
8 announced, you talked about, you know, posting it
9 on a website and all this kind of stuff. If I hang
10 a flier on the concession stand at my club, does
11 that count?

12 What's publicly announced, can we clarify
13 that?

14 JOHN STACEY: Wasn't there some Supreme Court
15 Justice that had (unintelligible), you know it when
16 you see it. I mean, in my mind you kind of know
17 what public means. I mean, let's face it, if you
18 get an email directly from Coach John to the
19 player, hey, I saw you play this past weekend, I'd
20 love for you to play with me next year, why don't
21 you come to our next practice session, that's not
22 public. So you kind of know it when you see it.

23 Is there going to be gray area in this?

24 Absolutely. And if there's gray, I have no doubt
25 that clubs will seize on that gray and will bring

1 it to the attention of the Board of Directors, and
2 we will then have to decide what the criteria is
3 for public.

4 BOB STOVER: (Unintelligible.)

5 JOHN STACEY: It's hard to, right, public is
6 so hard to define though, right. So I'm thinking
7 public, a few things that come to my mind, website
8 postings.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: One or two weeks
10 prior.

11 JOHN STACEY: One or two weeks prior, yeah,
12 that's some good stuff. It has to be open to all,
13 you know, it can't be selective. It can't be, hey,
14 players from neighboring clubs come see us. It's
15 got to be open al. It can be boys, girls. It can
16 be older age groups, younger age groups.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: But to be eligible
18 that language is in there.

19 JOHN STACEY: Open to any and all players. So
20 that's, that would be my comment on the public.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against, sir?

22 MARCELO EGUINO: Point of clarification.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes.

24 MARCELO EGUINO: Marcelo Eguino, Tarpon FC.

25 In order to make it an official tryout rather

1 than --

2 BECKY MCLAREN: Can you speak up to the
3 microphone.

4 MARCELO EGUINO: In order to make it an
5 official tryout, rather than just saying I publicly
6 post it, there should be some sort of registration
7 where you actually notify FYSA that this is when
8 your tryouts are being held.

9 BECKY MCLAREN: John, response to that.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: You can go, you
11 can answer that, I'll go on top of that if you
12 want, because you're going to have to answer the
13 same question.

14 JOHN STACEY: So in order to do that the
15 amendment would have to come in that says a
16 publicly announced tryout registered with the state
17 office; is that what you're asking?

18 MARCELO EGUINO: At the very least notify the
19 state office that this is when my tryouts are being
20 held by a certain date.

21 JOHN STACEY: I mean, that, we're expanding
22 the scope of what's required to hold tryouts now.
23 You don't have to notify the state office if you're
24 holding tryouts.

25 I welcome you to make an amendment. I'm not

1 in support of the amendment, but certainly have
2 the --

3 TOMMY THOMPSON: Just a point of order,
4 please.

5 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes.

6 TOMMY THOMPSON: We just passed an April 1st
7 tryout date. This in conflict with that.

8 JOHN STACEY: No, no, it's not. No, no, no,
9 hang on. Tommy, I disagree.

10 John Stacey, VP Coach/Player Development. I'm
11 going to break out some real big words in a minute
12 just to keep her busy.

13 Tommy, I don't see it as a conflict because
14 we're still saying April 1st is fine. He's
15 suggesting that we would, that even if you held it
16 on April 5th, you still have to notify the state
17 office that you're going to hold tryouts. That's
18 what, that's what he's suggesting. I'm not in
19 favor of that amendment, but that's what's been
20 suggested.

21 TOMMY THOMPSON: You don't clarify in this
22 statement that you have there after April 1st. It
23 says any publicly announced trial.

24 JOHN STACEY: Oh, I got you. I got to address
25 that.

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Go ahead.

2 JOHN STACEY: Okay. I will then suggest an
3 amendment to the statement on the screen. Players
4 shall be allowed to attend publicly announced
5 tryouts held in -- can we say, Tommy, just nod your
6 head -- in accordance with the tryout rule?

7 TOMMY THOMPSON: Yes, you got to get both
8 rules on the same page.

9 JOHN STACEY: Okay. So publicly held tryouts
10 held in accordance with the tryout rule, whatever
11 that is, 401.6; is that safe?

12 And then if we have a future date change,
13 we're not worried about necessarily the agreement.
14 So if you allow tryout, it would qualify.

15 BECKY MCLAREN: Jared, did you get that,
16 players shall be allowed to attend publicly
17 announced tryouts held in accordance with Rule
18 401.6, for the next seasonal year of any FYSA
19 affiliated club.

20 JOHN STACEY: Yes.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Got it?

22 JOHN STACEY: Yes.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Because I can't see the
24 screen.

25 JOHN STACEY: He's almost there.

1 Yeah, it's a little wordy but I think it
2 conveys the meaning.

3 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

4 JOHN STACEY: Permission to fix grammar?

5 BECKY MCLAREN: We'll fix grammar. It's been
6 moved to amend the motion to be held in accordance
7 with 401.6.

8 Do we have a second to that amendment?

9 MIKE SCIROCCO: Second.

10 BECKY MCLAREN: And you are?

11 MIKE SCIROCCO: Mike Scirocco, Stetson FA.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. We have a second.

13 Is there any discussion regarding the
14 amendment on the floor?

15 Yes, sir.

16 MARCELO EGUINO: Again I believe that we need
17 to clarify what public, publicly announced means.
18 There should be a way in which we're letting people
19 know when we are having those tryouts. Maybe
20 rather than letting FYSA know, notify our Region
21 VPs.

22 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against?

23 MIKE SCIROCCO: Point of clarification.

24 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes.

25 MIKE SCIROCCO: So speaking to the gray area,

1 we voted that it's going to be April 1st. We just
2 have to come to grips that kids are going to come
3 try out. So publicly stating, I can put at the top
4 of my website, do you want to join my club, you're
5 free to come try out at any of my training sessions
6 for next year. That's publicly stated and they can
7 come to any training session and try out, one kid,
8 five kids, zero kids.

9 So we just all have to come to the reality
10 that kids are just going to come and try out and
11 that's just the fact of the matter, public or not.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against, Joe?

13 JOE GOLDIAN: Well, this is a point of
14 clarification, and also it may help what Mike just
15 said.

16 The first paragraph that's lined out, all
17 currently registered players shall become free
18 agents, if we leave that in there, that would
19 eliminate your concern.

20 TERRI TOWERS: Yeah, why did you take it out,
21 it doesn't really change?

22 JOE GOLDIAN: You're taking out all currently
23 registered players shall become free agents at the
24 completion of FYSA's State Cup Finals or the
25 elimination from National Championship

1 competitions.

2 BECKY MCLAREN: But you're replacing it with
3 players shall be allowed to attend publicly
4 announced tryouts.

5 JOE GOLDIAN: I understand. But then when do
6 they become free agents?

7 I think if you leave that statement in there,
8 that then solves Mike's issues or concerns.

9 TERRI TOWERS: I don't think we should take
10 that out.

11 JOE GOLDIAN: Because then --

12 BECKY MCLAREN: What would be your proposed
13 amendment to the amendment?

14 JOE GOLDIAN: That first paragraph that is
15 currently lined out, leave that in there with
16 the --

17 BECKY MCLAREN: That would say completion of
18 State Cup.

19 JOE GOLDIAN: That's for free agents, they
20 become free agents. See, otherwise, you don't have
21 a, when it is you qualify as a free agent with
22 this.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. John.

24 MARINO TORRENS: I'm sorry, but the rule that
25 was just passed a few minutes ago, it don't matter

1 if you're a free agent or not, you can try out
2 after April 1st, you don't have to be a free agent
3 anymore. So I don't see where the free agent
4 comes. We're still trying out for the next season.
5 You're bound to your team for this year.

6 Yes, you are, because it says that you're
7 trying out for the next seasonal year.

8 TOMMY THOMPSON: The only problem I see is
9 striking the language out of when a player becomes
10 a free agent, when you strike that language out, he
11 can become a free agent whenever he wants to,
12 except bound by contract.

13 You're opening up a can of worms, guys, by
14 trying to make something simple that is very
15 complicated.

16 BECKY MCLAREN: Would you have a proposed
17 change, Mr. Thompson?

18 MARINO TORRENS: How about, I propose stating
19 that every player is bound to the team for the
20 seasonal year unless you move more than a hundred
21 and fifty miles away.

22 JOHN STACEY: Okay. So, Tommy, I believe
23 reading this now, at this point in reading it, if
24 the amended information is there and the stricken
25 part is un-stricken, that provided that being, not

1 being a free agent, still permits them under the
2 first part of my amendment here that says you can
3 go to a publicly announced tryout, but you remain
4 bound to your club.

5 If that's the concern, then I agree to
6 un-strike those sections. You still cannot, the
7 restriction against playing and contact is lifted,
8 but there's a very narrow exception for public
9 tryouts to allow a player, can't just play and all
10 that stuff with a club, because that's still in the
11 rule.

12 So I would agree to an amendment, or I propose
13 an amendment, along with that other amendment, to
14 un-strike the stricken language I guess.

15 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. Un-strike the from all
16 currently.

17 JOHN STACEY: Both sections.

18 BECKY MCLAREN: Both sections.

19 DAN GRIESGRABER: Ask for a clarification
20 while we're waiting for the amendment?

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes.

22 DAN GRIESGRABER: Dan Griesgraber, Oldsmar
23 Soccer.

24 Clarification on the, clarification on two
25 things. Number one, for the tryouts, I mean, we

1 should have some definition of a tryout. I mean,
2 for bigger clubs, you can't just say Monday through
3 Friday I have training sessions and that's a
4 tryout. You should have some definition of what a
5 tryout is.

6 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. Well the tryout rule
7 has already been passed.

8 DAN GRIESGRABER: Okay. So that's fine. So I
9 mean, that's just a comment of they can come to a
10 training session, that's not a tryout. So I just
11 want to make sure everybody understands that.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

13 DAN GRIESGRABER: And then the second one was
14 from, I mean, if there's other language in there
15 binding the player's contract, whether we strike
16 this or un-strike it, if that language is somewhere
17 else, we should make sure that this is consistent
18 across all of that; right?

19 BECKY MCLAREN: We can do that.

20 Anything further for the amendment to the
21 motion to be held in accordance with Rule 401.6 and
22 un-strike the two paragraphs underneath that, that
23 have been un-stricken?

24 (No response.)

25 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no discussion regarding

1 that -- I'm sorry?

2 Seeing no more discussion regarding the
3 amendment to the motion that's on the floor, all
4 those in favor of the amendment to the motion,
5 signify by saying aye.

6 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

7 BECKY MCLAREN: Oppose.

8 (No response.)

9 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions.

10 (No response.)

11 BECKY MCLAREN: The amendment passes.

12 We now have the amended motion on the floor.
13 If anybody would like to speak to the amended
14 motion.

15 For or against?

16 JENNIFER MURPHY: I'm for the rule, Jennifer
17 Murphy, Florida Hawks FC, but I would ask that we
18 say players shall be allowed to attend publicly
19 announced tryouts that are registered with FYSA for
20 the next seasonal year. That way there's a record.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: You would have to, it has to
22 go, it's already currently, now it will read
23 players shall be allowed to attend publicly held
24 tryouts held in accordance with Rule 401.6, that
25 was the amendment that was just voted on.

1 So you want an additional amendment to the
2 motion to add registered with FYSA?

3 BARRY WITLIN: (Unintelligible.)

4 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes.

5 BARRY WITLIN: If you notify FYSA of the
6 tryout you're going to have, FYSA presumably would
7 post that somewhere and that should satisfy the
8 public part of the requirement.

9 BECKY MCLAREN: We don't currently post
10 tryouts on our website.

11 BARRY WITLIN: Well, you notify of the
12 tryouts.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: That is correct.

14 BARRY WITLIN: But, so if they pass, this
15 passes, then the notification goes to FYSA and gets
16 put on the website by FYSA I presume, and that
17 would satisfy the public part of the tryout
18 requirement; correct, wouldn't it?

19 I know we haven't done it before, but now
20 you're creating something that has to be done with
21 FYSA to pass this. So FYSA could say, thank you
22 for notifying us you're holding tryouts, but if you
23 post it, put a page in the website that just says
24 notify or publicly provide notification of tryout
25 for this club. And that satisfies the publicity

1 part, and you don't have to sit around trying to
2 find something we'll never get done right anyway.

3 JOHN STACEY: John Stacey, VP Coach/Player
4 Development.

5 While I am hesitant to add a lot of workload
6 to the State staff, I recognize that we're
7 attempting to unshackle and allow competition by
8 clubs in the marketplace. If we need to do that to
9 make it public, I am willing to accept the
10 amendment or ask that it be approved to say held in
11 accordance, seasonal year -- what was it?

12 BECKY MCLAREN: Players shall be allowed to
13 attend publicly announced tryouts that are held in
14 accordance with --

15 JOHN STACEY: Announced tryouts that are
16 registered with the state office, the FYSA office,
17 the state office; is that what we're saying?

18 You have to notify the state office of your
19 tryout.

20 BARRY WITLIN: You have to notify FYSA, and I
21 don't know if FYSA would this do or what your
22 responsibility would be when you notify FYSA and
23 tell them, they have a page on the website of
24 tryouts that you notified of. I don't know if
25 that's something you're going to have to do at

1 FYSA, or if that's something who the person who is
2 providing FYSA with that notification to go to that
3 website page on the FYSA website and just post it.

4 JOHN STACEY: So you're talking the mechanics
5 of how?

6 BARRY WITLIN: Right.

7 JOHN STACEY: But what language would you like
8 to see in this thing that would accomplish that,
9 that would put the burden on the clubs that are
10 going to have the tryouts to notify the state
11 office?

12 BARRY WITLIN: I can't answer that because
13 FYSA doesn't have a page on their website for
14 notification.

15 JOHN STACEY: Assuming that we work out the
16 technical side of how we document who has asked,
17 how would we put, how would we write it to put the
18 burden on the club to notify the state office?

19 BARRY WITLIN: They must notify FYSA, notify
20 FYSA of the public tryout and have it listed on the
21 website of FYSA's notification page and
22 requirements.

23 MARINO TORRENS: I got another question to
24 that.

25 So now FYSA is going to get into advertising

1 tryouts for everybody?

2 And, second, what is the penalty if they don't
3 send it to us?

4 JOHN STACEY: So I stand by the rule as
5 amended. I think we're going down a rabbit hole
6 and I think most people understand what a public
7 tryout is. And, guys, sometimes we have to apply
8 common sense and we can't codify everything.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: 401.6 already
10 (unintelligible).

11 MIKE SCIROCCO: Point of clarification.

12 Mike Scirocco, Stetson FA.

13 So we just voted to say we can have tryouts
14 April 1st, and now we're doing everything we can to
15 figure out how we can restrict all that?

16 JOHN STACEY: Thanks, Mike.

17 MIKE SCIROCCO: Am I going crazy here?

18 (Applause.)

19 MIKE SCIROCCO: Supercalifragilisticexpialidoc
20 ious.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. We have an amended
22 motion on the floor, players shall be allowed to
23 attend publicly announced tryouts held in
24 accordance with Rule 401.6 for the next seasonal
25 year of any FYSA affiliated club. Players will not

1 be required to obtain written permission from their
2 current affiliate. And the two that were stricken
3 are put back in, I'm not going to read those.

4 Any other discussion?

5 MARINO TORRENS: Wait. Someone is walking up.

6 BECKY THOMAS: Becky Thomas, Orlando City.

7 Just a comment for Alice, for registrar
8 purposes. With this change, which is great for
9 everyone, the permission for rosters when they will
10 be acceptably signed by a parent I think should be
11 stated somewhere. And then the coaching date, I
12 think the team, you know, these clubs would like to
13 talk to coaches first if they're going to have a
14 tryout early. Just a thought.

15 BECKY MCLAREN: Any other discussion?

16 JOE VENEZIA: Joe Venezia, Clermont FC.

17 Just a quick question about the word publicly,
18 the gray area. I know you said earlier about the
19 coach cannot reach out directly to a player, but
20 what about the distribution list, players that move
21 between clubs, they have an archive in there, is an
22 email blast considered public, because it's not a
23 bulletin board?

24 JOHN STACEY: Yeah.

25 JOE VENEZIA: It goes to specific players but

1 it doesn't have their name other than, hey, come
2 into my ID camp, come to this, come to that, same
3 thing.

4 JOHN STACEY: I hear you. I hear you.

5 All right. The views (unintelligible) on me
6 are not necessarily those of everybody.

7 You know, to me, if there's a publicly held
8 site, if you got it on your website and you send
9 out an email blast to a mailing list that you've
10 collected, it's in conjunction with a publicly held
11 tryout, guys.

12 I mean, again, it's a difference between a
13 private tryout, hey, bring a couple, three players,
14 (unintelligible) and come and see me this week.
15 No, that's not public.

16 So, again, there's some gray. And when people
17 start, they get into the gray area, they try to
18 work around it, they're going to have to file a
19 complaint with the BOD. And I hope the BOD, me
20 being one of them, has the backbone to say that
21 wasn't public. And we come up with something, some
22 way to, we can, I mean, honestly we always
23 challenge the affiliation of the club for violating
24 the rules. So we do have a toolkit to enforce
25 these rules.

1 So, again, I don't see how we can possibly
2 define every little aspect of what public is, but I
3 would say most of us can agree when something is
4 public versus private; is that fair?

5 My opinion, again, not everybody else holds
6 it, but that's where I stand.

7 BECKY MCLAREN: All right. Any other
8 discussions, seeing nobody else on the microphone?

9 DONNA HAASE: Call the question, Donna Haase.

10 BECKY MCLAREN: Donna Haase calls for the
11 question.

12 Is there a second?

13 JOE GOLDIAN: Second, Joe Goldian.

14 BECKY MCLAREN: Joe Goldian seconds.

15 The question has been called. All those in
16 favor of calling the question, signify by saying
17 aye.

18 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

20 (No response.)

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions.

22 (No response.)

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Call the question carries.

24 We now have the amended motion on the floor as
25 presented on the screen.

1 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

2 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

3 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

4 (No response.)

5 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions.

6 (No response.)

7 BECKY MCLAREN: Carries.

8 Jared, if we can go to 402.2(b).

9 TOMMY THOMPSON: Did you pass, we've passed
10 the change to April 1st tryouts, you now have
11 May 1st for coaches under the coaching rule, after
12 your April 1st date.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: Tommy, that would be taken --

14 TOMMY THOMPSON: I guess my question is how
15 can you have tryouts before the seasonal year when
16 you haven't determined all your coaches?

17 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

18 BECKY MCLAREN: If somebody has a comment, I
19 need you to come to the mic, please.

20 (No response.)

21 BECKY MCLAREN: 402.2(b).

22 Is Mark Luster here?

23 MARK LUSTER: I'm right here.

24 BECKY MCLAREN: I'm sorry. I didn't see you.

25 MARK LUSTER: So what do I have to just call

1 for amendment?

2 BECKY MCLAREN: You need to make a motion.

3 MARK LUSTER: Make the motion to change
4 402.2(b).

5 BECKY MCLAREN: As presented.

6 MARK LUSTER: As presented on the screen.

7 BECKY MCLAREN: As presented on the screen.

8 Is there a second?

9 MARINO TORRENS: Second for discussion,
10 Marino.

11 BECKY MCLAREN: It's been moved and seconded.
12 Would you like to speak to your motion,
13 Mr. Luster?

14 MARK LUSTER: Yes. The main reason for this
15 is similar to what Richie was talking about making
16 a level playing field.

17 Again, on a national basis, from what we've
18 been, all the research of the thirty-nine state
19 associations that have brought this forward, only
20 one other state association, which is South Texas,
21 has this rule. And from what I understand they're
22 changing that rule also to allow for casts. Every
23 other national governing body, such as U.S. Club,
24 the Federation, USYS, when it comes down to it,
25 national competitions all granted the permission of

1 casts being used in their events, as long as by the
2 discretion of the referee, which is what the rule
3 change states.

4 From our point of view in Disney Sports is
5 that we handle a lot of teams from out of state,
6 some of the other tournaments in the state also
7 handle a lot of teams from out of the state.
8 Unfortunately, even though we post it, it's in our
9 rules, we follow the guidelines of FYSA, we run
10 into many situations where people show up with
11 casts and spend thousands of dollars to attend here
12 and aren't able to then because their state
13 associations allow it, as does everybody except for
14 us and South Texas from what I understand.

15 That's the basis of the rule and I request the
16 rule change.

17 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. I guess I'm in favor
18 but with maybe an amendment for some other
19 restriction there. Specifically the hard cast, if
20 they have some kind of padding on it, not just
21 plain hard cast.

22 MARK LUSTER: I think that would probably go,
23 I have no problem with that. I mean, there are
24 actually covers that are designed that are used for
25 like NCAA approved for casts and those type of

1 things. I mean, I've had people bring them to our
2 tournaments from New York thinking they can play
3 with them and they can't. Again, it's the
4 discretion of the referee. As a past referee, if I
5 saw somebody with a hard cast, I would not let them
6 play unless it was covered or protected.

7 So, I mean, I think, again, it comes down to
8 the discretion of the referee and based on how the
9 referees are trained. That should cover what
10 you're saying.

11 BECKY MCLAREN: Would you like to make an
12 amendment to the motion?

13 MARK LUSTER: Well, I mean, like I said, if
14 you want to put in there that it has to be
15 protected based on some standard, I don't have a
16 problem with it. I just don't know what the
17 standard would be. That's the question. I mean
18 there are, NCAA has, there's actual covers for
19 casts that are, that say approved by the NCAA. Now
20 whether or not that's what we want to get --

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Right.

22 MARK LUSTER: -- have another governing body
23 approve our governing body, I don't know if we want
24 that or not. I think I'd leave it to the
25 discretion of the referee. And that's what FIFA

1 says and that's US Youth and everybody else says.

2 MARINO TORRENS: The problem, I guess the
3 problem with that, maybe we can do something for
4 like tournaments and stuff like that, because then
5 the tournament director or the tournament person
6 can check the cast before, like we do at Nationals
7 and Regionals and all that, and have something
8 signed.

9 The problem that I have is a five-year-old, a
10 ten-year-old shows up with a cast, the referee is
11 thirteen years old, you leave it to that
12 thirteen-year-old to decide whether it's safe or
13 not, I mean.

14 Now I can see it like for tournaments and
15 things like that, because the player would have to
16 show up and, like I said, at Regionals, Nationals
17 and all that, you have to show up with a cast
18 before to whoever the risk management is for the
19 tournament, and that person makes the decision
20 whether it's approved for the tournament or not.
21 But an individual meet, everyday meet --

22 MARK LUSTER: Well, you know, I don't have a
23 problem with that. If you want to limit it to like
24 tournaments that are interstate tournaments or
25 like --

1 MARINO TORRENS: Any tournament, any FYSA
2 sanctioned tournament.

3 MARK LUSTER: Okay.

4 MARINO TORRENS: You know, that have that one
5 person that's going to make the decision, risk
6 management director.

7 MARK LUSTER: I understand. I guess what I'm
8 getting at is that if Florida has the rule for
9 Florida tournaments, I mean, you have restricted
10 tournaments, unrestricted tournaments. If you
11 wanted to list them for just unrestricted
12 tournaments or for, I don't have a problem with
13 that. I mean, it suits our needs. I'm just trying
14 to make this consistent across the board for all
15 states.

16 But I don't have a problem with adding that
17 into the, to amend the amendment, or to amend it to
18 say for tournament play, has to be approved by a
19 tournament official, that type of thing.

20 You want more discussion before we do the
21 amendment?

22 BECKY MCLAREN: Well.

23 SHARI BILLS: Shari Bills, Florida Fire
24 Juniors.

25 I'm in favor of it up to the doctor's note and

1 then the judgment being a site director not a
2 referee. Because in a tournament situation when
3 they're playing three games, the first referee
4 says, yeah, okay, the second one says, no, not
5 okay.

6 MARK LUSTER: Well, we've had that situation a
7 lot so, okay.

8 MARINO TORRENS: Would you, I guess,
9 orthopedic cast and soft braces can be worn at all
10 FYSA sanctioned tournaments with the written
11 approval from a doctor and judgment of the risk
12 management or site director of the tournament.

13 MARK LUSTER: That's fine. I don't have a
14 problem with that. That fits my needs.

15 MARINO TORRENS: Yeah, I still don't see how
16 you can do it on only one game on Saturday or on
17 Sunday, you know.

18 BECKY MCLAREN: Marino, could you repeat that
19 so that Jared can get that.

20 MARINO TORRENS: See if I remember it. I'm
21 old, you know that.

22 Orthopedic cast and soft braces can be worn in
23 any FYSA sanctioned tournament with the written
24 approval from a doctor and written permission from
25 tournament official; is that okay?

1 MARK LUSTER: Well --

2 MARINO TORRENS: When they go to the
3 tournament director, the tournament director says
4 you're approved to play.

5 MARK LUSTER: All right. Okay. I'll go with
6 that. The one question I will say, from a referee
7 standpoint, the referee has the ultimate say as to
8 the safety of what takes part in the game. And if
9 he feels it's unsafe, whether or not the tournament
10 director said it was safe, he has the right to say,
11 no. So I think the referee has to still be
12 involved, and I don't want to make this more
13 complicated.

14 MARINO TORRENS: I forgot, you're a risk
15 manager for Region 3.

16 BECKY MCLAREN: I am the risk management
17 person for Region 3, and I have this responsibility
18 at Southern Regionals. At Southern Regionals we
19 have, the person has to come to me, we take a
20 picture of it. It has to be game ready. It goes
21 onto a form. They have to carry that form with
22 them and present it to the referee prior to every
23 game so the referee knows that it's been seen.

24 It is still the discretion of the referee and
25 they don't feel that it's safe, let's say they have

1 a hard orthopedic cast, and even though it's
2 bubble-wrapped, if they feel that, if the referee
3 feels that they're using it as a weapon, they come
4 out of the game and they don't come back in.

5 MARK LUSTER: I agree with that.

6 MARINO TORRENS: So tournament official and,
7 tournament official and then you got judgment as to
8 the, the final judgment as to the safety is the
9 discretion of the referee.

10 Would that be okay?

11 MARK LUSTER: That's fine.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: Marino, can you read back
13 what's on the screen because I can't see it.

14 MARINO TORRENS: What it says on the screen is
15 orthopedic cast and soft braces can be worn on any
16 FYSA sanctioned tournament with written approval
17 from a doctor and written permission from a
18 tournament official. Final judgment as to its
19 safety is at the discretion of the referee.

20 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

21 MARK LUSTER: Is that consistent?

22 MARINO TORRENS: I guess by FIFA rule the
23 final decision is on the referee, so we can't
24 change that.

25 BECKY MCLAREN: That is correct.

1 Can we have a second to the amendment to the
2 motion?

3 JOE GOLDIAN: I've got a quick question.

4 So we're going to be doing that for soft
5 braces?

6 BECKY MCLAREN: Orthopedic and soft braces,
7 yes.

8 JOE GOLDIAN: So soft braces are going to have
9 to have the written doctor's appointment and a
10 tournament official.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: That's already in
12 the rule.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes.

14 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: That's already
15 in there.

16 BECKY MCLAREN: That's already in there
17 anyway.

18 MARINO TORRENS: It's already there.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: A second to the amendment to
20 the motion?

21 John Withkowski, District Commissioner C6
22 seconds.

23 Yes.

24 PAT KENNEDY: One more comment.

25 The original rule is, goes for all players --

1 oh, I'm sorry. Pat Kennedy, Palm Beach Soccer
2 League.

3 If we change this to replace the tournaments,
4 that means league play will not be allowed to use
5 soft braces with written approval at the discretion
6 of the referees. You really can't just
7 discriminate and just say tournaments because
8 you've got the rule that says soft braces can be
9 worn at the discretion of the referee with approval
10 from the doctor.

11 BECKY MCLAREN: It's says, the old rule says
12 orthopedic casts are not permitted; however, soft
13 braces can be worn with written approval from a
14 doctor.

15 PAT KENNEDY: So you're taking that away from
16 the --

17 MARINO TORRENS: Again, I go back to this,
18 that's the way it was written before. And I go
19 back to that thirteen-year-old, whether a
20 nine-year-old can play or not. I know it's been
21 there, but that's what we're trying to do.

22 BECKY MCLAREN: But he's saying you're taking
23 away from the league by saying all FYSA sanctioned
24 tournaments. It doesn't allow for the leagues,
25 league play.

1 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. So are you okay with
2 that?

3 PAT KENNEDY: For clarification, it's not
4 orthopedic cast I'm discussing, it's the soft
5 braces, that right now they have the ability to get
6 the written approval.

7 BECKY MCLAREN: Right.

8 PAT KENNEDY: And discretion of the referee
9 for the child to play.

10 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. You want FYSA
11 sanctioned, a sanctioned FYSA event?

12 MARK LUSTER: One easy, one easy fix to this.
13 I mean, I don't know if it would be an easy fix, is
14 that in our bylaw there's three types of
15 tournaments, there's restricted tournament, which
16 only allows FYSA teams to participate. Then you
17 have U.S. Youth that can be anybody in the nation
18 playing it. And then there's unrestricted, which
19 allows international teams.

20 If you limit it to strictly USYS tournaments
21 and/or play, which would allow for Region III to
22 play here and use casts, or a tournament from
23 outside the area, and unrestricted tournaments,
24 then that would, you keep your Florida rule in tact
25 but you would allow for the, for the tournament

1 play, for the out of state players and stuff to be
2 approved.

3 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Now I think I just
4 found what he was talking about. So it would be,
5 because in the old rule we already have soft braces
6 on written approval.

7 So I guess, Jared, are you ready?

8 It will be orthopedic casts can be worn at any
9 FYSA sanctioned tournament, and then the rest,
10 because soft braces is already approved by written
11 from the doctor.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: But you have to add that
13 point.

14 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

15 MARK LUSTER: You could separate, I'm saying
16 you could separate B and C.

17 MARINO TORRENS: Right. So B would be
18 orthopedic casts could be worn at any sanctioned
19 FYSA tournament, so take out and soft braces.

20 And now make C the same that is on the top,
21 soft braces can be worn with written approval from
22 a doctor and a judgment, whatever --

23 BECKY MCLAREN: And judgment as to safety is
24 at the discretion of the referee.

25 MARINO TORRENS: Right.

1 Soft braces, comma, and then B on the top.
2 Right. You're just adding -- no, no, no, no, no,
3 the top. See B on top where it says soft braces, B
4 on the top, on the top, the regular one. Soft
5 braces can be worn. Right from there on.

6 Thank you.

7 MIKE WEBER, JR.: Mike Weber, District
8 Commissioner.

9 We already have soft braces, so we're adding
10 orthopedic braces, orthopedic casts. Do we really
11 want kids playing with a cast? There is a reason
12 they're wearing a cast. It is a safety issue
13 putting them out there with a brace on it. Whether
14 you wrap it up or what you do to it, they're still
15 wearing a brace for a reason, a hard cast for a
16 reason. We already allow the soft ones, so I think
17 that's good enough.

18 MIKE SCIROCCO: Clarification, Mike Scirocco,
19 Stetson FA.

20 So the tournament -- I hate to play devil's
21 advocate. I know everyone's head's about to
22 explode here. The tournament official, well, I
23 know Mark and Disney, they're going to have
24 qualifying people. The local tournament, it could
25 just be some mom checking everybody in. Is that,

1 are there any liability issues here if a kid plays
2 with a hard cast, turns around like this
3 (indicating) and whacks out five teeth on another
4 kid?

5 Just curious.

6 BECKY MCLAREN: It's at the, the final
7 discretion is at the, the final thing says here --

8 MIKE SCIROCCO: Right.

9 BECKY MCLAREN: And judgment as to safety is
10 at the discretion of the referee. So the referee
11 will still have final say.

12 MIKE SCIROCCO: Okay. So like Marino said,
13 local tournament, mom checks it in, mom volunteer
14 stamps it, thirteen, fourteen-year-old at the
15 field, referee at the field, no liability; right?

16 MARINO TORRENS: If the club wants to put,
17 like you said, a mom to be the tournament
18 official --

19 MIKE SCIROCCO: Well, that's why I --

20 MARINO TORRENS: That's the fault of the club.

21 MIKE SCIROCCO: Yeah, that's why I was asking.
22 It just says a tournament official, it could be
23 anybody.

24 It's not, are we saying qualified or
25 responsible tournament official, something to that

1 effect?

2 BECKY MCLAREN: If you have --

3 MIKE SCIROCCO: This is purely liability,
4 okay.

5 BECKY MCLAREN: People appoint somebody as a
6 tournament official --

7 MIKE SCIROCCO: Right.

8 BECKY MCLAREN: -- wouldn't that person be
9 responsible?

10 MIKE SCIROCCO: Okay. That's what I'm saying.

11 BECKY MCLAREN: A responsible person.

12 MIKE SCIROCCO: Yeah, okay. Fair enough.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes.

14 CHARLIE SLAGLE: Question here. Charlie
15 Slagle from Tampa Bay United.

16 As a past regional league commissioner, we
17 have teams that come down here to Jacksonville, to
18 Auburndale, that's not a tournament. And we could
19 lose those events and people who live in Miami now
20 have to travel to Georgia for their closest ones.

21 So if you're restricting it to just
22 tournaments, you have the regional league, possibly
23 the national league who plays in Disney who may not
24 necessarily be counted as in the tournament because
25 they're playing their national league. So you are

1 restricting that if you do approve this thing, that
2 you may lose some big travel things for things like
3 the regional, Region III Premiere League.

4 MARK LUSTER: I guess one last thing I would
5 say is -- Mark Luster from Disney Sports again --
6 is we have thirty-nine other states that don't have
7 this rule and they seem to be doing just fine as
8 far as I know. I haven't heard anything. If they
9 weren't, it seems like they would be changing their
10 rules.

11 So I'm not too sure that we need to amend
12 anything to this based on how it's submitted, based
13 on what everybody else does. U.S. Club, they don't
14 require this. Their tournaments don't require
15 this. Their competitions don't require this.
16 Other states don't require this.

17 I just, I understand the safety aspect of it,
18 believe me, at Disney we're required to consider
19 the safety of all of our guests and all of our
20 participants at the highest level, so. But, again,
21 other states don't have this rule, why do we?

22 TOMMY THOMPSON: Just a question for
23 clarification.

24 Region III Premiere League and National League
25 are sanctioned by USYS?

1 BECKY MCLAREN: That is correct.

2 TOMMY THOMPSON: So they're playing under
3 their rules.

4 BECKY MCLAREN: That is correct.

5 TOMMY THOMPSON: Our rules are not being
6 played for our teams in those competitions. So
7 it's not (unintelligible).

8 MARK LUSTER: The only thing about that, what
9 I'd say is that the USYS National League actually
10 do play under the, they play, they're pooled, so
11 their games count both. They count for the
12 tournament and they count for their league play.

13 So in actuality, when they play at Disney
14 during the Disney Soccer Showcase, the National
15 League is part of the Disney Tournament and
16 therefore fall under the FYSA rules.

17 BILLY RIVERA: Billy Rivera from West Pines.

18 I just have a comment. I mean, we're going to
19 allow these kids to wear hard brace, but we're not
20 going to be allowed to head the ball?

21 (Applause.)

22 MIKE WEBER: Okay. Mike Weber, SFUYSA.

23 It seems everybody wants to put their player
24 on the field. But you're leaving it back to the
25 referee discretion. The tournament director, no

1 offense, sir, because I deal with lot of tournament
2 directors, to make your customers happy, they're
3 going to approve anything they send in.

4 MARK LUSTER: I take offense to that comment.

5 MIKE WEBER: I'm not done yet. I'm not done
6 yet.

7 MARK LUSTER: Well.

8 MIKE WEBER: They're going to approve anything
9 that they send in. And when it comes to me, I look
10 at it and say absolutely not. They are in a cast
11 or a brace for a reason. So why are the parents
12 putting them on the field to reinjure that injury?

13 And it comes down to a referee's discretion.
14 Now we are going to be standing there arguing that
15 this referee said yes, this referee says no. And
16 our referees have to say, well, this is only in
17 tournament play, but this play they're not allowed,
18 they're allowed here, they're allowed there.

19 Look at the safety of the player. They're in
20 a cast for a reason.

21 (Applause.)

22 MARK LUSTER: I understand what you're saying,
23 but I can also say that Florida High School allow
24 casts to be played in their, for a reason, but they
25 let them play for a reason. They let them --

1 MIKE WEBER: Yes, but --

2 MARK LUSTER: Excuse me. I'm talking now,
3 okay.

4 All the other associations allow it. The
5 parent has the ultimate safety call for their
6 children. When it comes to whether they play or
7 not, the referee has the ultimate call whether or
8 not the kid gets to play in the game if the parent
9 allows them to or not.

10 The tournament official, and I know a lot of
11 tournament directors around the country from the
12 big tournaments, most of them put the safety of
13 their players and of the competition, because they
14 have a fiduciary responsibility to that tournament
15 and to their organization to make sure it's done
16 under the proper situations and to protect the kids
17 at all cost.

18 A cast on an arm is there to protect the arm.
19 It's not, you know, so a kid can play with a cast
20 if it's properly cast, let's put it that way, and
21 it's properly protected from the other players, so
22 the other players aren't hurt.

23 Again, it's the parents' responsibility for
24 the player to be on the field. If the parent
25 thinks he can be out there, fine. If the referee

1 thinks it's safety, you should be allowed to play
2 under those situations as most states in the United
3 States have it, most other governing bodies have it
4 that way. FYSA doesn't. So I don't know why FYSA
5 is considered to be the know all when it comes to
6 this when we don't seem to be having these issues
7 at other state associations and other competitions
8 around the country.

9 MIKE WEBER: Okay. Well, no offense, but I
10 don't care what the other states do. We're FYSA.
11 We don't compare to them. They don't hold a
12 (unintelligible) to us. I still go with the safety
13 of the players. The parents are going to put their
14 players out there, every scout is looking at the
15 ten-year-old kid.

16 And as a tournament director, is there any
17 cast that you're going to tell your client is
18 paying to come to the tournament, is there any cast
19 that you're going to deny?

20 MARK LUSTER: I would say that last summer I
21 sent a ten-year-old girl back to New York because
22 she had a cast on, because it's not in our rules to
23 allow it to go. With a crying mother and a crying
24 daughter in front of me, yes, if it's in the rules,
25 we'll enforce the rules as written. But I'm saying

1 is I think rules need to be changed.

2 MIKE HYATT: Mike Hyatt, Greater Central
3 Florida Youth Soccer League, and a twenty-one-year
4 referee.

5 I reffed just about every Disney tournament.
6 I reffed a lot of other big tournaments. And in my
7 twenty-one years, I've come across a lot of players
8 that had casts. You got to remember that cast
9 means that they have a broken wrist or a broken
10 arm. They are protecting it as much as anyone else
11 because they don't want to reinjure it. I have
12 never once, to God, I have never once seen a player
13 get injured from another player's hard cast. I'm
14 one that thinks that there should be a one-inch
15 padding or --

16 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against?

17 MIKE HYATT: I'm sorry?

18 BECKY MCLAREN: Are you speaking for or
19 against, sir?

20 MIKE HYATT: I'm for it.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

22 MIKE HYATT: Sorry. And I think that there
23 should be, I mean, if we put in there where there's
24 a one-inch of padding around it, be it bubble wrap,
25 be it whatever, a soft compound, you know, foam or

1 whatever, that works fine. Because, like Mark
2 said, we have it in high school, and those players
3 are to play in club are also playing high school.

4 So I just think we need -- and you get players
5 at Disney from all these different states that
6 travel a long way, and then we're telling them, no,
7 you can't play when ninety percent of the rest of
8 the states are allowing it, so.

9 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against?

10 KEVIN GORSKI: Against. Kevin Gorski, San
11 Carlos Scorpions.

12 With all due respect, sir, you said you sent
13 that family home to New York crying because they
14 couldn't play.

15 MIKE HYATT: Okay.

16 KEVIN GORSKI: My kid just got hit with the
17 cast and I'm in A hospital crying because he's got
18 a concussion.

19 (Applause.)

20 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against?

21 TERRI TOWERS: Point of clarification. Terri
22 Towers, FYSA.

23 Just that if you add this rule just for
24 tournaments, what about the rest of the play?
25 You're not, you're taking out the fact that

1 orthopedic casts are not permitted during the rest
2 of the time.

3 So if you add this language, because you're
4 taking out the original language, right, now you're
5 taking out the fact that you can't use them in
6 regular play.

7 Plus, if you're going to add a tournament, it
8 should be, it should be allowed for anything,
9 because, what, are they going to have, you're going
10 to have six weeks of prep for a tournament or two
11 weeks of prep for a tournament, they're not going
12 to be able to prep for the tournament if we don't
13 allow it in regular play. But we allow it, then
14 they can all of a sudden just come in, you know,
15 untrained to be in the tournament.

16 It doesn't make sense. So you're either going
17 to do it for everything, or don't do it, or clarify
18 the fact that you can't do it unless it's in a
19 tournament. That's it.

20 Terri with an I.

21 TONY MOLINA: Tony Molina, Greater Osceola
22 United.

23 I just want to say this, when you play to a
24 higher level soccer --

25 BECKY MCLAREN: Can you get closer to the

1 microphone.

2 TONY MOLINA: You get more injured, your
3 doctor tells you -- because you want to play. No
4 matter what you want to play, as an adult. And you
5 have a small injury, they tell you either you take
6 three weeks off or three months off. That's what
7 they give us. We talking about injuries on kids
8 with a broken arm, a leg, whatever, a month out of
9 the field, two months out of the field, not going
10 to hurt them. If they get injured again, that's
11 going to hurt them for life.

12 So we just take (unintelligible) out today,
13 but what going to happen after that, losing that
14 game, losing that tournament for a teenager is not
15 a big deal. They will be back on the field.
16 Safety first. That's what I think.

17 (Applause.)

18 MARINO TORRENS: He was against.

19 MIKE WEBER, JR.: I know.

20 MARINO TORRENS: You're for?

21 MIKE WEBER, JR.: For.

22 MARK LUSTER: No, I mean, you know, I
23 understand what you're saying. Again, it comes
24 back down to the parents first whether or not a
25 child plays their match. If a child is hurt at ten

1 years old with a broken arm, he shouldn't be on the
2 soccer field. I don't disagree with that.

3 The comment about the kid getting hit in the
4 head, if the cast is properly padded and everything
5 else, it's no more than being hit by the arm in
6 most cases, you know, so. Are we going to
7 eliminate cleats, because if you come in with your
8 cleats, you break somebody's leg. I don't think
9 so. I mean, these are just parts of the game.

10 And, again, people unfortunately in soccer
11 will get hurt. But I don't think that a cast, as
12 Mike said, I've been doing tournaments at Disney
13 for twenty years. I've done over almost two
14 hundred different tournaments as a tournament
15 director. I've, and of course in Florida we don't
16 have casts, but I've never really had anybody who's
17 come into the tournament from out of state saying
18 it's an issue for them to play other places and
19 have other issues. If there was issues in the
20 other states, they'd be changing their rules.
21 They're not.

22 MIKE WEBER, JR.: Mike Weber against it,
23 District Commissioner.

24 We keep talking about players from other
25 states, we're FYSA. We worry about the children in

1 our state. We keep talking about high school
2 players and older players. We're really worried
3 about nine and ten-year-olds, eleven-year-olds who
4 we have an injury, a doctor puts a cast on for a
5 period of time. There's no reason they need to be
6 out further risking further injury.

7 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Call the
8 question, please.

9 BECKY MCLAREN: Been moved to call the
10 question.

11 Do we have a second?

12 TESSIE GOICOECHEA: Second.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: Seconded by Tessie.

14 All those in favor of calling the question,
15 signify by saying aye.

16 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

18 (No response.)

19 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions.

20 (No response.)

21 BECKY MCLAREN: The question has been called.

22 We are voting on the amended motion as
23 presented on the screen.

24 MARINO TORRENS: Somebody read it, we can't
25 see it.

1 BECKY MCLAREN: John, would you mind reading
2 the motion, or somebody from --

3 TERRI TOWERS: I'll read it.

4 JOHN STACEY: It says orthopedic casts can be
5 worn at any sanctioned FYSA tournament with written
6 approval from a doctor, and written permission from
7 a tournament official. Final judgment as to its
8 safety is at the discretion of the referee.

9 BECKY MCLAREN: And then Point C.

10 JOHN STACEY: Point C, soft braces can be worn
11 with written approval from a doctor and judgment as
12 to safety is at the discretion of the referee.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay, guys, we're going to
14 use -- thank you. We're going to use our clickers
15 again, okay.

16 We are voting on the amendment to the motion
17 that's presented on the screen. 1 is yea, 2 is
18 nay, 3 is abstain.

19 TERRI TOWERS: Just the amendment?

20 BECKY MCLAREN: As a reminder, this is to the
21 amendment to the motion.

22 All right. Everybody press your clickers.

23 Anybody not getting a green light, if so,
24 raise your hand.

25 Five, four, three, two, one, done.

1 The amendment to the motion passes.

2 So now we go to the motion as its been
3 amended. Okay. Again, we're going to, is there
4 any, we're going to go to the clickers again. 1 is
5 yea, 2 is nay, 3 is abstain.

6 Does anybody need to see the amended motion
7 again?

8 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: No.

9 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. We can show it.

10 All right, guys. Vote now, please.

11 Five, four, three, two, one, done.

12 Give me one second, guys. We want to take
13 another look.

14 Motion carries.

15 We're going to, the next one is 502.

16 Mr. Luster, I'll ask you to come back to the
17 microphone.

18 MARK LUSTER: Okay. This is on game
19 discipline. I would like to propose the amendment
20 to be reviewed as posted.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: It's been moved. It's been
22 moved to accept the proposal for Rule 502 as
23 presented on the screen.

24 Do we have a second?

25 MIKE HYATT: Second, Mike Hyatt.

1 BECKY MCLAREN: Mike Hyatt seconds.

2 Would you like to speak to your motion?

3 MARK LUSTER: Yeah, the motion really deals
4 with events with international play around the
5 state. The FIFA rule for game discipline is a
6 mandatory one-game, and then it's decided if it's
7 beyond that. Florida tournaments require us to
8 follow the Florida Youth Soccer discipline chain
9 which in some cases can be severe. And I think for
10 when you have events that are approved for
11 international play or unrestricted events, they
12 should fall under the FIFA rule of the one-game or
13 more as decided by the tournament committee or the
14 discipline committee of the event.

15 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against, Mr. Stacey?

16 JOHN STACEY: I'm against. I wanted to
17 clarify, though.

18 Unrestricted tournament is more than
19 international. Unrestricted says any U.S. Soccer
20 affiliate may attend, so U.S. Club
21 (unintelligible). Restricted tournament is only
22 U.S. Youth Soccer affiliates can attend.
23 Unrestricted, you also do have a tournament for
24 unrestricted and includes international play if you
25 apply for (unintelligible), I'm sure you guys do

1 that.

2 So to simply say that all unrestricted
3 tournaments might violate the rules, I think that
4 we have developed disciplinary guidelines to
5 address player behavior. If international players
6 come in here and commit a violent conduct, and then
7 you only have four or five game event, he does it
8 in game one, he ought to be sitting the rest of the
9 event. He shouldn't be able to come back because
10 he committed violent conduct.

11 So I'm opposed on the basis that I think that
12 our rule, while you use the term severe, that may
13 be, but we can, you're only controlling to the end
14 of your event. When he leaves, he goes back to his
15 home federation and maybe they find out about the
16 red card or not. If we get a kid from Mississippi
17 comes here they get a red card and we send it to,
18 we send it to their administrative office, they get
19 to decide what the final disposition is. But at
20 least for your event, I would expect violent
21 conduct would be sitting. They're done.

22 MARK LUSTER: I guess this is one of the
23 things I want to address and I didn't address this
24 as far as this goes. In our rules we have three
25 levels of violent conduct, or actually four levels.

1 We have one-game, a two-game, a four-game, and a
2 six-game, okay.

3 So in our situation, there is a one-game
4 suspension in violent conduct. If the violent
5 conduct guy punches a guy in the face and knocks
6 him down, it's going to get, he's going to be
7 suspended for the whole tournament. That's not a
8 decision.

9 It comes down to the situation of some of
10 these gray areas of violent conduct. And to be
11 honest with you, I don't think our rules explain
12 violent conduct very well, and actually that's
13 probably next year's one for me to write would be
14 the violent conduct rule. Because there's a gray
15 between the one, the two, and the four. There's
16 all kind of space in there that you can interpret
17 it. And then we interpret it at the event. We
18 send it to the state. The state comes back in, it
19 should be four games. When we looked at it, it's
20 two, but that's just the way it goes back, so we'll
21 change it.

22 I guess what I'm getting at, too, is the fact
23 that unrestricted tournaments, in all honesty, I
24 meant tournaments that have international play
25 only, but when you go down to anyplace else, U.S.

1 Club tournaments, if we were to change our
2 affiliation to just U.S. Club tournaments and make
3 them unrestricted, we can go with one-game
4 suspension so. We don't want to do that, we've
5 been FYSA for twenty years.

6 So I'm just saying these are restrictions on
7 us and with particularly the international teams.
8 Because everybody knows internationally that red
9 card is one game or more depending on what the
10 discipline committee decides it to be. And that's
11 what they come into.

12 Again, we have teams from, we had over twenty
13 teams from Brazil in our tournament in July. Most
14 of them don't read English, our rules are in
15 English. We try to provide them in Portuguese, but
16 you can't, they don't necessarily all get them.

17 So what I'm getting at is the fact that I
18 think the tournament should have, we have the
19 jurisdiction over the event, that we should have
20 the ability to rule on things. We're not going to
21 put a kid back on the field who did something in a
22 four-game type violent conduct suspension. For one
23 thing, the other team is not going to, they're
24 going to raise cane with us. So that's not going
25 to happen.

1 So we're going to, I just want to have a
2 little more leeway when it comes to particularly
3 international teams on how we do our discipline.
4 That's all.

5 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. I'm against the way
6 it's written. So would you consider tabling it and
7 bringing it up next year when it comes, like you
8 mentioned, rewriting or doing whatever a red card
9 suspension should be?

10 Because the way it's written now I'm against
11 it.

12 MARK LUSTER: I mean, what if we were to add
13 the term international events with international
14 teams?

15 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. But would that be only
16 international teams in that group?

17 MARK LUSTER: No, it would have to be for the
18 whole tournament. I mean, I'm not going to give a
19 priority to international teams over a Florida team
20 when it comes to how to -- we look at everybody
21 equally. But I would just say that from the
22 tournament rules to say we follow the FIFA rule
23 when it comes to any type of event with
24 international teams that are allowed to participate
25 in it.

1 MARINO TORRENS: I'm still, I mean, I'm still
2 against it, so.

3 MARK LUSTER: Okay. All right.

4 BECKY MCLAREN: Any other discussion?

5 (No response.)

6 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no discussion, take
7 your clickers, Rule 502.

8 All right. 1 is yea, 2 is nay, and 3 is
9 abstain.

10 Jared, you gotta change this. 1 is yea, 2 is
11 nay, 3 is abstain.

12 Vote now.

13 Five, four, three, two, one, done.

14 MARK LUSTER: I have a question on why we have
15 abstain, shouldn't it just be yea or nay?

16 BECKY MCLAREN: Because according to the rules
17 we have to have abstain, somebody can choose to
18 abstain.

19 Motion fails.

20 Rule 502.5.2, Mr. Kurzner.

21 JEFF KURZNER: Jeff Kurzner, Vice President of
22 Competition at South Florida United.

23 Last year, for those of you that were here, we
24 had a lot of discussions about a similar type of a
25 rule, and the majority of the people had a lot of

1 support for it, but the majority of the people that
2 were in opposition was because it penalized the
3 player instead of the parent.

4 So we went back to work on it and this is what
5 we came up with as an alternative. Unfortunately,
6 the problem with parent behavior in venues, and
7 we're looking to try and assist the clubs with
8 tools that they can use to be able to police their
9 parents a little bit better on the sidelines, fines
10 don't work. I know you guys don't want to be
11 paying the three-thousand-dollar fines that FYSA
12 had started implementing for bad behavior. So we
13 are hoping that this rule is a way for you to get
14 parents to help parents who have better behaviors.

15 For those of you that participated in South
16 Florida United, I was told it was well received and
17 it will be implemented in our league. And we are
18 just hoping that maybe it would be something that
19 you guys would want to be able to do as well. This
20 isn't a fix for parent problems, but it's just a
21 tool that you can use.

22 You also have to think that this rule deals
23 with suspension. A majority of times when a parent
24 get thrown out of a game, it's not bad enough for
25 the referee to actually go write a report, send it

1 in where a suspension occurs to a parent. So this
2 is really more of an exception that happens in
3 games as opposed to just parent ejections.

4 We do need fields. We need players. To some
5 extent we need referees and coaches. But we really
6 don't need the parents to have a game. And most of
7 the time when parents aren't in attendance, the
8 kids have a much better time and play better. It's
9 a lot easier on the ride home for the kid to tell
10 the parent what happened during the game than to
11 explain why they did something wrong. And that's
12 something we're going to be able to do with this
13 rule.

14 Thank you.

15 MIKE SCIROCCO: Clarification on that.

16 Mike Scirocco, Greater Central Florida Youth
17 Soccer League.

18 Who would be administering this penalty, the
19 league, the club, or FYSA?

20 JEFF KURZNER: It's going to be the same type
21 of way that things are dealt with now, the
22 suspension that is going to occur in their next
23 match. If it happens to be in league play, it
24 would be in their next league match. If it happens
25 to be in a league match and then they're going on

1 to the tournament, they should be serving in the
2 tournament by virtue of the other FYSA rules. But
3 we all know that a lot of times tournaments and
4 parents don't honor that.

5 MIKE SCIROCCO: Right.

6 JEFF KURZNER: It's going to be up to the body
7 where they got their suspension to notify and make
8 it available so they can be (unintelligible).

9 MIKE SCIROCCO: So this is on the league, if
10 it's in a league play, it's on the league to
11 suspend the whole team or parent?

12 JEFF KURZNER: Correct.

13 MIKE SCIROCCO: That sounds fine.

14 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against, sir, or a
15 point of clarification?

16 MARK CARR: Mark Carr, Gulf Coast Texans.
17 Against.

18 To me it seems like we're trying to legislate
19 something that's going to encumber all of us, that
20 should be handled by the club or the sanctioning
21 body for the tournament. Why do we need to step
22 outside of that and create a rule that's going to
23 impose such a harsh penalty. If you can't enforce
24 it with the members of your club or the members of
25 the tournament staff, how are you ever going to

1 expect to impose this outside of this, with this
2 rule in place?

3 If I'm a club president or a club official and
4 I'm running an event, it's incumbent upon me to
5 make sure these activities don't go on. I don't
6 need the state to come in here and legislate for
7 me, because you're going to, what, you're saying
8 I'm not responsible enough to handle my own
9 business. If we can't to do that, we don't need to
10 create additional rules. And that's just my
11 feeling on it.

12 (Applause.)

13 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against, sir?

14 JOE GOLDIAN: Point of clarification.

15 The way it reads right now a league can
16 generate their own rule which says does the State
17 needed to do that. So that's just my --

18 JEFF KURZNER: Absolutely correct. And we
19 have, our league has already done this. All that
20 we're trying to do is to give the clubs a rule that
21 they can fall back on to say to their parents, if
22 you get suspended in the game, all of you are not
23 going to be able to watch the next game. You can
24 point to the rule in the FYSA book when you're
25 registering and say, hey, here's what's going to

1 happen.

2 The problem is clubs haven't been doing this
3 job. Clubs just haven't been doing this job.
4 Parent behavior is out of control. From a review
5 and discipline standpoint, we see these cases that
6 come in that continue to escalate. If this wasn't
7 a problem, we wouldn't be creating rules such as
8 this.

9 It's not a rule that's going to fix it. It's
10 a tool that you can use to show parents, hey, a
11 suspension happens you might not be able to watch
12 what goes on in the next game, and it's not really
13 intended to create a rule that will hurt you but to
14 help you.

15 (Applause.)

16 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against?

17 MIKE HYATT: Well, at this point I really
18 don't know. It's more of a point of clarification.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes, sir.

20 MIKE HYATT: I agree with -- oh, this is
21 ridiculous. Mike Hyatt, Greater Central Florida
22 Youth Soccer. I am President.

23 I agree with everything that is said up there.
24 And I agree with everything he said, because I also
25 agree that clubs, either through resources or

1 whatever, aren't doing the job and keeping their
2 parents in line out of just number of parents that
3 they have to deal with.

4 But I also look at that there is no way on
5 this earth that anybody's going to be able to
6 police it. I mean, we're a league with seven
7 hundred teams in it. And, I'm sorry, there's five
8 of us on the board and we just can't get around to
9 make sure that they're doing what they're supposed
10 to be doing. We as a league made our own rule
11 because the coach is the one that's in charge of
12 his parents, you know.

13 And the referee, we don't want the gasoline
14 going over and talking to the parents, which are
15 the fire. So the referee goes to the coach and
16 tells them, look, parent, this parent over here has
17 to leave before we restart the game, and you've got
18 X-amount of time to do it. If the coach says,
19 okay, I'll handle it, there's no penalty to the
20 coach. But if he doesn't, if he says, well, that's
21 your job, not mine, something along those lines,
22 then it's, then the game is ended. It's forfeited
23 because the parent is not allowing the game to
24 pursue the way it's supposed to be. So there's a
25 two-hundred-dollar fine that goes personally to the

1 coach, and the game is suspended. It's forfeited.

2 So in that way we've curtailed, A, it's making
3 the referees do the right thing to go to the coach
4 and not confronting, you know, the parents. And,
5 B, it's a way that we have to get rid of the
6 problem so the kids on the field can still continue
7 their game. And that's the way it works. I agree
8 with everything you're saying.

9 We got, I mean, I'm dealing with a parent on
10 the field that said he was going to blow the heads
11 off of three referees. That one is still in
12 litigation. So I agree with everything you say,
13 but that's how we're dealing with it.

14 MARINO TORRENS: Tommy Thompson would say that
15 (unintelligible) was out of order. They're going
16 to make a point of verification, it was just a
17 question.

18 BECKY MCLAREN: Yeah, it was just a question.

19 MARINO TORRENS: But not this statement
20 whether you agree or disagree.

21 I'm against it, so I don't know where we are
22 now.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: You're up.

24 MARINO TORRENS: I'm up?

25 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes.

1 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. First of all, like I
2 said, I don't believe this is FYSA's job to police,
3 it should be in the local leagues. It doesn't say
4 if the parent is present at the game or not,
5 doesn't say the grandparents are not in the game.
6 It says parent or guardian. So anybody can be in
7 the game. And I can say I'm a guardian, I'm a
8 parent, I'm an uncle. So they can't go to the
9 games either.

10 So I just don't believe, and, again, I have
11 sent stuff out over the last couple of years, we
12 try the fines, we try the coaches, now we're going
13 against the parents. When are we going to say that
14 that parent, the one parent that gets thrown out,
15 he's banned for a year or whatever. Make it
16 against that one parent that's causing all the
17 troubles, don't make it against the whole team.
18 Because half of them or most of them are there to
19 enjoy the game, they're not there to make trouble,
20 and I don't believe the whole team needs to be
21 punished for it.

22 (Applause.)

23 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against?

24 ALBERTO ARAUJO: Point of clarification.

25 BECKY MCLAREN: That would be a question only

1 then.

2 ALBERTO ARAUJO: Yes. Are we going to give --
3 Alberto Araujo, Indialantic Soccer.

4 Are we going to issue parent coach, I mean,
5 parent passes so we can track these down?

6 BECKY MCLAREN: Parents aren't registered.

7 ALBERTO ARAUJO: Oh, okay.

8 MIKE SCIROCCO: I'm against, so.

9 MIKE WEBER, JR.: Mike Weber, District
10 Commissioner. I'm for it.

11 The parents already signed the code of ethics,
12 so all this is is a posit to be able to punish them
13 for not following the code of ethics. The rules
14 have already been there, all this is is now a
15 repercussion because they don't follow the rules.

16 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against, sir?

17 MIKE SCIROCCO: Against.

18 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

19 MIKE SCIROCCO: So I'm fine with your league
20 putting this into play, but I don't think that this
21 needs to be mandated to every single league. I
22 mean, let the leagues decide how they want to
23 handle this. Like I said, like Mike said, we've
24 handled it and we've done a pretty good job. If
25 this works for you down there, I'm all for it. Go

1 ahead and do it. But I don't think that it needs
2 to be imposed on every other body that is already
3 handling it in a different way that it's working.

4 (Applause.)

5 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against?

6 MIKE WEBER: For.

7 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. State your name.

8 MIKE WEBER: Mike Weber, SFUYSA.

9 The problem is we have two Webers here who are
10 both big-winded.

11 I'm for this thing. And I'm at the
12 tournaments out on the field, coaches say he's an
13 adult, I can't deal with them.

14 Yesterday at the AGM meeting for Region A,
15 everyone is saying we need something in writing to
16 enforce these rules, and FYSA is bringing down on
17 the club saying you have to do it, you have to do
18 it. Now here's a rule to help imprecate it. And
19 you can show the coaches, the parents, everybody
20 else, here's a rule get your parents under control.

21 I have watched many parents watch a game from
22 parking lots standing on the dumpsters behind
23 fences. You know what's funny, those parents
24 eventually become good parents. And then when
25 there's a problem, you see the parents, shut up,

1 shut up, shut up, we're going to get thrown out. I
2 have seen them standing in the parking lot and they
3 learn from it.

4 So you want your parents to be rampant and
5 your coach saying I don't know who he is, because
6 that's what the coach is saying. I don't know who
7 he is, he's not part of my team, and I can't
8 control the parent. So we imprecated it. We have
9 two-hundred-dollar fines on coaches. And it's only
10 going to solve one to two percent of the problems,
11 but it's one to two percent of the problems.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against, sir?

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Against.

14 It is time for us to take over our club and
15 get involved with them. It's our responsibility,
16 right. My club, we have (unintelligible), we were
17 probably the worst club in our region three years
18 ago. We changed it, we decided that no more. We
19 have a new board. We have new people taking care
20 of the club. And right now probably we are one of
21 the best in terms of parent behavior. How we did
22 it, we just don't care about the money, you know.
23 We're fair with what we want and we know what we
24 are getting. We just do our thing.

25 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against?

1 KATHERINE PENNINGTON: I am for the concept.
2 I'm against it as it's written. I have some
3 comments, so.

4 BECKY MCLAREN: Point of clarification.

5 KATHERINE PENNINGTON: I'm not really sure. I
6 guess a point of clarification or question. My
7 name is Katherine Pennington with Top of Florida
8 Soccer Club.

9 As I read this proposed change, it indicates
10 that if one parent is suspended, they are all
11 suspended for one game. So my number one question
12 is if a parent is suspended for multiple games, all
13 parents are only suspended for one game is how I'm
14 reading this.

15 BECKY MCLAREN: Is that the question you have?

16 KATHERINE PENNINGTON: So my question is if we
17 suspend one player, we don't suspend the entire
18 team of players. So I have a problem with
19 suspending all parents based upon one parent's
20 actions. So in that regard I'm against it.

21 However, I sit on the Review and Discipline
22 Committee. And Jeff can sit here and talk to you
23 for an hour and your eyes would be as big as
24 sausages on some of the things that we read. I
25 certainly believe that parent behavior, we need to

1 address it. Someone earlier said that you cannot
2 legislate this. Guess what. It's been tried and
3 they have almost succeeded. So if we don't start
4 doing this ourselves, someone else is going to
5 regulate this for us.

6 Now we did have an incident this past year
7 where a group of parents would not identify the
8 person who committed the violation. In that case
9 I'm okay with suspending every single parent
10 because you could not identify. But if you're only
11 going to suspend one player who commits the
12 violation, I just don't know how you can suspend
13 the entire team of parents.

14 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes, sir.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I don't know if
16 that's for or against. I'm against it.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: She's for the concept, but --

18 MARINO TORRENS: Against the way it's written.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: -- against the way it's
20 written.

21 BILLY RIVERA: Billy Rivera, West Pines
22 United.

23 I'm for it and this is the reason why. You
24 know, parent misbehavior, and you're going to tell
25 me that my next game, because of you, I'm not going

1 to be able to watch my game, my son playing. So
2 that's going to hold him accountable, going to make
3 him think twice about his actions during the game
4 or, you know, being too expressive towards the
5 referee.

6 Referees have a short fuse, some referees have
7 a short fuse, so they'll throw you out for
8 something that might not be as big as another
9 referee might think. At a higher level, when you
10 have instances like that with a fan, what do they
11 do, they in play empty arenas. And that's to
12 penalize those parents for their behavior. While
13 we're really the fans of our children, here for the
14 children, I'm going to be more, you know, I mean,
15 that parent is going to be singled out because of
16 his actions.

17 And I'm a parent, and I'm going to, again, I'm
18 going to say, okay, now next game I have to be in
19 the parking lot, I have to be somewhere else
20 because of your actions. Do you think that parent
21 is going to commit that same thing again? I think
22 once he does it one time, I think everybody is
23 going to learn from that.

24 Other teams within the club are going to see
25 the same thing going on, you know what, I got to

1 shut my mouth, I got to bite my tongue. And that's
2 usually because in all the years I've been doing
3 this I've never seen a referee change a position
4 based on what a parent says or what a parent does.
5 So that's the reason I'm for it.

6 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

7 MARINO TORRENS: Marino Torrens, against.

8 Billy, I just want to answer that. You're
9 going to start arguing with that parent, you're
10 going to start fighting, now you're both going to
11 be thrown out again.

12 BILLY RIVERA: No, no, you have to let them
13 know that, listen, you know, you have to be civil
14 about this and you have to let them know and, you
15 know. And then you have a meeting with the team
16 and say, you know, this is the consequences if you
17 show up at the next game, you decide to ignore it
18 and you show up at the next game, guess what,
19 there's going to be more consequences to it.

20 So me as a parent, I'm going to make sure that
21 my parents don't go to the next game. It's only
22 one game, we're not talking about the rest of the
23 season.

24 MARINO TORRENS: So again, I'm against it to
25 the act of one person you're going to suspend

1 everybody. Also, what's the penalty if one of
2 those parents goes out to the next game? Now all
3 of those parents are going to get, so if I get
4 thrown out, I'm still going to travel to the next
5 game, I'm going to suspend all the parents for
6 another game. I show up for the third game, I'm
7 going to be suspended again for all the games.

8 So because of the actions of one person,
9 you're taking away all the parents of those kids to
10 watch their game, and that's why I'm against it.
11 If you want to make that parent banned, like I said
12 before, that one parent banned for the year and
13 they don't tell you who it is.

14 We also have the coach is responsible for the
15 parents. So if they don't tell you who it is,
16 suspend the coach and maybe they'll tell you who it
17 is.

18 MARCOS FERNANDEZ: Marcos Fernandez, Kendall
19 Soccer.

20 Marino just said something about the is coach
21 responsible. I've been involved in youth soccer,
22 I've seen too many incidences where the coach has
23 no possible way of being responsible for an
24 activity or confrontation that happened on the
25 opposite side of the field. They're concentrating

1 on coaching. They're concentrating on watching the
2 game, evaluating the play. And there's too many
3 numerous things that happen on the opposite side of
4 the field that they are now being tagged as being
5 responsible for. I've seen referees that don't
6 even ask the coaches to control their parents and
7 then at the end the games are terminated, they are
8 fined, and they have nothing to do with the
9 situation.

10 What do you guys want, a three-thousand-dollar
11 fine? Are the clubs ready to assume those
12 responsibilities? Okay. The clubs don't have,
13 some clubs don't have that kind of money to assume
14 that responsibility.

15 I was at the meeting yesterday where someone
16 said earlier that we need to have a rule in place.
17 There's a code of ethics, okay. And basically this
18 is a tool that you can say you're responsible, the
19 parents are going to police each other. And, like
20 I said, I mean, I'm in favor of this, something
21 needs to be done.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Call the question.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Somebody called the question.
24 Call the question, please.

25 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Second.

1 MARCOS FERNANDEZ: All we do is say
2 spectators, okay. And by policing it, the referee
3 reports can say whether it's a spectator.

4 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. There's been a motion,
5 there's a motion on the floor to call the question.
6 It's been seconded.

7 All those in favor of calling the question,
8 signify by saying aye.

9 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

10 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

11 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: No.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions.

13 (No response.)

14 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion carries to call the
15 question.

16 We are now going to vote on the proposal that
17 is on the screen. Take out your clickers.

18 505.5.2. 1 is yea, 2 is nay, 3 is abstain.

19 Vote now.

20 Five, four, three, two, one, done.

21 Motion fails.

22 (Applause.)

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. We can go to 610.1 and
24 610.3.

25 I move to accept the motion and the proposed

1 changes as it is on the screen.

2 MARINO TORRENS: Second, Marino.

3 BECKY MCLAREN: We have a second.

4 FRANK VILLAIZAN: Third.

5 BECKY MCLAREN: Any discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no discussion, all
8 those in favor signify by saying aye.

9 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

10 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

11 (No response.)

12 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions.

13 (No response.)

14 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion carries.

15 This is the old 906 which is now 103.3. It
16 was changed, the one for 906 that's in your book,
17 after the proposed rule change workshop, the
18 presenter of the motion agreed to make a change and
19 to add it to be point number 3 under 103.3, which
20 is 1, 2, and 3 would be eliminated, only .4 would
21 be added to become .3 under 103.3, to add to the
22 league's responsibilities to submittal of the red
23 card.

24 Jennifer, would you like to make a motion and
25 address your motion?

1 JENNIFER SMITH: Jennifer Smith, FC Tampa.

2 We just wanted to add to make sure --

3 BECKY MCLAREN: Make your motion first.

4 JENNIFER SMITH: I'm sorry. Make a motion to
5 add this to 103.3 as it states on the screen.

6 MARINO TORRENS: Second.

7 BECKY MCLAREN: Speak to your motion, please.

8 JENNIFER SMITH: As the person who works with
9 a lot of tournaments, we find that a lot of red
10 card reports are not submitted by leagues. And I
11 felt that it was our responsibility as members to
12 make sure the leagues understand their
13 responsibility on those red cards. So that's my
14 reasoning behind this rule change in.

15 MARINO TORRENS: I'm for, but my question to
16 you is tournaments have a fine if they don't do it.
17 What would be the penalty for the league if they
18 don't do it, same as the tournament?

19 I'm asking you, you're the motion maker.

20 JOE GOLDIAN: Right. But she moved it because
21 of my concern about it. And it's under 103, which
22 talks about affiliation, so if you violate 103,
23 your affiliation may be affected.

24 MARINO TORRENS: Maybe, but there's got to be
25 a better, so either if you don't do it one time,

1 it's so much, if you don't do it twice.

2 JOE GOLDIAN: Just like all the other rules,
3 if you don't follow the rules, your affiliation
4 could be affected.

5 TERRI TOWERS: Could be affected.

6 JOE GOLDIAN: Yeah, look at 103.

7 BECKY MCLAREN: Shall.

8 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Shall. I want to see
9 a penalty to it because, if not, what should I do.

10 BECKY MCLAREN: It says shall.

11 ROBBIE SHIELDS: I'm Robbie Shields, Lake
12 Wales Soccer Club.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: For or against?

14 ROBBIE SHIELDS: I am against.

15 You know, I look, the league just saw, I saw
16 the FYSA office not wanting the extra burden on
17 them to post things on the website. Lake Wales, we
18 have tons of things to do as volunteers. If we
19 don't have red cards, I don't want to have a burden
20 of something I'm supposed to be doing already, I
21 don't want to have to add extra responsibilities,
22 you're already supposed to do that.

23 JENNIFER SMITH: But it's not being done.

24 ROBBIE SHIELDS: If it's not being done, you
25 should address that club. I don't want to have to

1 make a report if there's nothing to be sent in, so
2 that's my position.

3 BECKY MCLAREN: I'm going to -- Marino.

4 MARINO TORRENS: Well, if you don't have a
5 report, you don't have to submit.

6 BECKY MCLAREN: All you do is send a blank
7 report and send a simple email that says no red
8 cards issued.

9 ROBBIE SHIELDS: But I don't want to have to
10 do any additional thing. I think we do a pretty
11 good job already. I don't want to have to do
12 something extra. It just should be being done, do
13 it.

14 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Now, Jennifer, you say
15 that only for major infractions, right, is that
16 what it says here?

17 JOE GOLDIAN: Major infractions.

18 JENNIFER SMITH: Yeah, so.

19 MARINO TORRENS: So take out the report that
20 no red cards.

21 JENNIFER SMITH: I'm in agreement.

22 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: What was that, Marino?

24 I'm sorry, John was asking me a question.

25 MARINO TORRENS: Scratch the part where it

1 says that the form must be filed even if there's no
2 red card violation.

3 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. And Jennifer, the maker
4 of the motion, is in agreement to that?

5 JENNIFER SMITH: Yes.

6 BECKY MCLAREN: Any discussion on the
7 amendment to the motion.

8 (No response.)

9 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no discussion on the
10 amendment to the motion, all those in favor signify
11 by saying aye.

12 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: Oppose.

14 (No response.)

15 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions.

16 (No response.)

17 BECKY MCLAREN: The amendment to the motion.

18 We now have the amended motion on the floor,
19 any discussion on the amended motion?

20 MIKE SCIROCCO: Isn't this, aren't the referee
21 assignors already responsible for this?

22 BECKY MCLAREN: No, they're not.

23 MIKE SCIROCCO: So nobody is responsible for
24 sending anything to FYSA as of right now?

25 MARINO TORRENS: Right.

1 BECKY MCLAREN: Only for major infractions.

2 MIKE SCIROCCO: Major infractions. So just
3 like a double yellow, you don't have to --

4 JOE GOLDIAN: No, just majors.

5 MIKE SCIROCCO: Okay. So we don't as a league
6 hire the referees, the clubs do, should this not be
7 a club issue?

8 BECKY MCLAREN: If a club, you know, they're
9 assigned a referee and he doesn't do this properly,
10 it's their fault as the league if the red card is
11 sent by the league. If a referee issues a red card
12 in a league, he needs to submit the game report
13 with the supplemental to the league, correct.

14 MIKE SCIROCCO: He should.

15 BECKY MCLAREN: No, he needs to.

16 MIKE SCIROCCO: I know he needs to.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: He's required to.

18 MIKE SCIROCCO: I understand that. But,
19 again, that doesn't always happen.

20 BECKY MCLAREN: Then that would be for the
21 assignor to go back to this referee.

22 MARINO TORRENS: That would be for the league.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: That would be for the league
24 to get with the club, but the league is responsible
25 for sending the red card summary report for the

1 league for the ones that were red card issued.

2 MIKE SCIROCCO: Okay. Thanks.

3 MARINO TORRENS: So for, anybody for?

4 MIKE SCIROCCO: Mine was more of a question
5 really than an against.

6 BECKY MCLAREN: Any other discussion for or
7 against. It's been moved to call the question.
8 It's been seconded.

9 All those in favor of calling the question
10 signify by saying aye.

11 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

13 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Nay.

14 BECKY MCLAREN: All those in favor of calling
15 the question signify by saying aye.

16 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

18 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Nay.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions.

20 (No response.)

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Calling the question carries.

22 The vote will be on the amended motion as
23 presented on the screen.

24 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

25 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

1 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

2 TERRI TOWERS: Nay.

3 JOE GOLDIAN: Nay.

4 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions.

5 (No response.)

6 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion carries.

7 I move to approve C120.1 as presented on the
8 screen.

9 MARINO TORRENS: Second.

10 BECKY MCLAREN: The reason that I propose this
11 change is that it will put us in compliance with
12 the regional awards that are given, so that people
13 that we nominate for our awards here in the State
14 of Florida that are awarded those awards, that we
15 submit those nominations on to region, for regional
16 award, so this would bring us into line with that.

17 Any discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 JOSE REY: Point of clarification. Jose Rey
20 with Driftwood Youth Soccer.

21 What's an administrator as far as if you're a
22 large club, is it a volunteer position for the
23 purpose of these awards, even at the region level?

24 BECKY MCLAREN: At the regional level there is
25 no restriction.

1 JOSE REY: All right.

2 BECKY MCLAREN: So it would make it in
3 compliance. It is not required to be volunteer.

4 JOSE REY: I mean, I would imagine if you're a
5 superclub with paid positions and you're dropping
6 large amounts of money on an administrator DOC an
7 executive director, they better be the best darn
8 director in the world if you're spending six digits
9 on them. So it seems like a person devoting forty
10 hours per week that is paid to do so, I expect a
11 lot of work out of them.

12 I think it's great to reward or recognize a
13 volunteer who is doing this above and beyond other
14 forms of inducement if you will to perform well.
15 That's just my point of clarification on traitor.

16 BECKY MCLAREN: And when the applications are
17 submitted, the committee will go through the
18 applications and take that into consideration.

19 JOE GOLDIAN: Joe Goldian, DC B5.

20 I just want to put out, if you look at the top
21 old by-rules, 1 through 17, and under the new one
22 here it picks up at 18, so it needs to be numbered
23 correctly.

24 BECKY MCLAREN: Well, it will be numbered
25 correctly.

1 JOE GOLDIAN: Okay.

2 BECKY MCLAREN: Any other discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no other discussion,
5 all those in favor signify by saying aye.

6 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

7 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

8 (No response.)

9 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions.

10 (No response.)

11 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

12 C190.1, 190.2, 190.3. I move to, I move to
13 amend to delete it as per what's on the screen.

14 Can we have a second?

15 MARINO TORRENS: Second.

16 BECKY MCLAREN: The reason for this is because
17 the IT Committee, this was back when we were
18 looking for a new registration system, and this
19 committee is no longer necessary.

20 Any discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no discussion, all
23 those in favor signify by saying aye.

24 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

25 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

1 (No response.)

2 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions.

3 (No response.)

4 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion passes.

5 3008.1 and 3008.2. I believe the maker of the
6 motion had to depart, so if someone would like to
7 make a motion.

8 TESSIE GOICOECHEA: I make a motion, Tess.

9 BECKY MCLAREN: Tess makes a motion to accept
10 the proposed change as presented on the screen.
11 It's been seconded by Linda Soeder, Al District
12 Commissioner.

13 Is there any discussion?

14 JOHN STACEY: John Stacey, VP Coach/Player
15 Development.

16 The list in 3008.1 seems to be short by a
17 couple of positions, is that intentional or does
18 that just, she didn't --

19 MARINO TORRENS: She's not here.

20 JOHN STACEY: So in order to be complete, it
21 should be President, VP Coach/Player Development,
22 Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President of
23 Competition, Vice President of Administration.

24 BECKY MCLAREN: I think that I can tell you
25 from speaking with this person.

1 JOHN STACEY: Yes.

2 BECKY MCLAREN: The reason for the list that
3 she put here is because she felt that those
4 particular positions include, she included the Vice
5 President of Competition because of their
6 overseeing of the competitions at all clubs.

7 JOHN STACEY: So this list then would allow
8 for the, and I guess it's a point of clarification,
9 would allow for the Registrar and the VP of
10 Administration to actually serve.

11 BECKY MCLAREN: No, it would allow for the
12 other members of the Board of Directors to hold an
13 office regardless of voting privileges in an FYSA
14 affiliate.

15 JOHN STACEY: But specifically Registrar and
16 VP of Admin are separated from the other ones.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: VP of Admin, Registrar, RVPs
18 are.

19 JOHN STACEY: And RVP.

20 BECKY MCLAREN: And Regional Commissioners.

21 JOHN STACEY: So you're saying the RVP may
22 serve as office director or hold office as FYSA
23 affiliate?

24 BECKY MCLAREN: This is what the maker of this
25 motion proposed.

1 JOHN STACEY: I would then say I'm against.

2 BECKY MCLAREN: Would you like to make an
3 amendment to the motion?

4 You can make an amendment to the motion
5 because the person is not here.

6 JOHN STACEY: Jennifer is going to clarify.

7 JENNIFER SMITH: Jennifer Smith, FC Tampa.

8 I spoke with Ann about this rule as well. And
9 the intent of the list with the addition of the VP
10 of Competition, was those are the people listed in
11 our bylaws that can actually sign contracts for
12 FYSA. So the intent is that those individuals
13 should not be involved within a club and signing
14 contracts on their behalf. It's in the rules.

15 MARINO TORRENS: VP of Competition cannot?

16 JENNIFER SMITH: I said with the addition of
17 VP, the other ones minus him, but the VP of
18 Competition is one she felt should be very
19 non-biased and should be very open and not have any
20 kind of contact or connection to the club.

21 Does that help, sort of, not really?

22 BECKY MCLAREN: Katherine.

23 KATHERINE PENNINGTON: Katherine Pennington,
24 just at the top of the page there's apparently a
25 typo after Vice President of Competition, may not

1 hold office may not hold any office. So there's
2 words of there that need to be corrected.

3 BECKY MCLAREN: We can take care of that.

4 KATHERINE PENNINGTON: And, secondly, I would,
5 I don't know if John made an amendment or moved to
6 make the amendment, but I would move to make the
7 amendment that John suggested.

8 BECKY MCLAREN: To add all board members?

9 John, was that to add all or to --

10 JOHN STACEY: In my mind, of the, in the
11 future the voting boards members that, you know,
12 reality is as a state organization we, I can't
13 expect everybody to simply be FYSA only in their
14 soccer stuff. I mean, there's volunteers to go
15 around, but I do think that the eleven individuals
16 that hold statewide offices, Regional Vice
17 President, President, that is, those eleven
18 individuals should be listed in the first part and
19 only the Regional Commissioners potentially would
20 fall under 3008.2.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Under 3008.1.

22 JOHN STACEY: So amend 3008.1, add VP of
23 Administration, Registrar, and Regional VPs, and
24 that should be eleven.

25 BECKY MCLAREN: Do we have a second to that

1 amendment?

2 TOMMY THOMPSON: I second the amendment, Tommy
3 Thompson.

4 BECKY MCLAREN: It's been moved and seconded
5 to, for the amendment to the motion.

6 Is there any discussion on the amendment?

7 MARINO TORRENS: Yes, the bottom part says any
8 FYSA board member who is elected to any position
9 with any FYSA affiliate shall resign. Number 2
10 says any FYSA board member elected to any position
11 with any FYSA affiliate shall resign their BOD
12 position within fourteen days, that includes
13 Commissioners also, but then we don't hold them for
14 the first part.

15 BECKY MCLAREN: John, if you look at the
16 second.

17 JOHN STACEY: Yeah.

18 BECKY MCLAREN: The second part.

19 JOHN STACEY: Yeah, in that case, I mean, I
20 would be very specific there to say that any
21 Regional Commissioner -- well, hold on a second.
22 No, well, it would be anyone to be elected to one
23 of the offices under 3008.1, so it would be any.

24 BECKY MCLAREN: But Point Number 2 says any
25 position.

1 JOHN STACEY: Yeah, I understand. I
2 understand.

3 BECKY MCLAREN: And FYSA board member, that
4 would include the Regional Board Commissioners.

5 JOHN STACEY: Right. But .2, Subsection 1,
6 would allow for the regional commissioners to
7 continue to serve. 2 would be anyone listed in
8 3008.1 who is elected to a position with any FYSA
9 affiliate shall resign. We're saying RC, if
10 they're not affiliated they want to serve on the
11 board, this rule would allow them to do so. There
12 would be no reason for them to resign. But if
13 they're elected Regional Vice President they need
14 to resign.

15 It seems clear but you have, you do have to
16 put in Subsection 2 that, you know, on those listed
17 in 3008.1 must resign.

18 TOMMY THOMPSON: I don't have a problem. I
19 think Regional Commissioners should be included in
20 the restriction of not serving on local club if
21 they're elected to represent the region which is to
22 be from Jacksonville to Port St. Lucie for Region
23 B, and they should be independent just like the
24 rest of the board members, the region, not
25 necessarily a particular club.

1 JOHN STACEY: And I know he said against and
2 as I, as I said before, you made me do an
3 amendment, I'm against the rule. Independent is
4 key. The appearances of impropriety are almost
5 impossible to overcome, but not being a member of
6 voting, there's only nineteen people. I do know I
7 said, hey, there's not enough volunteers. But
8 these are just nineteen people, guys, and if we
9 can't somehow separate ourselves from our club
10 identity, then people lose respect in what we do.

11 (Applause.)

12 MARINO TORRENS: My question which says any
13 others, would you consider referee assignor, we
14 have to list it on the affiliation.

15 JOHN STACEY: Yeah, it doesn't say that. It
16 says hold any office not identified, may hold any
17 office, if we add in the District Commission,
18 whatever they're called now, to the top part.

19 I mean, somehow I feel like I've taken
20 ownership of this rule, so.

21 DIANA ROBERTSON: Table it. Diana Robertson
22 Treasurer.

23 I motion we table this rule until the owner of
24 it can rewrite or explain it.

25 JOE GOLDIAN: Second.

1 DIANA ROBERTSON: Table it to the next AGM.

2 BECKY MCLAREN: Move to table this until the
3 next AGM.

4 (No response.)

5 BECKY MCLAREN: Is there a second?

6 JOE GOLDIAN: Second.

7 BECKY MCLAREN: Joe Goldian seconds.

8 It's been moved and seconded to table this to
9 the next year's AGM. All those in favor signify by
10 saying aye.

11 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

13 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Nay.

14 BECKY MCLAREN: All right. Pull out your
15 clickers so I can make sure, please. This is to
16 table the motion. If you put it on the screen
17 there, the tabling of the motion, I need a yea, a
18 nay, and an abstain, please.

19 Jared, can we get that up on the screen, I
20 just need yes, no, and abstain.

21 Okay. Guys, vote now on the motion, the
22 motion to table this.

23 Five, four, three, two, one, done.

24 Okay. Motion is tabled. I will go back to
25 the maker of the motion.

1 Jared, can you go to the, is Mike Strickler in
2 the room. The proposed change for the playing up
3 rule it's not in the book. It was presented in the
4 proposed changes. It was late because we were
5 waiting for the mandates.

6 JOHN STACEY: John Stacey, VP Coach/Player
7 Development.

8 Please change ager to age. There you go.

9 I move that we approve the rule as written and
10 I ask permission to allow Mike Strickler to address
11 any and all questions to address this rule.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: Can we have a second?

13 MARINO TORRENS: Second.

14 BECKY MCLAREN: It's been seconded.

15 Okay, Mike.

16 He's over here, John.

17 John just defers to you.

18 MIKE STRICKLER: No, it's the tall person in
19 between us.

20 JOHN STACEY: Yes, it was.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Mike.

22 MIKE STRICKLER: This one, this is with a
23 calendar year birthdate changes. This is, this is
24 in compliance with that. I mean, that's why we
25 have it. And, believe me, I think many of you, we

1 have discussed that this weekend, so I don't want
2 to rehash a lot unless you have a motion.

3 Thank you.

4 BECKY MCLAREN: Any discussion?

5 MARTIN GRAMATICA: I have a question.

6 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

7 MARTIN GRAMATICA: I have a motion to change
8 the one-year play up rule in regard to that, also
9 the heading rule.

10 JOHN STACEY: The heading.

11 BECKY MCLAREN: A new rule.

12 MARTIN GRAMATICA: Martin Gramatica, Tampa
13 United.

14 Okay. I know there's header rule that is
15 mandated for, there's a header rule that is
16 mandated that ten-year-olds cannot head the ball.
17 I understand that the rule from U.S. Soccer does
18 not specify, does not tell you that they cannot
19 play up. It does not say they cannot play up. So
20 if U.S. Soccer is allowing their academies to play
21 up two years.

22 BECKY MCLAREN: U.S. Soccer Academy is
23 separate from that, sir.

24 MARTIN GRAMATICA: I understand that. But
25 U.S. Soccer has given us the rules.

1 BECKY MCLAREN: No, U.S. Soccer has given us
2 the mandates.

3 MARTIN GRAMATICA: It's not a mandate, it's a
4 recommendation.

5 BECKY MCLAREN: No, sir.

6 MARTIN GRAMATICA: The mandate is not to head
7 the ball. It's a recommendation --

8 BECKY MCLAREN: It just came out that
9 concussion initiatives are mandated, and concussion
10 initiative were mandated, and one concussion
11 heading is part of the concussion initiative;
12 therefore, once it's mandated, we have to follow
13 it.

14 MARTIN GRAMATICA: Okay. Let me ask you
15 something. I drove from Tampa back and forth for
16 three days. I will speak here. Give me a second,
17 let me.

18 On March 8, U.S. Soccer sent you a mandate
19 that ten year olds and under cannot head the ball;
20 correct?

21 On March 17th, I have written permission from
22 Mike Strickler that my son can play up. He's 04,
23 can play with 04, Region 04 league, okay.

24 I made, I asked for that permission because I
25 coach the team and I wanted to make sure I take the

1 right team where my son belongs and where he should
2 play, so I have that written permission.

3 May 8th, we get, TBU gets the recommendation,
4 slash, mandate now from Florida Youth Soccer that
5 they cannot play on that team because they cannot
6 head the ball. U.S. Soccer does not say they
7 cannot play up. U.S. Soccer mandate says
8 ten-year-olds cannot head the ball. I agree with
9 you, my son will not head the ball, but he should
10 be allowed to play on the team that he was selected
11 to play for this coming season, okay.

12 We are looking for at least a buffer here or
13 some time for our kids to be able to adjust. If
14 you give us a mandate when teams are already
15 selected, you're putting a lot of families in
16 jeopardy, a lot of families spent money, a lot of
17 families have gone through a lot already. We
18 already spent over ten thousand dollars and we
19 haven't kicked one soccer ball in the tournament or
20 the game yet. We trained all summer. We spent
21 money on travel, so it is not right to do this to
22 people, okay.

23 I played soccer my whole life. I moved to
24 this country when I was eight. I moved to Florida.
25 I played for Florida Youth Soccer, okay. I played

1 professional sports. I played ten years in the
2 NFL. That means something here. I know if I'm
3 putting my son at risk.

4 Go up there.

5 Can you tell me who is the 04 and who the 06
6 here? Can somebody tell me, physically, which kid
7 is different, which kid is the 04, which guy is the
8 06. I have an 04 and 06 here -- I'm not talking to
9 you.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Go away.

11 MARTIN GRAMATICA: Come up to the mic if you
12 got something to say. I'm not talking to you, I'm
13 talking to everybody here.

14 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Let's not make this
15 personal, guys.

16 MARTIN GRAMATICA: I don't know why he's
17 talking to me. I'm just trying to bring up
18 something here.

19 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Ask the question, but
20 the difference between, in sizes, have no bearing
21 when ten-year-olds cannot head the ball. I'm
22 sorry, Martin, but just keep it to the point,
23 please.

24 MARTIN GRAMATICA: Yes, I'm not talking about
25 heading the ball. I'm agreeing with you guys that

1 my ten-year-old will not head the ball. I am in a
2 hundred percent agreeance.

3 I presented the Board a waiver from my
4 attorney saying that I would waive any right for
5 any injury in regards to soccer for my kid, any
6 right, I will not sue you for anything. All I'm
7 asking is for my son to be able to play on the team
8 that he, he worked to get to. And not just my son,
9 there's a lot of kids throughout the state that are
10 probably going through this.

11 MARINO TORRENS: Let me answer this part and
12 you can continue.

13 MARTIN GRAMATICA: Yes, sir.

14 MARINO TORRENS: As I told you yesterday.

15 MARTIN GRAMATICA: Yes, sir.

16 MARINO TORRENS: The Board of Directors said
17 there would be no waivers for any ten-year-olds
18 playing up. So if you bringing it up again, but
19 the Board of Directors already told you that.

20 MARTIN GRAMATICA: Well, I've been trying to
21 get my attorney to reach out to your legal
22 department, but nobody is giving me the information
23 on who the legal department is.

24 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. The legal department
25 has nothing to do with what this Board already

1 voted, the Board already voted that there will be
2 no waivers. The department cannot tell us
3 otherwise.

4 MARTIN GRAMATICA: But every time I talk to
5 board members, they're telling me it's because of
6 the legal department.

7 MARINO TORRENS: What, I never told you that.

8 MARTIN GRAMATICA: A couple of guys that I
9 talked to, and Becky. If we've had a chance to
10 talk, you walked away from the conversation.

11 MARINO TORRENS: Again, as I said, this is not
12 a personal thing.

13 MARTIN GRAMATICA: I know that. He --

14 MARINO TORRENS: We sat down yesterday, we
15 talked to you, and we would get back to you, and
16 the Board and said no. We already voted on it.

17 MARTIN GRAMATICA: But, I understand that, but
18 I'm not here to talk about the heading. I'm
19 talking about the playing up that I was, I have an
20 email that you saw the morning from yesterday, Mike
21 Strickler. This was after U.S. Soccer sent the
22 mandate.

23 MARINO TORRENS: Mike.

24 MARTIN GRAMATICA: Mike.

25 MARINO TORRENS: Did you answer this email,

1 because it was addressed to you, the email from
2 Eric Simms.

3 MARTIN GRAMATICA: The email was between Eric
4 Simms and Mike Strickler, because my son is an
5 older 06, he was okayed to play with the 04s.

6 MIKE STRICKLER: Yes, that was for 15/16.

7 MARTIN GRAMATICA: It was not. Come on, Mike,
8 we talked about it.

9 MIKE STRICKLER: No, that was prior to the
10 heading guidelines being implemented. I mean, it's
11 not something that I intentionally said, okay,
12 well, the heading guidelines are this, okay, and
13 I'm not making special attention, I can't do that.

14 MARTIN GRAMATICA: I'm not asking --

15 MIKE STRICKLER: -- because the lawsuit
16 clearly states ten-year-olds cannot head the ball.

17 MARTIN GRAMATICA: I'm not disagreeing.

18 MIKE STRICKLER: And other divisions, they
19 cannot participate in league (unintelligible),
20 that's the decisions we make, okay.

21 MARTIN GRAMATICA: Okay. But if U.S. Soccer
22 is, according to Becky, the gods of soccer, they're
23 not mandating kids that cannot play up two years,
24 they're just saying that ten year olds cannot head
25 the ball.

1 MIKE STRICKLER: That's correct.

2 MARTIN GRAMATICA: Right. So why is U.S.
3 Soccer going above and beyond what the --

4 MIKE STRICKLER: You're right. They are being
5 more restrictive than the others, I agree with
6 that. But that's the decision that our Board of
7 Directors have made.

8 MARTIN GRAMATICA: I mean, but I have it in
9 writing here, Mike, that you sent me an email.
10 What else can I say, why would you take it back?

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: But he dated prior
12 to the change.

13 MARINO TORRENS: Guys, nobody else has a --

14 MARTIN GRAMATICA: If you look at the dates,
15 the mandate came on March 8th. My email is
16 March 17th. That is not prior to the mandate,
17 okay.

18 Thank you.

19 BARRY WITLIN: Point of clarification.

20 Permission for your child to play up is one
21 thing, but what you do then is you find a need or a
22 division of a league that allows those different
23 ages to participate in. But if any of the other
24 children that are on the team are ten-year-olds,
25 that position can't head the ball, so you can have

1 your child play with that team.

2 The challenge for that team is find a division
3 in a league or other competition that allows people
4 of that age or ten-year-olds to participate,
5 understanding that no one on the team can head the
6 ball. It's not a question of playing up as much as
7 it's a question of where you're going to find a
8 place to play.

9 MARTIN GRAMATICA: Right.

10 BARRY WITLIN: And what I would say, one thing
11 I would say is one thing, Reggie Lewis,
12 professional basketball player, as an adult on
13 behalf of himself, with a known heart condition,
14 signed a waiver to be able to play in the NBA. And
15 after he died of a heart attack while playing,
16 despite the waiver, which is as ironclad as it
17 could be with the Boston Celtics, they sued the
18 team, the doctors, the family sued everybody. So
19 waivers, a whole bunch of things about waivers,
20 children and parents and best interest of child and
21 who decides, and a guardian has to be appointed.

22 MARTIN GRAMATICA: Well, the issue here is
23 where are you going to find a no-header league,
24 nowhere in the state.

25 BARRY WITLIN: The answer to the question is

1 you're not prohibiting, seems to be your child not
2 being able to play on a team that's already been
3 selected and we're all sensitive of that. The
4 challenge is to find such a division and such a
5 league. You're saying there's other people
6 similarly situated. I'm sure they --

7 MARTIN GRAMATICA: They're probably not here
8 voicing opinions, but I'm sure there's clubs here.

9 BARRY WITLIN: I'm --

10 MARTIN GRAMATICA: Let's have a vote. We're
11 paying members.

12 MARINO TORRENS: So we'll have a vote, our
13 guidelines are there, and if this body says those
14 guidelines are wrong, then we'll revisit it.

15 MARTIN GRAMATICA: Now?

16 MARINO TORRENS: After everybody talks, then
17 we'll have a vote.

18 MARTIN GRAMATICA: Okay.

19 PERRY SAULS: Perry Sauls, CYSA.

20 Just a question. Why is the agent of record
21 being struck from being able to, if a team, if a
22 club has no director of coaching, then what are you
23 supposed to do?

24 MARINO TORRENS: Mike, can you address that,
25 please.

1 Stay up here.

2 PERRY SAULS: I'm not going anywhere.

3 MARINO TORRENS: Mike.

4 MIKE STRICKLER: It was written separate so I
5 didn't do it on purpose. If you want to add the
6 agent of record back in that, I don't have a
7 problem.

8 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

9 BECKY MCLAREN: So, Mike, stay there, please.
10 So we will add back in agent of record so can you
11 un-strike agent of record, please.

12 John referred it to Mike.

13 Mike, you accept that; correct?

14 MIKE STRICKLER: Yes.

15 BECKY MCLAREN: Thank you.

16 MIKE STRICKLER: In fact (unintelligible).

17 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. May I have the word,
18 please to -- yes.

19 MARTIN GRAMATICA: Okay. The way I see the
20 amendment it says that it's impossible to play up
21 more than two years with proper approval from the
22 affiliate and the FIFA director to --

23 BECKY MCLAREN: No, that was the old one. It
24 says up one year.

25 MARTIN GRAMATICA: That was one year, more

1 than a year it says. In order for player to move
2 up more than one birth year.

3 BECKY MCLAREN: More than one.

4 MARTIN GRAMATICA: It would require approval
5 from DOC and agent of record, what are you changing
6 here?

7 MIKE STRICKLER: It went from one, it went
8 from two to one.

9 MARTIN GRAMATICA: It's not how it's worded.
10 It still needs to be, it needs to be worded
11 properly. It says over there --

12 BECKY MCLAREN: If you're requesting more than
13 one birth year.

14 MARTIN GRAMATICA: I am requesting more than
15 one birth year.

16 BECKY MCLAREN: Then you have to require
17 approval.

18 MARTIN GRAMATICA: It requires approval?

19 BECKY MCLAREN: That's what it says. It
20 requires approval if you request more than one
21 birth year. It used to be for older age groups
22 that you did not have to request approval for more
23 than one birth year when you got to especially the
24 high school aged groups.

25 MARTIN GRAMATICA: So now you have to request

1 for more than one year?

2 BECKY MCLAREN: That is correct.

3 MARTIN GRAMATICA: You have to request it.

4 BECKY MCLAREN: That is correct.

5 MARTIN GRAMATICA: And you're telling us that
6 you're not going to grant it in case we can still,
7 we can still go the through process and get --

8 MARINO TORRENS: As Perry already mentioned,
9 the request may not be granted to play up, but no
10 heading for that ten-year-old when moving will
11 still be amended, which means that the
12 recommendation will have to find somewhere to play
13 where the whole team can head the ball, not head
14 the ball.

15 MIKE STRICKLER: Just to clarify --

16 MARTIN GRAMATICA: Cannot head the ball, but
17 can still play up.

18 MIKE STRICKLER: Just to clarify, there has
19 not been a formal request made for this player to
20 play up for this seasonal year, okay.

21 MARTIN GRAMATICA: So somebody can still go to
22 play up as long as they don't head the ball and
23 that would be in compliance with the court ruling
24 and the rest; is that correct?

25 I mean this is correct, I read the settlement,

1 the settlement said --

2 BECKY MCLAREN: I can't answer if somebody is
3 going to be approved to play up until it's been
4 submitted.

5 MARTIN GRAMATICA: I understand.

6 There's still a chance to do that if you go
7 through the due process approval.

8 BECKY MCLAREN: You need to. It would need to
9 be submitted and it would have to be reviewed and
10 that determination would be made then it would have
11 to go through the process.

12 MARTIN GRAMATICA: And this amendment here is,
13 this is just an amendment.

14 So until now you did not need approval of
15 FYSA; is that my understanding, is that correct?

16 BECKY MCLAREN: For older age groups.

17 MARTIN GRAMATICA: Older?

18 BECKY MCLAREN: Older age groups.

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: How much older, U9
20 and up?

21 MIKE STRICKLER: It's U9 and above, they have
22 to seek approval for anything more than two years,
23 that was the previous ruling. The way they changed
24 the calendar guidelines, they went from school
25 years to birth years, and now that was, we had to

1 adjust it to moving up one birth year.

2 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Are we talking about a
3 specific child, specific condition? That's not for
4 this Board to decide. That's not for this body to
5 decide. If you have, if you follow the playing up
6 guideline and you put in a request for that player
7 to play up and it's denied, then you bring it in
8 front of this Board. That's not for this body to
9 decide because we're talking about just your
10 specific child.

11 MARTIN GRAMATICA: I am talking about my
12 specific child now, but I am talking about changing
13 it.

14 MARINO TORRENS: No, no, that's not what it
15 says. You're talking about waiving it for your
16 child, you're talking about specific.

17 MARTIN GRAMATICA: I understand. But now I'm
18 talking about changing this for one year to two
19 years like it was going back to what it was.

20 MARINO TORRENS: Then make a motion and if the
21 personnel wants to accept it, but we can't because
22 of the mandates we have for the federation and
23 that's it.

24 I mean, what else can we explain to you?

25 MARTIN GRAMATICA: The mandate says they can't

1 head the ball, not that they can't play up. I
2 don't understand how much more clear.

3 MARINO TORRENS: I'm saying put in the request
4 to, for your player to play up.

5 MARTIN GRAMATICA: I think that is fair.

6 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

7 BECKY MCLAREN: I guess he's changing the
8 battery.

9 ALEX PIOVANO: Alex Piovano, Seminole Santos
10 Soccer.

11 Just a point of clarification. It says there
12 play up more than one year.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: That is correct.

14 ALEX PIOVANO: So the problem is you have a
15 player, I have a player that wants to play up one
16 year and they've been declined, and I understand
17 why. But my problem is -- and let me finish real
18 quick. My problem is it doesn't say anything in
19 that, so what I'm trying to explain to the parent,
20 I talk about the header rule and I start talking
21 about, well, this is because you haven't turned ten
22 yet, that when you read this I'm not asking for a
23 player to play up more than one year.

24 So technically why would I ask for player
25 that's a U12 to play up on to U13. I shouldn't

1 even ask based on the way this rule is, and I
2 understand why I have to ask now, but that's not
3 what that says, and in trying to explain that to
4 the parent.

5 MIKE STRICKLER: Okay. Give me example again.

6 ALEX PIOVANO: You have a 12U player,
7 technically 12U player wants to play up on a 13U.

8 MIKE STRICKLER: And you're not able to do
9 that in the registration system?

10 ALEX PIOVANO: No, I can, but I got declined,
11 that player.

12 MIKE STRICKLER: There's a couple things that
13 are going on with the registration process, and
14 without specifics, we can talk specifics about it
15 later. But we're having issues in terms of players
16 that, you know, I've done about three hundred
17 playing up requests in the last week or so and
18 there's about fifty to sixty percent of them didn't
19 even need to seek approval because they're just one
20 year up. But the registration system does not
21 allow them to add them to the roster, so you're
22 having to submit them to me.

23 So if that's, if that's the case, then let's
24 discuss it, okay. If it's another situation, then
25 we can discuss that as well.

1 Now, you know, the one piece that we looked at
2 was the eleven and under not being able to play up
3 to twelve and under age group unless it was a
4 non-heading division, okay, because of our heading
5 guidelines. So it required a few, because I'm
6 waiting on the leagues to give me their divisions
7 that have non-heading divisions, all right. So if
8 they have non-heading divisions, then we will.

9 ALEX PIOVANO: I'm not disagreeing with you.
10 My problem is I have three players, and I'm not
11 bringing up specific players, but what I'm saying
12 is I have a player that's a U12 now but technically
13 they're ten years old, so I have to wait until
14 they're eleven. I haven't even tried to register
15 them.

16 MIKE STRICKLER: Correct.

17 ALEX PIOVANO: But technically they're a
18 ten-year-old player even though they're a 2005
19 birth year. So it's not a 2006 trying to play on
20 2005, it's a 2005 trying to play on 2004. And,
21 again, I understand it, I got the header rule.

22 MIKE STRICKLER: Yes, yes.

23 ALEX PIOVANO: But the problem is when I'm
24 explaining to a parent for a child that -- again,
25 unfortunately these rules came after we did tryouts

1 and everything.

2 MIKE STRICKLER: Yeah.

3 ALEX PIOVANO: And I get all that. The
4 problem is I'm trying to explain to a parent and to
5 a child that they're not allowed to play on the
6 team because of the rules. But when we look at the
7 rule it says more than one year. And what I got
8 from my coach and what I got from the parent was
9 this is you stating that the rules say you don't
10 have to ask permission. But if I hadn't asked
11 permission, then the email that we got said that
12 we're going to be held responsible if we register
13 players that aren't able to be, and I'm not saying
14 that I agree with it or not.

15 MIKE STRICKLER: So you're asking that
16 everybody is playing up, period, to make it
17 consistent with --

18 ALEX PIOVANO: No, the clarification, it says
19 more than one year, but the fact of the matter is
20 there's other factors that play into it, there's
21 age and things like that there are other factors.

22 MIKE STRICKLER: And the reason we didn't add
23 it to the rule, okay, and change this out is these
24 things will change from year to year, one rule
25 where we can look at and we realize that there's

1 one piece of the ten-year-old players that may not
2 fall explicitly in this, in the waiver.

3 ROBBIE SHIELDS: Robbie Shields, Lake Wales
4 Soccer Club.

5 I believe I'm against. I guess I see what, I
6 understand the header part, but under twelve
7 players, what, under fourteen in the past, they
8 would not had to have approval, is that correct,
9 that you could roster them to that team?

10 MIKE STRICKLER: That's correct.

11 ROBBIE SHIELDS: In the smaller clubs, I'm
12 saying you'll have that situation happen more
13 frequently, you'll have 12 playing for 14, or 13
14 playing for 15. What you're changing now is now
15 you have to bring permission. And many times I
16 know it says just deny it, you know, you've held
17 tryouts, you also, I would be concerned. I don't,
18 I don't know. We might have a couple situations
19 for our say U15 team because we're a smaller club.

20 I don't think, I do not like making the change
21 from two to, you know, one year, the approval.
22 Although I understand the header part and not, you
23 know, concerns there. I don't think it should be
24 applied to all the other divisions.

25 MIKE STRICKLER: Robbie, eighty percent of

1 playing up rule requests are approved, so it's not
2 like they're blanketly denied, don't state it that
3 way.

4 ROBBIE SHIELDS: But I just don't think we
5 should have to ask, I mean, we can determine that,
6 you know, that two years, I don't think that's an
7 issue acknowledge it.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Can we please all
9 the question.

10 BECKY MCLAREN: It's been moved and seconded
11 to call the question.

12 All those in favor, all those in favor of
13 calling the question, signify by saying aye.

14 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

15 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed.

16 (No response.)

17 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion carries.

18 All right. Everybody has their clickers.

19 1 is yea, 2 is nay, 3 is abstain. 1 is for
20 the motion, 2 is against the motion, 3 is abstain.

21 Vote now.

22 Five, four, three, two, one, done.

23 Motion carries.

24 That is it for the proposed rule changes for
25 the 2016 AGM.

1 We're going to move to elections. The
2 positions that are up for election are President,
3 Treasurer, Vice President of Administration and
4 Communication, Region B Vice President, and Region
5 D Vice President.

6 We are going to start with President. I will
7 entertain nominations on the floor for Office of
8 President.

9 DIANA ROBERTSON: Diana Robertson, Treasurer
10 of FYSA.

11 I nominate Marino Torrens for one last
12 torturous term.

13 TERRI TOWERS: Second.

14 BECKY MCLAREN: It's been moved, Diana has
15 nominated Marino. The nomination has been seconded
16 by Terri.

17 Marino, do you accept the nomination?

18 MARINO TORRENS: Yes.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: Been accepted.

20 Any other nomination for the Office of
21 President?

22 (No response.)

23 BECKY MCLAREN: I'll entertain a motion to
24 close nominations.

25 JOE GOLDIAN: Motion to close nomination.

1 BECKY MCLAREN: Second?

2 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Second.

3 BECKY MCLAREN: It's been seconded.

4 TERRI TOWERS: Second.

5 DIANA ROBERTSON: Second.

6 BECKY MCLAREN: All those in favor of closing
7 nominations, say aye.

8 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

9 BECKY MCLAREN: Oppose.

10 (No response.)

11 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions.

12 (No response.)

13 BECKY MCLAREN: Been moved to close
14 nominations.

15 TERRI TOWERS: I move to we accept by
16 affirmation, Terri Towers.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: Been moved by Terri, seconded
18 by Joe.

19 Accept by affirmation, signify by sighing aye.

20 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Oppose.

22 (No response.)

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstention.

24 (No response.)

25 BECKY MCLAREN: Congratulations, Marino.

1 MARINO TORRENS: Thank you again. Thank you
2 for allowing me to continue to do what I like
3 doing. And again thank you to my wife, thank you
4 for being here.

5 Okay. The next one is VP or Treasurer.

6 DIANA ROBERTSON: Treasurer, I'm already past
7 my deadline. It was noon.

8 MARINO TORRENS: Nomination for Treasurer.

9 DIANA ROBERTSON: I can't nominate myself. I
10 make a motion to nominate a fine young gentleman,
11 Eric Heidel, from Region B as my successor. I
12 think he will be awesome.

13 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: Second that motion,
14 Rhonda Link-Cummings.

15 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Eric is he here
16 standing in the back of the room.

17 Do you accept it?

18 ERIC HEIDEL: I do.

19 MARINO TORRENS: Are you sure?

20 Okay. Any other nomination for position of
21 Treasurer?

22 (No response.)

23 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

24 JOE GOLDIAN: Motion to close nomination.

25 TERRI TOWERS: Second the motion.

1 MARINO TORRENS: Done by Joe, second by Terri.

2 All in favor of closing nomination say aye.

3 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

4 BECKY MCLAREN: Oppose.

5 (No response.)

6 MARINO TORRENS: All those in favor of having

7 Mr. Eric Heidel as Treasurer, say aye.

8 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

9 MARINO TORRENS: Oppose.

10 (No response.)

11 MARINO TORRENS: Congratulations.

12 TERRI TOWERS: Now you can't leave, Eric.

13 MARINO TORRENS: The next one is for Vice

14 President of Administration and Communications.

15 Open the floor for nominations.

16 TERRI TOWERS: Terri Towers.

17 I move, I would like to nominate Becky McLaren

18 as Vice President of Communication and

19 Administration.

20 MARINO TORRENS: Second by Frank here.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Tessie.

22 MARINO TORRENS: I'm sorry. I got my back

23 tuned. I'm sorry, by Tessie, not Frank.

24 Becky, do you accept it?

25 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes.

1 MARINO TORRENS: Are you sure again?

2 BECKY MCLAREN: Yeah.

3 MARINO TORRENS: Any other, any other
4 nomination from the floor?

5 (No response.)

6 TERRI TOWERS: I move to close the nomination.

7 MARINO TORRENS: Terri, second Joe.

8 All those in favor of closing the nomination
9 say aye.

10 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

11 MARINO TORRENS: Oppose.

12 (No response.)

13 MARINO TORRENS: All those in favor of
14 accepting Becky for VP of Administration and
15 Communication say aye.

16 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

17 MARINO TORRENS: Oppose.

18 (No response.)

19 MARINO TORRENS: Thank you.

20 Congratulations again.

21 (Applause.)

22 BECKY MCLAREN: Thank you.

23 MARINO TORRENS: Now the next one will be for
24 Vice President of Region B; is that correct?

25 I open the floor for nominations. This is

1 only for clubs in Region B.

2 Nobody is coming up, okay.

3 CHAD SMITH: Chad Smith, Kingsville Soccer.

4 I would like to nominate Rhonda Cummings.

5 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Is there a second?

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Second.

7 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Rhonda, do you accept
8 the nomination?

9 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: Yes.

10 MARINO TORRENS: Any other nominations?

11 Yes.

12 EDDIE SANTOS: Eddie Santos, AG. I would like
13 to nominate Gus Chinchay.

14 MARINO TORRENS: Is there a second?

15 JOE GOLDIAN: Second, Joe.

16 MARINO TORRENS: Second by Joe Goldian.

17 Any other nominations?

18 (No response.)

19 MARINO TORRENS: Seeing none, I move that we
20 close the nominations.

21 TERRI TOWERS: Second.

22 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. All those in favor of
23 closing nomination for VP say aye.

24 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

25 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. I guess each

1 candidate, what were the names, Rhonda and he's
2 first by last name. Gus, oh, there you are, okay.

3 Please keep it within five minutes or so for
4 time.

5 GUS CHINCHAY: Thank you so much.

6 My name is Gus Chinchay, Maitland Soccer Club.
7 I'm also the technical director there.

8 I want to table something first to the Board.
9 Can a technical director run for Regional Vice
10 President without a conflict of interest and it
11 was --

12 MARINO TORRENS: According to our rule,
13 present rule right now, which is 3008.1, BOD
14 members cannot run, serve as an officer, director,
15 or hold any office except coach with any soccer
16 affiliate.

17 GUS CHINCHAY: So that means if, based on the
18 result or whatever, I would have to resign from my
19 technical director.

20 MARINO TORRENS: It says any FYSA BOD person
21 elected should resign their BOD position within
22 fourteen days of election. If you are elected,
23 right, that's what I said, that's what it says. If
24 you're elected here today you will have fourteen
25 days to resign from your position at the club.

1 GUS CHINCHAY: At the club, okay.

2 MARINO TORRENS: So are you accepting the
3 nomination anyways?

4 GUS CHINCHAY: Yes, I am.

5 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

6 GUS CHINCHAY: Thank you.

7 MARINO TORRENS: Do you want to say anything?
8 Do you want to talk about yourself, that's it?

9 GUS CHINCHAY: I wasn't sure.

10 MARINO TORRENS: You don't have to.

11 GUS CHINCHAY: Region B voters, I spoke with
12 many coaches and basically a few administrators.
13 One thing I'm just trying to give an option to you
14 guys in that I will be very transparent. I know we
15 get overwhelmed with a lot of work and everything,
16 but we have to be very transparent with the way we
17 pass communication, the way we try to work together
18 and that's --

19 MARINO TORRENS: Sorry to interrupt.

20 That conversation in the back, please, because
21 we're recording we can hear you from here. Thank
22 you.

23 Go ahead. Sorry.

24 GUS CHINCHAY: No, it's okay.

25 You know, I love this sport so much and

1 sometimes we at Region B feel neglected sometimes,
2 so I'm just trying to give you (unintelligible).

3 That's all. Thank you so much.

4 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Just point of
5 clarification. I'm sorry, Gus, I stand corrected.

6 3008.2 says BOD members they can serve in
7 office until the next annual meeting of the club.
8 At that time BOD members must step down and
9 relinquish the BOD position. The one I read down,
10 if you were already on BOD and you get elected to
11 the club, you have to resign. So if you get
12 elected you have until the next annual meeting of
13 your club to decide which one.

14 GUS CHINCHAY: So my next AGM?

15 MARINO TORRENS: Your next club.

16 GUS CHINCHAY: My next club AGM.

17 MARINO TORRENS: The next time your club has
18 elections or whatever. I stand corrected.

19 GUS CHINCHAY: All right.

20 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

21 GUS CHINCHAY: All right. Thank you so much.

22 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

23 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: Are you ready?

24 MARINO TORRENS: Go ahead, yes.

25 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: I've been at this

1 position eight years, served on the Board for eight
2 years, before that I was the District Commissioner
3 for B4. And I have been involved with FYSA since
4 1998 serving on the board.

5 My children grew up through FYSA. And seeing
6 my children play, and become supportive of my
7 children, and then my son has become a coach with
8 one of the clubs here in Region B. So I've seen
9 that complete turnaround and you know what it did
10 for him. I'm very passionate toward the sport, and
11 I'm also passionate toward the clubs that Region B
12 serves, you know.

13 If there's an issue, people call me all the
14 time, they mail me, I try to answer them within
15 twenty-four hours, you know, of issues. If it's a
16 club issue, I refer you back to the club. If it's
17 an FYSA issue, then I find the answer for you. But
18 I enjoy what I do and I am very, very passionate
19 about the sport and about FYSA.

20 Thank you. Tried to make it short.

21 MARINO TORRENS: Thank you, Rhonda.

22 Okay. Now only Region B, please get your
23 clickers. 1 will be Rhonda, 2 will be Gus. Only
24 Region B.

25 Vote now.

1 Five, four, three, two, one.

2 Congratulations, Rhonda.

3 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: Thank you.

4 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. The next election I
5 open the floor for nomination for Region D Vice
6 President. And, again, only Region D members can
7 vote.

8 TESSIE GOICOCHEA: Tessie Goicoechea, I
9 nominate Sandy Lehtio.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Second.

11 MARINO TORRENS: Sandy, are you here?

12 SANDY LEHTIO: I am.

13 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. You accept the
14 nomination?

15 SANDY LEHTIO: Yes.

16 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Any other nomination
17 for Region D Vice President?

18 (No response.)

19 MARINO TORRENS: Seeing none, motion to close
20 the nomination for Region D.

21 FRANK VILLAIZAN: Motion.

22 MARINO TORRENS: Second.

23 Oh, yeah, all those in favor of closing
24 nomination for Region D say aye.

25 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

1 MARINO TORRENS: Oppose.

2 (No response.)

3 MARINO TORRENS: All those in favor of
4 accepting Sandy Lehtio as Region D Vice President
5 say aye.

6 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

7 MARINO TORRENS: Oppose.

8 (No response.)

9 MARINO TORRENS: Congratulations. Welcome to
10 the jungle.

11 That closes elections for today.

12 Before we go to the baskets and all that, I
13 got, I want to say thank you for a great
14 (unintelligible).

15 DIANA ROBERTSON: But dome more than others;
16 right, John?

17 JOHN STACEY: Yes.

18 MARINO TORRENS: Thank you for your time. I
19 really appreciate it. Thank you for your time. I
20 appreciate it.

21 Tessie, I know you've been around. Thank you
22 for answering that phone call about a year and a
23 half, two years ago. Thank you for stepping up.
24 We'll miss you. Thank you very much. Thank you.

25 We're going to do the raffle right now. If

1 they're not here, we have a number is that how you
2 want to do call a new number?

3 Okay. The first one is Gator Baby.

4 David Rollet (phonetic), you here?

5 Okay. There you go.

6 Okay. This is for Christmas baby.

7 Tessie, congratulations.

8 TESSIE GOICOCHEA: I'm having another
9 grandchild.

10 MARINO TORRENS: University of Miami. I got
11 it I got it.

12 Pura, P-U-R-A?

13 It says 772 number, you know who, okay.

14 Baby blue, JH, 561 number. JH, oh, okay.

15 Okay. The next one is pink. We had blue, now
16 we got pink baby.

17 Pick it, Jared, you're walking by right on
18 time.

19 Janice Lavender, (phonetic). Janice, it's got
20 a 407 number. We'll hold, we'll call them.

21 Okay. We got the UCF one now next.

22 Pat Kennedy.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: He left.

24 MARINO TORRENS: He left, okay.

25 Okay. FSU, now FSU baby.

1 JH again.

2 JH: Hey, wow.

3 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. The next one is FYSA
4 basket.

5 Cindy Molinard (phonetic). It's a 772 number.
6 We'll give her a call.

7 Okay. First I want to say thank you to Rhonda
8 for making all the baskets. Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 MARINO TORRENS: I believe we got close to a
11 thousand dollars that's going to the foundation.
12 And also the TV Jared, what was the name of the
13 company donated the TV for us.

14 Hank you for that.

15 Okay. I think we're done.

16 New business from the floor that we need to
17 entertain?

18 TERRI TOWERS: I move we adjourn, Terri
19 Towers.

20 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: Second.

21 MARINO TORRENS: Safe travels.

22 Please do not forget to turn in your clickers.
23 It's going to cost you five hundred dollars if you
24 don't.

25 The new Board of Directors, we're meeting

1 right now in five minutes. The new Board of
2 Directors right here in five minutes.

3 (Meeting concluded at 1:55 p.m.)
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