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Michael Flood, Vice President of Admin &

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Greg Zak, Vice President of Competition

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9 Joel Dragan, Executive Director

Maurice Henderson, Parliamentarian

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Mike Goodman, Vice President Region B

13 Mike Connell, Vice President Region C

John MacDonald, Vice President Region D

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3 (Whereupon, the following proceedings were
4 had:)

5 PRESIDENT VELMER: The 2021
6 Annual General Membership Meeting will
7 come to order.

8 Due to the absence of the
9 Secretary, we will need to elect a
10 Secretary Pro Tem. Since there are duties
11 that the Secretary needs to complete prior
12 to calling the AGM to order relating to
13 Credentials Committee responsibilities, a
14 volunteer was recruited to serve in this
15 capacity. If there is no objection, John
16 Stacey will be elected to serve as a
17 Secretary Pro Tem for the 2021 AGM.

18 Since there is no objection,
19 John Stacey is elected as Secretary Pro
20 Tem.

21 Thank you very much for agreeing
22 to serve in this capacity, John.

23 While we are waiting on the
24 credentials to be finalized, we will
25 proceed with my opening remarks. Thank

1 you for a several number of times this
2 weekend. Thank you for being here. It is
3 very important that we all do come
4 together, once again, in person finally
5 and to be able to gather and connect and
6 discuss the game that we all love and that
7 we are stewards for the kids that are
8 playing the game to make sure that we
9 continue to provide a safe and fun
10 environment for all kids playing in our
11 state.

12 I would like to also welcome our
13 guest, Maurice Henderson, here. Our
14 parliamentarian who has been a great asset
15 and I have learned a lot over the course
16 of the weekend and looking forward to
17 learning even more.

18 And I did want to touch on, if
19 you were here for the luncheon yesterday,
20 it was an inspiration that put things --
21 continues to put things in perspective for
22 me. The Recreational Boys Coach of the
23 Year, Gary Miracle. It's kind of a -- the
24 last name is still surprising because he
25 is a miracle and he is an inspiration, and

1 I hope everybody takes the time to watch
2 the YouTube video that we will put up on
3 our social media and send out so you can
4 witness his inspirational story. And to
5 keep things in perspective, life, what we
6 are here for, what we should all be
7 grateful for.

8 And, overall, I think the
9 weekend went really, really well. I would
10 like to thank not just the board members
11 but Joel and his staff for doing an
12 incredible job. If we could get a round
13 of applause, I think they deserve it.

14 (Applause.)

15 I would also like to thank the
16 hotel staff who has provided fantastic
17 service and, you know, all their hard work
18 as well during our stay.

19 I would like to inform the
20 members that everywhere we have a --
21 sorry, there is a typo. I would like to
22 inform the members that every year we have
23 a court reporter to record the proceedings
24 of the AGM. Our court reporter, Deborah
25 Waters, is seated in the front row. When

1 you go to the microphone, make sure you
2 identify yourself by name. If you forget
3 or we need you to speak louder, we will
4 interrupt you and ask you to do so.

5 The first item of business of
6 the AGM is the credentials report. The
7 Chair recognizes the Secretary to present
8 the Credentials Committee Report.

9 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
10 you, Kai.

11 Mr. President, the Credentials
12 Committee reports that today there are a
13 total of 4,266 votes available. If you
14 will turn to Page 27 of your Book of
15 Reports, I will update the numbers based
16 upon the credentials that have been
17 claimed as of 10:08 a.m. today.

18 Under association votes, the
19 number of available votes today will be
20 4,266. 50 percent plus one will be 2,139
21 the two-thirds majority will be 2,845; the
22 three-quarter majority will be 3,202.

23 For Region A, a simple majority
24 -- or a number of available votes, I
25 apologize, is 1,383. Simple majority,

1 50 percent plus one will be 693;
2 two-thirds 922; three-quarters 1,038.

3 Region B, 1,000 votes are
4 available. 50 percent plus one is 501;
5 two-thirds 667, three-quarters 750. It
6 should be 751 I believe. Mr.
7 Parliamentarian?

8 PARLIMENTARIAN HENDERSON: 750
9 even.

10 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: 750
11 even.

12 Region C, the votes available
13 1,674. Simple majority 837 -- I am
14 sorry -- 838, plus one; two-thirds 1,116;
15 three-quarters 1,256.

16 Region D, votes available are
17 185. Simple majority plus one is 94;
18 two-thirds is 124; three-quarters 139.

19 Board of Directors, available
20 18. Simple majority, 50 percent plus one,
21 is 10; two-thirds 12; three-quarters 14.

22 Hall of Fame, six. And a point
23 of notice, the Hall of Fame 12 includes a
24 past president number for recordkeeping.
25 Six available; simple majority plus one

1 would be 4; two-thirds would also be 4;
2 three-quarters five.

3 So, again, just going back to
4 the top to make sure we are clear. The
5 association votes are 4,266 available.
6 The simple majority 2,139; two-thirds is
7 2,845; and the three-quarters 3,202.

8 This is the credentials report.

9 PRESIDENT VELMER: The question
10 is on the adoption of the Credentials
11 Committee Report. Are there any questions
12 regarding the report?

13 You will proceed to vote on the
14 Credentials Committee Report. All voting
15 members adopting the Credentials Committee
16 Report say aye.

17 VOTING MEMBERS: Aye.

18 PRESIDENT VELMER: The opposed
19 say no.

20 The ayes have it and the report
21 is adopted.

22 We will now have a test vote to
23 verify that all keypad voting devices are
24 operating correctly. When you are
25 ready -- please get your devices out --

1 when you are ready, Technology, can you
2 please launch the poll with the test vote.
3 Okay. Is today Sunday, August 8, 2021?
4 If yes press one; if no press two.
5 Everyone needs to respond, please. If yes
6 press one; if no press two.

7 Has everyone responded to the
8 poll?

9 SPEAKER: We have one clicker.

10 PRESIDENT VELMER: Has everyone
11 responded to the poll?

12 May we have the results, please.

13 Is there any way to redo the
14 poll with the weighted vote count?

15 The poll showed 403 yes and one
16 no.

17 I just want to confirm that you
18 heard what I said, the request of a new
19 poll that shows the weighted -- okay.
20 Thank you.

21 We are going to vote again.

22 Again, is today Sunday, August 8, 2021?

23 If yes, press one, please; if no, press

24 two. Has everyone responded to the poll?

25 May we have the results, please.

1 (3,964 to zero on the screen.)

2 All right. We are going to do
3 one more vote. All right. Is today
4 Sunday, August 8, 2021? If yes, press
5 one; if no, press two. Everyone must
6 participate and click their devices,
7 please.

8 Has everyone responded to the
9 poll?

10 May we have the results, please.

11 (On the screen 4,147 yes and 69
12 no.)

13 We are at 99 percent of the
14 votes, but I cannot read it.

15 TOM TIANICH: (Unintelligible.)

16 PRESIDENT VELMER: You need to
17 go to the microphone, please.

18 TOM TIANICH: Tom Tianich, Palm
19 Beach Soccer League. I apologize. I
20 didn't want to speak this early in the
21 day. I think there is --

22 PRESIDENT VELMER: State your
23 name again, please.

24 TOM TIANICH: Again, Tom
25 Tianich, Palm Beach Soccer League. I

1 think 4266 divided by two plus one is 2134
2 and I think that three-quarters is 3199
3 are the numbers that we came up with and
4 the numbers you came up with not being
5 accurate. That is not the reason why this
6 isn't working but -- do you want me to say
7 it again? 4266 divided by two plus one is
8 2134, not 2139. Two-thirds is 2844, not
9 2845. And three-quarters is 3199, not
10 3202.

11 Thank you.

12 PRESIDENT VELMER: Recognizing
13 John Stacey to answer the question.

14 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY:
15 Mr. Tianich, unfortunately is correct in
16 this case -- or fortunately. The reason
17 why is there was a sum of a column as
18 opposed to doing the wrong number. So my
19 apologies. The 2,134 would be the correct
20 50 percent number.

21 Essentially I took each of the
22 regions and because of rounding issues it
23 added some. So, I stand corrected. I
24 don't know how we amend this. Can we
25 amend that that way? So the report will

1 be amended. My apologies.

2 PRESIDENT VELMER: If there is
3 no objection to the simple majority for
4 the total votes will be amended to change
5 the 2,139 to 2,134. That is the simple
6 majority. Since there is no objection,
7 the simple majority for the total votes
8 will be amended to change 2,139 to 2,134.

9 Each member was provided a
10 printed copy of the meeting rules. The
11 Chair recognizes the Secretary to present
12 these rules.

13 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Before
14 proceeding to read the rules, there are
15 two corrections to the meeting rules. In
16 Rule No. 6 and Rule 14 the words Bylaw
17 Committee need to be replaced with Rules
18 and Revision Committee. Again, in Rule 6
19 and 14 the words Bylaw Committee need to
20 be replaced with Rules and Revision
21 Committee.

22 The following are the rules for
23 the 2021 Annual General Membership
24 Meeting. The current version of Robert's
25 Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the

1 parliamentarian authority for conducting
2 the Annual General Meeting, unless as
3 described below.

4 Identification badges issued by
5 the Credentials Committee shall be worn
6 for admission to all meetings and events.
7 Badges may not be transferred without
8 proper action by the Credentials
9 Committee.

10 The agenda shall be followed in
11 order, unless the body agrees to suspend
12 or postpone an agenda item by majority
13 vote.

14 The President may relinquish the
15 chair to a specific person. Should the
16 President be unable to attend the meeting,
17 he or she shall appoint the Vice President
18 of Player and Coaching Development to
19 conduct the meeting in his or her absence.

20 All bylaw amendments noticed in
21 accordance with the FYSA Bylaws shall be
22 deemed to have been moved and seconded to
23 the extent otherwise required for their
24 consideration.

25 All proposed bylaws amendments

1 shall be deemed to be on the consent
2 calendar. When the Rules and Revision
3 Committee report is presented, following
4 any introductory remarks by its reporting
5 member, the reporting member shall call up
6 the consent calendar. The presiding
7 officer shall then announce that any
8 delegate may demand separate consideration
9 of any bylaw amendments or amendments on
10 the consent calendar, and shall thereafter
11 allow no less than 30 seconds for
12 delegates to seek recognition to demand
13 such separate consideration and the
14 consent calendar shall not be further
15 considered while any delegate is seeking
16 recognition for that purpose. The bylaw
17 amendments remain on the consent calendar
18 after any such demands shall then be
19 considered for adoption in gross without
20 debate or amendment.

21 Thereafter, any bylaw amendments
22 originally on the consent calendar whose
23 separate consideration was demanded shall
24 be taken up for consideration under the
25 regular rules in the order.

1 AGM delegates and FYSA Board
2 Members wishing to speak shall line up at
3 the floor microphones. Upon being
4 recognized, AGM delegates and FYSA Board
5 Members shall give his or her name and
6 office, title, or league affiliation.

7 AGM delegates and FYSA Board
8 Members are required to follow rules of
9 decorum in debate, especially as it
10 relates to confining remarks to the
11 pending item of business, avoiding the use
12 of other delegates' or board members'
13 names, and not carrying on discussion
14 directly with another AGM delegate or FYSA
15 board member.

16 Motions must be properly made,
17 clearly stated, accurately recorded, and
18 seconded if required, debated if allowed,
19 and voted upon according to the
20 parliamentary authority. The chair may
21 not make or second a motion and can only
22 vote on a motion in order to break a tie.

23 Voting on motions shall be
24 conducted by the Chair, except items four
25 and five below, and by using one or more

1 of the following methods:

2 A: General acclamation.

3 B: Voice vote.

4 C: Show of hands.

5 D: Roll call.

6 E: Secret ballot.

7 F: Electronic voting.

8 Number 11: Debate shall be
9 limited to one speech of not more than two
10 minutes for each AGM delegate and/or FYSA
11 board member on each debatable motion or
12 bylaw amendment. Allowed time is not
13 transferable or cumulative.

14 Members will only be recognized
15 up to two times of each times on any
16 debatable motion.

17 An amendment to strike out one
18 word or a set of words in multiple places
19 and to insert a different word or a set of
20 words in all of those places shall be in
21 order and shall be deemed to include
22 appropriate modifications in
23 capitalization; numbers, whether singular
24 or plural; and case, possessive.

25 Number 14: The Secretary or the

1 Rules and Revision Committee chairman will
2 be authorized to correct article and
3 section designations, punctuation, and
4 cross-references, and to make other such
5 technical and conforming changes as may be
6 necessary to reflect the intent of the
7 membership in connection with the proposed
8 amendments to the bylaws, rules,
9 regulations, and policies adopted at the
10 AGM.

11 Number 15: The electronic
12 keypad voting shall be authorized for all
13 business conducted during this meeting
14 except incidental main motions,
15 uncontested elections, or otherwise as
16 ordered by the President or assembly.
17 Voting by electronic keypad devices shall
18 be deemed to be a Division of the
19 Assembly.

20 Number 16: Cellphones and
21 pagers shall be silenced during all
22 meetings.

23 Number 17: Elections process:

24 A: All candidates must be
25 nominated from the floor regardless of

1 prior nomination pursuant to FYSA Rule
2 5008.6.

3 B: Nominations will require a
4 second, but the person seconding the
5 nomination shall not provide a speech.
6 Rule reference FYSA Rule 5008.7.

7 C: The nominator may have one
8 minute to speak about the candidate.

9 Part D: Each candidate will
10 have five minutes to speak. The order
11 will be determined by last name,
12 alphabetically.

13 Part E: If there are more than
14 two candidates, we will follow the -- we
15 will use the following procedure:

16 Number one: A candidate must
17 receive a majority vote to be elected.

18 Number two: If no candidate
19 receives the majority on the first ballot,
20 a second round will be required.

21 Number three: Candidates,
22 nominators, or members will not be allowed
23 to publically address the membership
24 between rounds of voting.

25 Number four: Candidates will

1 have the option to withdraw following each
2 round of voting.

3 Number five: No candidate will
4 be forced to withdraw.

5 Mr. President, I move the
6 adoption of the meeting rules as modified.

7 PRESIDENT VELMER: Thank you,
8 John.

9 The question is on the adoption
10 of the meeting rules as modified. Is
11 there any discussion regarding the meeting
12 rules?

13 The question is on the adoption
14 of the meeting rules. The adoption of the
15 meeting rules requires a two-thirds vote.
16 All voting members in favor of adopting
17 the meeting rules, please raise your hand.

18 VOTING MEMBERS: (Hands raised.)

19 PRESIDENT VELMER: Hands down.

20 Those opposed, please raise your
21 hand.

22 There are two-thirds in the
23 affirmation and the meeting rules are
24 adopted.

25 Before we proceed any further in

1 the meeting, we will take a moment to have
2 an additional explanation of the keypad
3 voting, each motion or a title of the
4 motion will be shown on the screen as the
5 chair is putting the motion to a vote. As
6 each motion is shown you will press the
7 button that corresponds to your vote. You
8 can change your vote as often as you like.
9 Your last answer shown in the window at
10 the top will be recorded. In most
11 instances, to vote yes you will press one
12 and to vote no you will press two. You
13 can change your vote up until the time the
14 Chair has stated that the polls are
15 closed.

16 We will now have a sample vote.
17 Please project the question on the screen.

18 Do you have a test question?

19 Yes, okay. Since we have
20 already done this, we are going to move
21 on. We have got this part covered.

22 All right. Each member was
23 provided a printed copy of the agenda for
24 the Annual General Meeting. Are there any
25 questions, corrections, or additions to

1 the agenda?

2 If there is no objection, the
3 agenda will be adopted. Since there is no
4 objection, the agenda is adopted.

5 At this time the chair appoints
6 Gregory Keto to serve as timekeeper for
7 the meeting. Gregory is sitting in the
8 front row. When 30 seconds is remaining
9 for your speaking time, he will stand up
10 at his seat to signal that 30 seconds is
11 remaining.

12 Gregory, can you please stand so
13 everyone knows where you are seated.

14 (Stands.)

15 When time has expired, Gregory
16 will still stand and we will ask you to
17 stop speaking. If you do not conclude
18 your remarks, the Chair will ask for your
19 microphone to be disabled.

20 Moving forward, in alignment
21 with Robert's Rule of Order we will
22 appoint a committee to approve the AGM
23 minutes. This committee will review the
24 minutes and will be authorized to approve
25 the minutes. The chair appoints the

1 following people to serve on the 2021 AGM

2 Minutes Approval Committee:

3 John MacDonald, chairman. The
4 members are Mike Goodman and Justin
5 Goldman.

6 The chair recognizes the
7 Secretary to report on the 2020 AGM
8 minutes.

9 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: For
10 purposes of the past minutes, the AGM
11 transcript from last year serves as the
12 meeting minutes for that meeting. That
13 again, as was just discussed, will be a
14 change in practice going forward.

15 Are there any adjustments to the
16 transcript as posted for those and was
17 noticed on the website?

18 Hearing none, I move that the
19 transcript be adopted as the meeting
20 minutes for the 2020 AGM.

21 PRESIDENT VELMER: If there are
22 no corrections and if there is no
23 objection, the minutes will be approved.

24 The minutes are approved.

25 The FYSA Board of Directors is

1 authorized to amend the rules between the
2 annual general meetings. These rule
3 amendments are subject to ratification of
4 the membership during the following AGM.
5 A list of the amendment rules were
6 distributed to the members prior to the
7 meeting. They are located on Page 23 of
8 the AGM Book.

9 The Chair will entertain a
10 motion to ratify the amendments of the
11 FYSA rules adopted by the Board of
12 Directors since the 2020 AGM. Meaning, I
13 would like a delegate to go to the
14 microphone to make such a motion.

15 BARRY WITLIN: Barry Witlin,
16 South Florida United, so moved.

17 PRESIDENT VELMER: Is there a
18 second?

19 LOU CONFESSORE: Lou Confessor,
20 Coral Estates Soccer Club. I will second
21 it.

22 PRESIDENT VELMER: It is moved
23 and seconded to ratify the amendments to
24 the FYSA rules adopted by the Board of
25 Directors since the 2020 AGM. Is there

1 any discussion?

2 The question is on the ratifying
3 of the amendments of the FYSA rules
4 adopted by the Board of Directors since
5 the 2020 AGM. All voting members in favor
6 of ratifying the amendments to the FYSA
7 rules adopted by the Board of Directors
8 press one on your keypad. And those
9 opposed press two. You may vote now.

10 Has everyone voted?

11 The polls are closed. May we
12 have the results, please.

13 There are 3,776 in the
14 affirmative and 326 in the negative. The
15 affirmative has it, the motion is adopted,
16 and the rule amendments adopted by the
17 Board are ratified.

18 The Secretary will report on any
19 correspondence.

20 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: There
21 is no correspondence for the association.

22 PRESIDENT VELMER: Okay. Lou,
23 sorry, state your name, please.

24 LOU CONFESSORE: Lou Confessore
25 from Coral Estates Soccer Club.

1 I would like to make an
2 amendment to adjust the agenda to move the
3 elections forward before we get into the
4 discussion of all of the changes.

5 TOM TIANICH: Tom Tianich, Palm
6 Beach Soccer League. I second the motion.

7 PRESIDENT VELMER: Would you
8 like the voting to take place before the
9 bylaw changes or before the Board of
10 Directors' reports?

11 LOU CONFESSORE: I thought we
12 did the bylaw changes already.

13 PRESIDENT VELMER: No. Before
14 the bylaw changes. Okay.

15 LOU CONFESSORE: Okay. Before
16 the bylaws while we are just standing
17 around.

18 PRESIDENT VELMER: Is there a
19 second?

20 (Discussion in audience amongst
21 the members unable to hear.)

22 LOU CONFESSORE: Before new
23 business any time, please.

24 TOM TIANICH: Tom Tianich, Palm
25 Beach Soccer League. I second again.

1 PRESIDENT VELMER: It is moved
2 and seconded to have the elections before
3 the proposed bylaw changes. Is there any
4 discussion?

5 We will proceed to vote. Those
6 in favor of amending the agenda to move
7 the elections before the proposed bylaw
8 changes press one. Those opposed will
9 press two. You may vote now.

10 Has everyone voted that wishes
11 to vote?

12 The polls are closed. May we
13 have the results, please. Thank you.
14 3,739 in the affirmative and 479 in the
15 negative. The motion is adopted. The
16 agenda is amended and the election will
17 take place before the proposed bylaw
18 amendments.

19 All right. Now to the
20 President's report. It has been an
21 interesting first year for me. A learning
22 curve for sure but it's also been a good
23 year. I am a very positive person so I
24 look at the positives and not the
25 negatives.

1 Yes, we have a lot of
2 challenges, but with challenges come
3 opportunities and new beginnings. I know
4 that from my year as President that, you
5 know, we have Maurice here and I am
6 learning a lot. And we need and we will
7 improve on procedural and governance
8 matters. But that is also the reason we
9 have the majority of our meetings on
10 streaming online as well. And, you know,
11 with all of the good flaws that we can
12 continue to grow and learn.

13 And one of the things that I
14 learned when we talk about the procedural
15 and governance matters, and where I take
16 full responsibility as President, is that,
17 you know, when it comes to one position.
18 I just want to be transparent is on the
19 Secretary position, when -- you know, it
20 doesn't matter if they are good people and
21 they are volunteering their time, but if
22 you are not able to do the job, you know,
23 a replacement must be found because it is
24 about the organization. And that
25 responsibility falls on me. I learned

1 from that and, you know, a learning curve
2 and we will move forward and we will not
3 have that happen again.

4 Now over to the -- moving away
5 from the governance, but we will go to the
6 game here. I enjoyed the time going to
7 Region A, the B one was virtual, and being
8 able to see D and meeting everyone. And
9 having the opportunity to travel and meet
10 everyone to hear everyone's concerns.

11 And it got me thinking that --
12 and I keep saying this and I do mean it --
13 that with all of the politics, with all of
14 the issues out there, the game and the
15 kids need to be our main focus. And the
16 game once doesn't just mean soccer but
17 sports in general.

18 When we were younger the game of
19 soccer or baseball or whatever you played
20 was ours. It is no longer ours. Keep
21 that in mind, it is no longer ours. It is
22 the kids. We had our time and now it is
23 our time to be leaders and provide a
24 positive experience for the kids that play
25 and the families that are involved.

1 I look at FYSA as one. It is
2 not the board and the membership. We are
3 one. The issues out there are our issues.
4 And instead of being divided, we need to
5 come together. Okay? I mean, look, I am
6 passionate about the game. I am
7 passionate about issues. I like to debate
8 but it's got to be respectful. And, you
9 know, there is no need -- at the end of
10 the game this is a game. At the end of
11 the day it is a game.

12 And if yesterday, the moment
13 when we gave away -- presented the Boys
14 Recreational Coach of the Year, if that
15 was not a wake-up call for people, I don't
16 know what is. I really don't know what
17 is. With the man with that courage and
18 that fighting spirit continues to go out
19 there in a wheelchair on the field to
20 serve kids, why can't we see that? Why
21 can't we go, okay, you know what, we have
22 to keep things in perspective.

23 And I know that it is a business
24 now. I get it. It's no longer how it was
25 15 or 20 years ago. But as it was 20

1 years ago in 2021 now, your ethics and
2 values, they shouldn't change. And being
3 there for the kids and families and
4 communities shouldn't change. And I am
5 challenging everyone to think about that
6 as we move forward together, that we do
7 put the kids and the game first instead of
8 continuing -- because I tell you what,
9 there are a lot of issues that are not
10 fixed by rules and bylaws. It is not that
11 simple. There are a lot deeper issues
12 that we need to come together by talking
13 to one another, by having committees, by
14 having discussions. Respectful
15 discussions because every opinion matters.
16 That is why we are here.

17 I know I keep hearing that I
18 hope we are not here for five to six
19 hours. I don't want to be here five to
20 six hours, but everyone's voice in this
21 room matters. So if we are here five to
22 six hours, it is okay because we have got
23 to respect everyone's voice and their
24 opinion.

25 And, again, I thank you for

1 being here and for what you do for the
2 game and for the kids. Because our job is
3 to continue to grow this beautiful game,
4 to make lifelong fans of the game, to
5 teach life lessons through the game, and
6 to serve your communities. So thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 The next item of business is the
9 treasurer's report and proposed budget for
10 the '21-'22 season. The Chair recognizes
11 the Treasurer, Justin Goldman.

12 TREASURER GOLDMAN: Good
13 morning, everybody. Justin Goldman here,
14 your Treasurer.

15 So for the past year we are
16 basically still in the process of wrapping
17 up our fiscal year. We should have the
18 finalized numbers in about a month or so,
19 and that way I will be able to provide
20 updates to everybody as far as how the
21 year ended from a financial standpoint.

22 It was a very interesting and
23 challenging year with COVID-19 with the
24 registration numbers with our expenses. I
25 will tell you that we were lucky enough to

1 get some PPE funding, and we are in the
2 process of having that second portion
3 approved. I know I only saw about seven
4 or eight of you in the budget meeting
5 yesterday morning, and we did discuss
6 that. That was a godsend because it
7 allowed us to keep our staff employed and
8 continued to pay those funds without
9 dipping into any of our reserves. But I
10 am happy to say that we will have a
11 cushion of funds from the previous year,
12 which will be nice. Because you are going
13 to see why we are going to need that for
14 the proposed budget. So that is my report
15 for the previous year.

16 Now I am going to go into the
17 proposed budget for the next year coming
18 up. So it's actually on Page 25. We also
19 have a more detailed report, but we did
20 not get it into the Book of Reports. So
21 there is an additional four or five pages
22 that we have available. So if there's a
23 request that you would like to see it, I
24 do have it available, which gives you all
25 the line items that feeds into what you

1 are seeing here. I will tell you the
2 premise for the budget is to be a lot more
3 transparent so that way you can see what
4 feeds into the actual budget itself.

5 The most important thing that
6 you are going to see is the final line
7 item. So I am going to point you to that
8 directly first. There is a negative
9 deficit that we are looking at on how we
10 operate. I will briefly explain to you as
11 to how we came to that number. We
12 basically went to a true accounting method
13 where our funds come from, from a revenue
14 stream, instead of assumptive. All right?

15 We can no longer assume how many
16 specific players that we have nor can we
17 depend on the funding source that we have
18 been relying on because it is not
19 predicted to be consistent, especially
20 with what we experienced with COVID, which
21 is through our international funding. So
22 we removed those funds out to give a more
23 truer number. So if we get those
24 windfalls, that is great and that gives us
25 an extra cushion. But we can't manage

1 that if we don't receive that. So that's
2 what we are going to see in the proposed
3 budget. Okay?

4 I am hoping that you guys
5 appreciate the work that we have put into
6 this. It is to make it a lot more
7 transparent in order for us to manage the
8 staff and for Joel to go to his staff with
9 a budget and be able to operate that
10 accordingly.

11 So on behalf of the Budget
12 Committee, I move the adoption of the 2021
13 and 2022 budget as presented.

14 PRESIDENT VELMER: It is moved
15 and seconded to adopt the 2021-2022 FYSA
16 budget as presented.

17 Is there any discussion?
18 Microphone two. Thank you.

19 BARRY WITLIN: Barry Witlin from
20 South Florida United. If this is a
21 proposed budget for what is going to
22 happen in the future, why would it show
23 dividend interest or investment losing
24 \$162,000 and a change of market value of
25 investments of \$61,000 to the negative?

1 So basically 223, \$224,000. So if that is
2 what you proposed, why are you still in
3 those investments? And what are they?

4 PRESIDENT VELMER: The Chair
5 recognizes the Treasurer.

6 TREASURER GOLDMAN: So, Barry,
7 that is a great question because it came
8 up in our board meeting and as well as the
9 proposed budget. That is an accounting
10 rule. So that's actually interest earned,
11 so it should be a positive. But because
12 of the way that we are audited and having
13 that tax reporting go in, it actually
14 comes up as a negative line item. But it
15 truly is not a negative line item.

16 SPEAKER: I would like you to be
17 more specific.

18 TREASURER GOLDMAN: It is
19 considered a negative expense, even though
20 it is an interest earned from an
21 accounting standpoint, it is a negative
22 expense.

23 SPEAKER: So what is the actual
24 amount that you either make or expect to
25 make or lose on whatever investments you

1 have done?

2 TREASURER GOLDMAN: So the
3 conservative number is that 200,000 that
4 you are seeing.

5 SPEAKER: That you are going to
6 lose?

7 TREASURER GOLDMAN: No. That we
8 are going to earn based on what past
9 market predictions have been.

10 SPEAKER: But all the other
11 things that show money coming in are a
12 positive and that is a negative?

13 TREASURER GOLDMAN: Correct.

14 SPEAKER: Just to throw us off
15 or something?

16 TREASURER GOLDMAN: It throws us
17 all off, yes. But I appreciate the
18 question.

19 PRESIDENT VELMER: Is there any
20 further discussion?

21 We will now vote on adopting the
22 '21-'22 FYSA budget as presented. All
23 voting members in favor of adopting the
24 '21-'22 FYSA budget as presented press one
25 on your keypad. And those opposed press

1 two. You may vote now.

2 Has everyone voted?

3 The polls are closed. May we
4 have the results, please. There are 3,661
5 in the affirmative and 454 in the
6 negative. The affirmative has it. The
7 motion is adopted and the '21-'22 FYSA
8 budget is adopted.

9 Reports of officers and
10 committee chairpersons. Next item of
11 business is the reports of the officers
12 and committee chairpersons.

13 VP of Admin and Communications,
14 Mike Flood.

15 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Thank
16 you, Mr. President. It's good to be back
17 with everybody altogether in a room.
18 There has been a lot going on in the VP of
19 Admin side.

20 One of the big issues we
21 continue to face is risk management. If
22 you were in that session about it with the
23 help of Kai and Joel and Jennifer Murphy
24 we are taking a lot of steps to increase
25 our risk management. I urge you all to

1 take it super seriously. It is massively
2 affecting our insurance policy. If you
3 have any questions or issues about the
4 coach, nip it in the bud. Because it is
5 going to create bigger problems down the
6 road. If you have any thoughts that
7 somebody shouldn't be working with
8 children, maybe they shouldn't be.
9 Because all of youth sports right now are
10 paying for the sins of gymnastics. And it
11 is the environment we are in at the
12 moment. So everyone at the grassroots
13 level need to be super serious about risk
14 management. And I know from the top down
15 we are deadly serious about it.

16 Another thing that I have been
17 working on all year is a revision of our
18 bylaws. We are going to be voting on that
19 later as the consent agenda. What we are
20 voting on, that is going to be our initial
21 to vote, the first vote when we get to the
22 rules, that really is just an effort to
23 clean up the rules, to remove
24 contradictions, spelling corrections,
25 grammar corrections, make the rules more

1 readable and manageable. What we are
2 voting on later on is the consent agenda
3 on terms of the bylaw revision and does
4 not change -- does not change the intent
5 of the rules. It's just intending to make
6 our rules more functional. If you are
7 familiar with our rules, you know that
8 that needs to happen. But we will get to
9 that shortly.

10 Other than that, that is pretty
11 much what I have been working on all year.
12 And I appreciate the -- it is a pleasure
13 to be up here with you guys and to be
14 working with everyone. And I hope this
15 coming year we have a good year.

16 Thank you for your time.

17 (Applause.)

18 PRESIDENT VELMER: You guys do
19 not have to come up here. You can use the
20 microphone closest to you.

21 Since Carlton is not here as
22 Region A, Russell, do you mind giving a
23 report for Region A? You can use that
24 microphone over there, the closest
25 microphone.

1

2 COMMISSIONER NORTH REGION A WALKER:

3 My name is Russell Walker, Region A

4 Commissioner for the North. I am going to

5 try and keep this short and sweet.

6 All right. Carlton can't be

7 here today because he is out of town. All

8 right? So our region, we did pretty good

9 this year. We had a couple of state cup

10 winners, two from Boca U19 and the U14

11 girls. They won the nationals --

12 thirteen? U13 girls. I stand corrected.

13 We had 11 from the state of Florida that

14 participated, so we had most out of all of

15 the other states participate in our

16 regions -- I mean, not the regions the

17 nationals.

18 Our budget, I don't know about

19 the budget, because, like I said, Carlton

20 is not here and I didn't get much notice

21 to go by. And as you can tell, I am

22 really nervous up here in front of

23 everybody, so this is not my forte. So I

24 am going to give you my best.

25 Our region did pretty good in

1 all our tournaments. We had a real nice
2 meeting last night, other than certain
3 incidents. And I am trying to get
4 another -- some more stuff for our regions
5 as for training and GotSport. I know some
6 of you need a little bit more, so we are
7 going to try to get them one-on-one with
8 you.

9 Other than that, I don't have
10 very much to say. Like I said, if you
11 have any questions, let me know. I don't
12 really have very much to say, other than
13 that thank you for your time.

14 (Applause.)

15 PRESIDENT VELMER: Region B,
16 Mike Goodman.

17 VP REGION B GOODMAN: Thank you,
18 Mr. President. I won't be needing the
19 microphone obviously. My name is Mike
20 Goodman coming in from Region B. One of
21 the biggest challenges we had across the
22 state last year was the COVID. We were
23 lucky in Region B that much of our
24 competition went on as scheduled.

25 On the Commissioners Cup side we

1 did not have to go in and do
2 self-scheduling where the teams had to
3 hook everything up. We were able to
4 compete over a couple weekends and our
5 on-site locations worked out extremely
6 well. We know the variance coming around
7 and everything else, I am hoping that we
8 can stay playing the games in the fields
9 and the counties aren't going to go and
10 shut everything down. So we are just
11 going to have to see how that goes.

12 The leagues were very successful
13 last year and Region B is getting their
14 matches with a minimal impact from COVID.
15 And to just kind of back up Kai on what he
16 said, Region B, my focus, I want to bring
17 the fun back to the game and bring it back
18 to the kids.

19 Thank you very much.

20 (Applause.)

21 PRESIDENT VELMER: Thank you,
22 Mike.

23 Region C, the other Mike.

24 VP REGION C CONNELL: The report
25 that is in the booklet is pretty much

1 where I am coming from. I want to thank
2 all the clubs and regions who helped get
3 through a very difficult year with COVID.
4 The Region C Commissioners Cup was a
5 success, even though it took an awful lot
6 of work scheduling. And the help of the
7 local clubs, the registrars, the field
8 schedulers, Jen DiTillio who probably
9 spent many, many hours trying to make sure
10 the games were played. Only because of
11 the help of everybody wanting to make it
12 work made it a success.

13 The game in Region C continues
14 to be a little bit disconnected. We hope
15 that improves in the future. And, you
16 know, as Kai says, it's about the game and
17 the kids and earning their right to go
18 somewhere.

19 So I am a Trumper, one term. So
20 I will not be running for re-election.
21 But as a one-term person I enjoyed the
22 time. I think that I had some good input
23 into the situation. But whoever follows
24 me, I would like you to support him,
25 because in the end we are only trying to

1 do this for the game.

2 So thank you very much for your
3 time.

4 (Applause.)

5 PRESIDENT VELMER: Region D,
6 John MacDonald.

7 VP REGION D MacDONALD: Okay.
8 Good morning, everybody. John MacDonald,
9 Pensacola, Florida. The great northwest.
10 I am the new kid on the block. I took
11 over for Sandy earlier this year, so I
12 have got a lot to learn. A lot on this
13 trip for sure, this is my first AGM. So I
14 have been meeting a lot of people here
15 today.

16 I appreciate all of the support
17 that the state office brings up to our
18 area. We had a handful of state staff
19 come up to Panama City for Region D's AGM
20 here back in June and was very successful.
21 We are all kind of working through the
22 struggles with GotSport with COVID like
23 the VPs have mentioned as well.

24 Region D leads -- the clubs are
25 kind of spread out geographically pretty

1 far apart. So it's going to be a focus
2 this coming year to try to unify all of
3 our clubs into a league that works. Try
4 to get the commitment from folks that are
5 spread out a good distance. Also look to
6 see if we can gain some more regional play
7 in the championship series and stuff.
8 It's about an eight-hour drive, for those
9 that don't know it, from Pensacola to
10 Auburndale. So whenever we talk in terms
11 of having to travel distances for one game
12 and that type of stuff, please keep in
13 mind that we are part of Florida as well.
14 We are on the Central Time zone which adds
15 another dimension to our travel as well.
16 But our clubs know that and they expect
17 that challenge as we have all got to
18 travel.

19 So, that is really all I have to
20 say then, Kai. I appreciate everybody.

21 (Applause.)

22 PRESIDENT VELMER: Thank you.

23 Are there any officers, other
24 officers, that would like to report?

25 Okay. Any standing committees

1 that would like to provide a report?

2 No.

3 The next item of business is the
4 Executive Director's report. The Chair
5 recognizes Joel Dragan.

6 (Applause.)

7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DRAGAN: An
8 unexpected applause. Thank you, guys.

9 First and foremost, wow. This
10 event, guys, is unlike anything that I
11 have seen before in youth soccer. This
12 weekend has been -- the best way I can
13 describe it is a celebration of soccer.
14 Absolutely amazing. And I thank you all
15 so much for being here.

16 I cannot tell you how many great
17 conservations and side dialogues that have
18 gone on this weekend. And it is really my
19 privilege to be here and meet so many of
20 you guys in person for the first time. I
21 will say it again, unlike anything that I
22 have seen in 14 years of working at three
23 different state associations. So thank
24 you guys for all being a part of it.

25 First, second, third, fourth,

1 and fifth on my list, I need to thank
2 1,000 times over our staff. Our staff has
3 been working overtime. A lot of them are
4 in the back of the room. Please, guys,
5 give a big giant round of applause --
6 (Applause.)
7 -- to Sarah, Jonathan, Andrew,
8 Giancarlo, Michelle, John, Siggi, Mike,
9 Mark, and Rosemary. Everybody who has
10 been a part of this. This is truly months
11 of planning that have gone into this. And
12 without their hard work, it would not have
13 gone as successfully and as smoothly as it
14 has. So if you see them, they are
15 probably exhausted, thank them.

16 I am going to keep my comments
17 brief as we have a packed agenda. I would
18 encourage all of you guys to read my
19 report on Page 18, three thrilling pages.
20 If you need some help falling asleep, that
21 will be there. There is a lot of good
22 business in there that we should all be
23 aware of.

24 However, I rather really use my
25 time, brief time, here to add hopefully a

1 bit of perspective in the room. This is a
2 stressful weekend for me to say the least
3 and for many of the people up here and for
4 many of you including my staff. But I
5 woke up this morning with a smile on my
6 face.

7 In speaking with my staff, this
8 is one of the highest attended AGMs in
9 recent history. We have almost 80 percent
10 of the FYSA membership represented in some
11 way here. That the passion that has been
12 on display here throughout the weekend
13 since Thursday is truly inspiring to me.
14 We have hundreds of people here that are
15 taking time off work, away from their
16 family, to advance the sport of soccer.

17 There is so much to be proud of
18 over the last year. We led the nation --
19 let me say it again very clearly -- we led
20 the nation in teams that participated at
21 U.S. Youth Soccer National Championship.
22 Eleven teams from FYSA represented our
23 state here in our home state of Florida at
24 the National Championship.

25 We hosted the National

1 Championship along with the AGM at
2 Lakewood Ranch. We supported our
3 membership in the way of financial
4 scholarships and the FYSA Bucks Program.
5 Just getting back on the field is
6 something to be proud of coming out of,
7 you know, a global pandemic hosting this
8 event. It all puts a big smile on my
9 face. Through all of this I can say that
10 I am proud to be a member of Florida Youth
11 Soccer, and this weekend really just
12 cements that.

13 I say this in all sincerity,
14 thank you. Thank you for letting me be a
15 part of our game. Thank you for allowing
16 me to be your Executive Director. Thank
17 you to the Board of Directors, everybody
18 on this stage and out there, all of our
19 committee members, for your support
20 throughout the year. The Zoom calls that
21 go to eleven o'clock at night, thank you.
22 Thank you for allowing me to be a part of
23 that.

24 Thank you, again, to the staff
25 for their hard work. And above all, thank

1 you to the membership. Thank you to you
2 guys sitting out there for instilling the
3 passion in soccer that is unlike anywhere
4 else in this country. I say it probably
5 too often but it is real. The passion
6 that you guys instill in our players,
7 coaches, managers is second to none.

8 Thank you, guys.

9 (Applause.)

10 PRESIDENT VELMER: Per our
11 amended agenda, the next item of business
12 is the election for the FYSA officer
13 positions. The election process is
14 outlined in the AGM Rule No. 17.

15 The Chair recognizes Secretary
16 Pro Tem, John Stacey, to chair the
17 elections.

18 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
19 you, Mr. President.

20 Today the FYSA officer positions
21 that will be elected at this AGM are as
22 follows: Secretary, Vice President of
23 Competition, Vice President of Coaching
24 and Player Development, Registrar, Vice
25 President of Region A, and Vice President

1 of Region C. Regions A and C will be
2 elected by the members within that region.

3

4 The first position for election
5 will be Secretary. At this time
6 nominations are open for the office of
7 Secretary.

8 JOE NELSON: (Inaudible.)

9 THE COURT REPORTER: I cannot
10 hear him.

11 JOE NELSON: Yeah, I can talk.
12 There we go.

13 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Okay,
14 Joe.

15 JOE NELSON: Joe Nelson, South
16 Florida United. I am going to nominate
17 right off the Board, Becky McLaren to be
18 the Secretary. I have known Becky pretty
19 much most of anybody here.

20 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Hold
21 on. One second, Joe.

22 JOE NELSON: Yes.

23 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: One
24 second. I need a second and then we will
25 have --

1 KATHY HUNTER: Kathy Hunter from
2 Cape Coral Soccer Association. I second.

3 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
4 you, Kathy. Becky McLaren is now placed
5 in nomination.

6 Before we do the nominator, do I
7 have any other nominations?

8 BARBARA NEWTON: Barbara Newton,
9 Hall of Fame member. I nominate Antonio
10 Saviano.

11 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY:
12 Antonio Saviano. Is there a second?

13 Go ahead.

14 ALEX PIOVANO: Alex Piovano, SYA
15 Seminole Santos, I second the nomination.

16 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
17 you. Antonio Saviano has been placed into
18 nomination.

19 Are there any other nominations
20 for Secretary?

21 Seeing no additional
22 nominations, the nominations will close.
23 We will now have the nominators give their
24 speeches. And we will do so in the order
25 of nomination.

1 Mr. Nelson, would you like to
2 speak.

3 JOE NELSON: Thank you.

4 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: You
5 have one minute, Mr. Nelson.

6 JOE NELSON: That is fine.

7 I have known Becky for 19 years.
8 I got her started in this business. The
9 best team manager I have ever had. We
10 moved her to registrar where she was
11 probably the best registrar in the state
12 of Florida. She, again, then moved to
13 Region A back in the day as a regional
14 commissioner and then she took over her
15 entire term as vice president of admin.

16 We are lucky that she wants to
17 come back in. There is not one person in
18 this room that is more knowledgeable in so
19 many areas. And in being secretary she
20 will be able to assist every single person
21 on that board undoubtedly. She also sits
22 on risk management for the Southern Region
23 of Florida.

24 And it's just my honor and
25 privilege to nominate Becky McLaren.

1 Thank you very much.

2 (Applause.)

3 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
4 you, Mr. Nelson.

5 Ms. Newton.

6 BARBARA NEWTON: Thank you, sir.

7 Antonio Saviano has served youth
8 soccer in a variety of capacities,
9 including as a coach, technical director,
10 coaching director, executive director, and
11 director of the premier sports campus
12 located in Lakewood Ranch. He is also a
13 freelance writer for Soccer Coaching
14 magazine and the author of several books
15 on youth soccer development.

16 Antonio's strong leadership,
17 employee management and development skills
18 and human resource experience give him the
19 background and skills that are essential
20 in filling the role of FYSA Secretary.

21 Thank you.

22 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
23 you, Ms. Newton.

24 (Applause.)

25 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: We

1 will now hear from the candidates running
2 for Secretary. We will do so in
3 alphabetical order by last name. The
4 order will be Ms. Becky McLaren and then
5 Mr. Antonio Saviano. First, Becky
6 McLaren. You will have five minutes.

7 BECKY McLAREN: It's hard to
8 know which way to face since I have them
9 every way. I know most of you from when I
10 previously served on the FYSA Board of
11 Directors. I know a lot of you from
12 Region A, Region C, Region B, Region D. I
13 traveled around.

14 I have always done everything
15 with FYSA with the utmost integrity. If
16 you needed to know something, I found out
17 the answer for you. I took it back to
18 you. I feel I have the qualifications and
19 the knowledge to be able to bring back to
20 FYSA to this position.

21 On the personal level, I -- Joe
22 is right, I started out in a club like
23 most of you with my child playing, became
24 a team manager, registrar, district
25 commissioner at the time, and then

1 switched over to the FYSA Board.

2 I would be honored and humbled
3 to serve the membership once again. And I
4 would appreciate your support.

5 (Applause.)

6 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
7 you, Ms. McLaren.

8 Due to a personal conflict,
9 unfortunately Mr. Saviano could not be
10 here today. I believe we do have -- we
11 have -- is it true we have a video that
12 will be delivered.

13 Go ahead and play the video.

14 (Video played to the
15 membership.)

16 ANTONIO SAVIANO: Good morning,
17 everyone. Welcome to the Florida Youth
18 Soccer Association AGM. My name is
19 Antonio Saviano. And I am pleased to be a
20 candidate for the Florida Youth Soccer
21 Association secretary board of directors'
22 position.

23 I am sorry that I cannot be
24 there this weekend. Unfortunately, some
25 family matters came up and it required me

1 to travel out of state, and there will be
2 no way for me to get back on time to be
3 physically with you. If I was there, I
4 would have an opportunity to shake your
5 hands and look in your eyes and discuss
6 how I could help move FYSA forward, not
7 just by listening and helping the
8 membership and be supportive and help the
9 Board of Directors, but mostly to help the
10 personnel which is the key to move the
11 youth soccer association forward.

12 So, I am hoping, even though I
13 am not physically there, I did share a
14 letter that I sent out to quite a few
15 clubs throughout the state of Florida. So
16 I am hoping that I will earn your trust
17 and your vote.

18 Thank you so much.

19 (Video ends.)

20 (Applause.)

21 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: We
22 will now proceed to vote for the election
23 of Secretary. Once the names appear on
24 the screen, they will appear in the
25 following order: Option one will be Becky

1 McLaren. Option two will be Antonio
2 Saviano.

3 One moment. Are we ready?

4 We are ready to begin voting if
5 you will begin voting now.

6 Has everyone voted who wishes to
7 do so?

8 Seeing no response, please close
9 the polls and post the results.

10 (Applause.)

11 The results are Becky McLaren
12 2,382. Antonio Saviano 1,847. Ms. Becky
13 McLaren is elected to the office of
14 Secretary.

15 Congratulations.

16 (Applause.)

17 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: At
18 this time nominations are open for the
19 office of Vice President of Competition.
20 Are there any nominations for the office
21 of Vice President of Competition?

22 Please go to the microphone,
23 please. And someone will need to time
24 him, because he is our timekeeper.

25 TOM TIANICH: Tom Tianich of

1 Palm Beach Soccer League. I nominate Olaf
2 Henke.

3 TONY PARIS: Tony Paris. I
4 would love to nominate Greg Zak.

5 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: I
6 need a second on the nomination of Olaf
7 Henke.

8 TONY PARIS: I second for Olaf
9 Henke.

10 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
11 you.

12 Greg Zak?

13 MIKE CONNELL: I second.

14 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: I
15 need a second for the nomination of
16 Gregory Zak.

17 MIKE CONNELL: I second.

18 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: A
19 second by Mike Connell.

20 Are there any other nominations?

21 Clarification, who made the
22 nomination for Greg Zak?

23 Tony Paris; is that correct?

24 Okay. Seeing no other
25 nominations the nominations -- if there is

1 no objection, nominations for the office
2 of Vice President of Competition will now
3 be closed.

4 We will now, first of all, hear
5 from the nominators in order of last name
6 of candidate.

7 Mr. Tianich, would you like to
8 speak to your nomination?

9 TOM TIANICH: Sure.

10 Tom Tianich, Palm Beach Soccer
11 League. Olaf is currently on the Region A
12 Commissioner South. I cannot think of a
13 better person for the Vice President of
14 Competition for the whole state of
15 Florida. He cares about all of the kids,
16 not just one region. And I think he is
17 limited what he can accomplish from his
18 current position. And I hope that we give
19 him a chance to try to improve the
20 competition across the whole state.

21 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
22 you.

23 (Applause.)

24 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
25 you, Mr. Tianich.

1 Mr. Paris, would you like to
2 speak to your nomination? You have one
3 minute.

4 TONY PARIS: I have known Greg
5 Zak for many years now. And he has got a
6 long storied history. The guy -- excuse
7 me -- he is in it for the right reasons.
8 I believe he is retired now and he has got
9 the time to throw himself into this full
10 steam ahead. And I know he would do a
11 great job once again if he is given the
12 opportunity.

13 Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
16 you, Mr. Paris.

17 Now the candidates will each
18 have five minutes in order by last name.
19 Mr. Olaf Henke will be the first to speak.
20 Again, you have five minutes.

21 OLAF HENKE: Good morning,
22 everybody. Can you hear me? I guess so.
23 My name is Olaf Henke. I am the Director
24 for Fort Lauderdale down in Region A. As
25 Tom mentioned, I am also the south -- the

1 Region South Commissioner since the fall
2 of last year.

3 I am originally from Germany. I
4 played for the most part of my life. I
5 started when I was six years old and
6 played until my late 20s until I got
7 injured and had to stop. When I came over
8 to the United States I got involved in
9 soccer. First in the adult level and then
10 I, like, kind of found my way into the
11 youth.

12 I have been involved with the
13 current club, small club in Fort
14 Lauderdale, since 2007 since our
15 inception. Since then I have also gone
16 through some other experiences with the
17 youth soccer in this country: Middle
18 school, high school, college. I coached
19 college for six or seven years down at
20 Broward College on the women's side. I
21 have coached the other 23 MPSSL team for
22 the Fort Lauderdale Strikers and their
23 return to Fort Lauderdale.

24 I have been on the OLP staff
25 for, I think, the last six or seven years

1 as well, including the region staff
2 lately. So I have done my due diligence
3 in regards to understanding the game as
4 played and as it is administered in the
5 U.S. now.

6 One of the things that I found
7 out very early is that there is a lot of
8 things going on in regards to the
9 competition. And I believe that we have
10 to do a better job to create an
11 environment in which we can allow our
12 players to develop to the best of their
13 abilities.

14 Right now we are extremely
15 diluted. There are too many competitions,
16 too many different entities of competition
17 in the game that prohibit us to centralize
18 where we actually want to go. We are
19 always talking about the pyramid. There
20 is not really a pyramid in youth
21 development at the moment.

22 We have a lot of columns that
23 are not connected with each other. Every
24 one of these columns does their own share
25 in what and how they develop, but

1 unfortunately there is very little
2 connection to it. So the way that I look
3 at it is, we have to take a step back and
4 reassess where we are, what we do, and how
5 we can improve certain things.

6 And it is a collaborative effort
7 that needs to be an attempt to connect
8 things and to create the various levels
9 and to place the teams in the appropriate
10 levels through merits on the field. It is
11 not just that we go out and we register
12 for a certain division or for certain
13 entity, it should be earned on the field
14 and it should be decided on the field in
15 order to maximize the opportunities for
16 them and for each and every single kid and
17 team deserves on the field.

18 Fifteen years ago about U.S.
19 Soccer came out with the development
20 academy, which is now the MLS NEXT. I
21 believe that if we would ask around the
22 room, or any room for that matter, of who
23 would like to be part of the MLS NEXT or
24 the academy or back then the development
25 academy, a lot of us would have raised our

1 arms.

2 The question remains though, if
3 we would have raised our arms for the
4 right reasons, which is actually the
5 material that was put out by the U.S.
6 Soccer Federation on how to develop kids,
7 it was a league centric environment. Very
8 little additional events and it was solely
9 based on how the players within that
10 environment developed.

11 Now understanding that that is
12 the highest level of competition that we
13 have, the highest level of play that we
14 have, however, the other 98 percent of
15 players that we have in our system I think
16 deserve a similar approach where we think
17 about the players and about the teams
18 first. It is difficult. It is a
19 multibillion dollar business, youth
20 sports, so we won't be able to fix
21 everything, especially not at the same
22 time.

23 But 150 tournaments at FYSA
24 proves at the moment annually during
25 un-COVID times is excessive in my opinion.

1 And it's not necessarily geared towards
2 having players maximize their potential
3 out there on the field if they are playing
4 three or four games every other weekend.
5 Tournaments are a necessity these days.
6 They are important financially for many
7 clubs, but maybe there are ways to improve
8 on how we schedule these things. Maybe
9 there are ways to improve our calendar in
10 general when we look at the leagues, when
11 we look at cup competitions.
12 Unfortunately, also it's not up to date
13 anymore.

14 I could probably talk a little
15 bit longer, but I see Greg standing up
16 there. He nominated me, so I better shut
17 up.

18 Thank you very much.

19 (Applause.)

20 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
21 you, Mr. Henke. And thank you to the
22 timekeeper.

23 Mr. Zak, you have five minutes
24 to address the membership.

25 Try it now.

1 GREG ZAK: There we go.

2 I have been told by some very
3 smart people that when you are talking in
4 a crowd you keep moving. So moving
5 targets are hard to hit.

6 First off, two years ago you
7 gave me your vote to carry forward and to,
8 you know, try to make some sense out of
9 the landscape and the competition. I took
10 that seriously. It is a fiduciary
11 responsibility with your clubs always in
12 mind when anything came down the road as
13 far as competitions, outside competitions,
14 outside leagues, you name it.

15 Needless to say, this two years
16 has been nothing like I have ever seen in
17 the past 50 that I have been involved in
18 this game. Yeah, okay, sure, I am older
19 than dirt but I do understand and am
20 always a champion and a voice of reason
21 when it comes down to what has to happen,
22 how can we best protect our players as
23 well as developing them. There is a fine
24 line between competition and player
25 development, which they are quite capable

1 of handling.

2 So do we have competition in the
3 state? Yes. Is it good competition? Who
4 knows. We are going to have other people
5 coming and trying to run leagues. It's
6 whether from the national body coming down
7 or whether it's a privateer or whatever.
8 Okay?

9 This is a new landscape. This
10 is something we haven't had to deal with.
11 We have got -- I could probably draw a
12 line here between clubs that are for
13 profit and clubs that are not profit. All
14 right? And that place a big part, you
15 know, in the landscape here and how, you
16 know, we need to move forward with
17 everybody's special interest.

18 Having been up north and been on
19 boards there and -- I mean, the list, I
20 could sit here for two hours. Okay? And
21 tell you, yeah, I was a regional coach, a
22 state coach, and all that kind of stuff.
23 That means absolutely nothing. It really,
24 in my eyes, is absolutely nothing. It is
25 just something that I was fortunate to be

1 involved with. And I will say as
2 challenging as this position and this
3 board is, I look forward to still being
4 your voice of reason going forward. And I
5 hope I will have your vote.

6 Thank you very much.

7 (Applause.)

8 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
9 you, Mr. Zak.

10 We will now proceed to vote for
11 the election of Vice President of
12 Competition. Once the names appear on the
13 screen, they will appear in the following
14 order: Option one will be Olaf Henke and
15 option two will be Greg Zak.

16 When the poll appears, you may
17 cast your vote accordingly.

18 May we open the poll, please.

19 Has everyone voted that wishes
20 to do so?

21 Please close the polls and post
22 the results.

23 (Applause.)

24 The results are: Olaf Henke
25 2,888. Greg Zak 1,336.

1 Mr. Olaf Henke is elected to the
2 office of Vice President of Computation.

3 Congratulations.

4 (Applause.)

5 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: At
6 this time nominations are open for the
7 office of Vice President of Coaching and
8 Player Development.

9 Are there any nominations for
10 the office of Vice President of Coaching
11 and Player Development?

12 JASON HERZOG: Jason Herzog,
13 Auburndale Youth Soccer Club. I would
14 like to nominate Daragh Cullen for Vice
15 President of Coaching and Player
16 Development.

17 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY:
18 Before you step away, please spell your
19 last name for me.

20 JASON HERZOG: H-E-R-Z-O-G.

21 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
22 you, Mr. Herzog.

23 Mr. Daragh Cullen -- do we have
24 a second?

25 DYALN HOLMES: Dylan Holmes,

1 Lakeland Tropics FC. I second the
2 nomination.

3 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: We
4 have a nomination and a second.
5 Mr. Daragh Cullen is now placed in
6 nomination.

7 Are there any other nominations?
8 Any other nominations?

9 If there is no objection,
10 nominations for the office of Vice
11 President of Coaching and Player
12 Development will be closed.

13 Hearing no objection,
14 nominations for the office of Vice
15 President of Coaching and Player
16 Development are closed.

17 Do you want to speak, Mr.
18 Cullen? You are a candidate; you may
19 speak. Mr. Cullen is going to sit down
20 and not speak it looks like.

21 (Applause.)

22 I believe they were applauding
23 you not speaking, sir.

24 (Laughter.)

25 Having no other nominations, Mr.

1 Daragh Cullen is elected by acclamation to
2 the office of Vice President of Coaching
3 and Player Development.

4 (Applause.)

5 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY:
6 Congratulations.

7 The next office is for the
8 office of Registrar. At this time
9 nominations are open for the office of
10 Registrar.

11 JENNIFER DiTILLIO: Jennifer
12 DiTillio, South Hillsborough Soccer
13 League. I nominate Alice Smith.

14 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
15 you, Ms. DiTillio.

16 Do I have a second.

17 BECKY McLAREN: Yes, you do.
18 Becky McLaren with SFU and Cape Coral
19 Soccer Association. I second the
20 nomination.

21 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
22 you, Ms. McLaren.

23 CORINA RAMIREZ: Corina Ramirez,
24 Weston Soccer Club. And I nominate Tom
25 Tianich.

1 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY:

2 Please state your name again for me. I
3 apologize.

4 CORINA RAMIREZ: Corina Ramirez.

5 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY:

6 Corina. Thank you, Corina.

7 Do I have a second for Tom
8 Tianich? I need a second for Mr. Tom
9 Tianich.

10 SHENOY RAGHURA: Shenoy Raghura,
11 Palm Beach Soccer League. I second Tom.

12 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
13 you, Mr. Raghura. Would you like to spell
14 your name for me? I am just kidding. I
15 got that.

16 So Mr. Tom Tianich's name has
17 now been placed on the nomination.

18 Are there any other nominations
19 for office of Registrar?

20 Hearing none, if there is no
21 objection, the nominations for registrar
22 will be closed.

23 Hearing no objections,
24 nominations for the office for Registrar
25 are closed. We will now hear from the

1 nominators of the individuals in order of
2 last name, Alice Smith and then Tom
3 Tianich.

4 So, Ms. DiTillio, if you would
5 like to speak to your nomination. You
6 have one minute.

7 JENNIFER DiTILLIO: Okay. Thank
8 you.

9 Over the years that I have
10 worked with Alice there has never been a
11 moment that she hasn't been available to
12 help you with any questions that you have.
13 She has always been able to help you find
14 the answers that you need. And when it
15 comes to GotSoccer, GotSport, Alice is
16 certainly there for you. I have just been
17 really grateful to have her on this board
18 and been able to help us. I think that we
19 should continue that with her.

20 Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 Thank you, Ms. DiTillio.

23 Ms. Ramirez.

24 CORINA RAMIREZ: I know everyone
25 gets kind of scared when Tom is near a

1 microphone. However, I do believe that
2 when it comes to all of the struggles that
3 everyone has been having with
4 registration, GotSports, GotSoccer, and
5 all of that, Tom has been very diligent in
6 doing his homework, asking the questions,
7 and making sure everyone is aware that if
8 there are issues, we have to solve them.
9 And he has been doing this for a while
10 even. He knows every rule in the book.
11 If there is ever a question, he knows the
12 answer to it. So I think he would be a
13 great candidate.

14 (Applause.)

15 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
16 you, Ms. Ramirez.

17 We will now hear from the
18 candidates in order of last name. Alice
19 Smith is first.

20 REGISTRAR SMITH: Hello
21 everyone. I want to say welcome again.

22 I have been your state registrar
23 for the last two years. We have went
24 through a lot of different changes from
25 the U.S. Soccer and U.S. Youth that we

1 have implemented. Now we are going
2 through a major change that I think that
3 we are all working together on. And I
4 hope to be your registrar to see you
5 through this new platform that is being
6 proposed by GotSport.

7 I always feel available whenever
8 anyone needs any answers or questions
9 across the state and not in just one area,
10 but anywhere at any time. I have received
11 calls at nine o'clock at night as well as
12 seven o'clock in the morning. I am always
13 available for you. I try to help you. I
14 try to know the answer. I try to find
15 someone to give the answer for you as
16 quickly as possible.

17 So today I ask for your votes so
18 that I can continue on as being the state
19 registrar.

20 Thank you very much.

21 (Applause.)

22 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
23 you, Ms. Smith.

24 Mr. Tianich, you are recognized
25 for five minutes.

1 TOM TIANICH: Thank you.
2 For those of you who do not know
3 me, I am an average girls soccer coach
4 retired. I am an overweight referee who
5 can still keep up with U16 boys. I am an
6 above average referee assignor who makes
7 sure that their referees are certified,
8 background check, and everything else that
9 needs to be done. I am also a referee
10 instructor certified.

11 I ran Palm Beach Soccer League;
12 Greater Hollywood Soccer League, the
13 largest soccer league in South Florida;
14 and obviously Hollywood Wildcats Soccer
15 Club.

16 I am running for two reasons.
17 One is I need to stop breaking monitors in
18 my office when I watch these meetings on
19 Zoom for the last year. Because I keep
20 throwing stuff at it. There has got to be
21 somebody, besides Olaf and a few very
22 select people on the board, who are
23 willing to challenge things when they go
24 wrong.

25 And so, if you want to enjoy the

1 meetings next year, I promise you if you
2 elect me that you will be fine.

3 I have voted for Alice for ten
4 years and Alice did a great job.
5 Unfortunately, being nice has led us right
6 now to having this issue with GotSoccer,
7 GotSports. So a week before the
8 competition starts, we all planned to make
9 a meeting to meet with her. And in the
10 meeting we need to be firm, we need to get
11 it straight. And some of the problems are
12 GotSoccer -- actually a lot of problems
13 with GotSoccer. But some of the problems
14 are because we, on the state level, didn't
15 press, ask, insisted, and we at times to
16 do this for a very long time.

17 When I wrote the email to Gavin
18 Thomas in April, or whatever it was, and
19 said this is not right, I am leaving, this
20 is not good. The Board finally woke up
21 and most of them have thanked me for doing
22 this. But, you know, you expose yourself,
23 you put yourself out there, you label
24 names, and I am okay with that.

25 If you want me to be your

1 advocate on the board, I will be one. If
2 you don't want me, that's okay. Alice
3 will continue to do what she was doing and
4 she will have my support. But I promise I
5 will fight for the clubs, the whole state
6 and not just one region, not a region
7 appointment. And I will make them do what
8 they did so that we can actually run
9 competition.

10 I shouldn't be paying the
11 Director of Coaching to be stuck in the
12 office looking at a screen trying to
13 figure out how do I invite this kid that
14 just registered for tryouts to come out,
15 because it is 17 clicks which used to take
16 one click. And if there is no way to fix
17 it, then we need to go and make a list of
18 55 state associations, what do they use,
19 what are our options, can we get out of
20 the GotSoccer contract.

21 The very first thing if I am
22 elected is going to be a survey to all of
23 you to ask you, do you care about soccer
24 points more or do you care for looking at
25 the different software that can run this

1 for us. And then we will find out what it
2 takes to get out of the contract if we
3 have to get out of the contract, if that
4 is what you guys want. It is not my
5 decision. It is your decision.

6 As you know, every time I fight
7 for something here, it is because I don't
8 think nine people should be deciding for
9 the whole state. It should be you guys.
10 So I will be open and available to you if
11 you need me.

12 All right? Great. Thanks.

13 (Applause.)

14 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
15 you, Mr. Tianich.

16 We will now proceed to vote for
17 the election of the Registrar. Once the
18 names appear on the screen, they will
19 appear in the following order: Option one
20 will be Alice Smith. Option two will be
21 Tom Tianich. When the poll appears you
22 may cast your vote accordingly.

23 May we open the polls, please.

24 Has everyone voted who wishes to
25 do so?

1 Please close the polls and post
2 the results.

3 (Applause.)

4 The vote totals, Alice Smith
5 3,116 and Tom Tianich 1,071. Alice Smith
6 is elected to the office of Registrar.

7 Congratulations.

8 REGISTRAR SMITH: Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: We
11 will now move to nominations for Vice
12 President of Region A. This will be for
13 Region A voters only.

14 And are there any nominations
15 for the office of Vice President of Region
16 A?

17 MARINO TORRENS: Marino Torrens,
18 Past President, I vote for Carlton Talbot
19 to be the Region A Vice President.

20 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Do I
21 have a second?

22 RUDY RIVERA: Rudy Rivera with
23 (unintelligible) United. I will second
24 that.

25 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank

1 you, Mr. Rivera.

2 Carlton Talbot has been placed
3 in nomination.

4 Do I have any other nominations?

5 If there is no objection, nominations for
6 the office of Vice President of Region A
7 will be closed.

8 Hearing no objection, nomination
9 for the office of Vice President of Region
10 A are now closed.

11 Mr. Talbot is not here. He is
12 out of the country I believe, but he is
13 elected by acclamation, Mr. Carlton
14 Talbot.

15 The final election for today
16 will be for Vice President of Region C. I
17 have never been a teleprompter person. I
18 like it, though. It's really nice.

19 Okay. Vice President of Region
20 C, I am looking for nominations.

21 ED KINSEY: My name is Ed
22 Kinsey, Commissioner Region C South. I
23 would like to nominate Dave DiTillio.

24 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
25 you, Mr. Kinsey.

1 Do I have a second for Dave
2 DiTillio?

3 JOANNE QUINN: Yes. Joanne
4 Quinn, West Florida Flames. I second.

5 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Thank
6 you, Ms. Quinn.

7 Mr. David DiTillio has been
8 nominated for Region C Vice President.

9 Do we have any other nominations
10 for Region C Vice President?

11 Seeing that Mr. Confessore is
12 Region A, he is not nominating for Region
13 C. Anyone else?

14 All right. Seeing no other
15 nominations, if there are no objections,
16 the nominations for the office of Vice
17 President of Region C will be closed.

18 Hearing no objection,
19 nominations for the office of Vice
20 President of Region C are closed.

21 Mr. Dave DiTillio is elected by
22 acclamation to become, once again, the
23 Region C Vice President.

24 Congratulations, Mr. DiTillio.
25 (Applause.)

1 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: That
2 concludes the elections process. I turn
3 this back over to the President,
4 Mr. Velmer.

5 PRESIDENT VELMER: We are now
6 going to take a quick five-minute break,
7 go to the bathroom, get some water.

8 (Whereupon, a short recess was
9 taken.)

10 PRESIDENT VELMER: We are ready
11 to continue. The next item of business is
12 the proposed changes to the FYSA Bylaws.

13 Before we begin this portion of
14 the meeting, the Chair reminds the members
15 of the meeting rules of decorum and
16 debate. Members must go to the microphone
17 to speak and must state their name after
18 being recognized by the Chair.

19 Members are also reminded that
20 there should not be any hand clapping,
21 applause, remarks, or loud side
22 conversations after someone speaks at the
23 microphone. Members should not call other
24 members by name or make inappropriate
25 comment or remarks about a fellow member.

1 The Chair reminds the members
2 that we adopted the meeting rule that
3 allows the Secretary or Rules and Revision
4 Chairman to correct punctuation,
5 numbering, and other technical and
6 conforming changes that may be needed as
7 related to the bylaw and rule amendments
8 that are adopted. Therefore, members
9 should not get caught up on section
10 numbering and other technical grammar
11 changes.

12 Lastly, the Chair reminds the
13 members that all comment, questions, and
14 debate must be addressed to and through
15 the Chair. You should not direct your
16 comments directly to any member, and you
17 should refrain from side conversation as
18 well.

19 At this time the Chair
20 recognizes Vice President of
21 Administration and Communication and the
22 Rules and Revision Committee Chairman,
23 Mike Flood, to present the proposed
24 changes to the FYSA Bylaws.

25 (Applause.)

1 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Thank
2 you, Mr. President. Also, by the way,
3 happy birthday, Mr. President. I thought
4 I can add that.

5 At this time in accordance with
6 the AGM Rule 6, I now call up the consent
7 calendar composed of all of the proposed
8 bylaw amendments that we previously
9 noticed to the members. This initial vote
10 on the consent calendar is the work of the
11 Bylaw Committee over the past year. These
12 changes were to correct grammar and
13 wording issues, remove contradictions, and
14 generally clean up the Bylaws.

15 This initial vote on the
16 proposed bylaw amendment on the consent
17 calendar does not change the intent of any
18 of the Bylaws. So in accordance with
19 Meeting Rule 6, the Chair will now
20 announce any delegate may demand separate
21 consideration of any of the bylaw
22 amendments on the consent calendar.

23 And I ask the timekeeper to
24 begin timing for 30 seconds.

25 Does any delegate demand

1 separate consideration of any of the bylaw
2 amendments on the consent calendar?

3 All right. We will now vote
4 without debate or amendment on adopting
5 all proposed amendments on the consent
6 calendar. This question is on the
7 adoption of the bylaw amendments just
8 named. All voting members in favor of
9 those bylaw amendments as presented,
10 please press one on your keypad. Those
11 opposed, press two. You may now vote.

12 All right. The polls are
13 closed. May we have the results, please.

14 (Applause.)

15 3,775 yes and 60 no.

16 All right. There are 3,775
17 votes in the affirmative and 60 votes into
18 the negative. The bylaw amendments as
19 adopted pass.

20 Okay. Now we are going to
21 consider the bylaw and rule changes
22 proposed by members and the Board of
23 Directors and others. These next series
24 of votes do change the intent of things.
25 All right? And these were discussed at

1 various points. So let's start digging
2 into them.

3 The first amendment is to amend
4 Bylaw 1.1 through 1.5.1 -- wait a minute.
5 I am going over my own stuff that we just
6 voted on. I am sorry, I am on the wrong
7 page.

8 We are starting on Page 64.
9 Sorry about that. So the rule -- the
10 first amendment is to bylaw amendment
11 101.4. Again, that is on Page 64 of the
12 booklet that you have.

13 Is there any discussion on this
14 proposed amendment?

15 SPEAKER: (Unintelligible) --
16 CTC. Just a question, I guess the person
17 who submitted it is not here, right, to
18 talk in favor of?

19 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD:
20 (Indicating.)

21 SPEAKER: The person who
22 submitted it isn't here?

23 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yes, the
24 person that submitted it is not here. So
25 this was submitted by a parent and he is

1 not present in this case.

2 SPEAKER: The only question I
3 have, I guess, he won't be able to answer.
4 But what is the penalty? Or what is the
5 consequences if you violate this? I mean
6 ...

7 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: You
8 are -- I mean, I will try to just answer
9 that briefly just for a point of
10 reference. You are right that it does not
11 lay out any penalty. There are lots of
12 rules in our Rules and our Bylaws, though,
13 that are aspirational in their nature.
14 But you are right, there is no specific
15 penalty as listed.

16 BECKY McLAREN: Becky McLaren
17 SFU and Cape Coral Soccer Association.

18 Can you tell me how this is
19 going to be enforced and how FYSA is going
20 to monitor and ensure that the clubs
21 comply with this?

22 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Honestly,
23 I am not sure that I can tell you that.
24 And I am not sure that this rule contains
25 a plan for that. Again, I am speaking to

1 a rule that was proposed by somebody
2 that -- it's not my rule, so.

3 Any further discussion?

4 All right. Hearing no further
5 discussion, does anyone have any
6 amendments that they -- all right.

7 So then all voting members, the
8 question -- all voting members in favor of
9 adopting proposed bylaw amendment as
10 proposed.

11 SPEAKER: Rule.

12 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: I am
13 sorry, I keep screwing that up. Rule
14 amendment. Rule 101.4, yes.

15 Press one on your keypad and
16 then press two if you oppose. Press one
17 if you are in favor and two if you are
18 opposed.

19 The polls are closed on that
20 first one.

21 Has everyone voted that wishes
22 to do so?

23 The polls are closed.

24 May I have the results. The
25 proposed change to Rule 101.4 fails by a

1 vote of 3,376 to 470.

2 I am now moving to Page 65 in
3 your book. This amendment is to amend
4 Rule 102.3. This was proposed by the FYSA
5 Board of Directors.

6 Is there any discussion on this
7 proposed amendment?

8 ALAN DAGEN: Yes. May I?

9 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yes, go
10 ahead.

11 ALAN DAGEN: Okay. Alan Dagen,
12 Weston Select.

13 I like the intent of trying to
14 create a criteria. I think that it needs
15 to be rethought in terms of both the
16 language and the criteria, at least some
17 of them. And I will go in order of the
18 proposed changes.

19 Three is the playing field
20 availability. It talks about a 12-month
21 year. I think most of us play on city
22 fields and most cities close down their
23 fields for the summer. And basically this
24 is saying that no one who would have
25 fields in those cities could ever

1 affiliate.

2 If you go to four, it says you
3 must have five different board members. I
4 assume you must mean at least. Because if
5 we have six members, we wouldn't qualify
6 under the rule as written. I am not sure
7 why you need a certified referee
8 re-assignor as a board member. Typically
9 you hire those people as outside vendors.
10 And I don't know that there are that many
11 around that would be willing to serve in a
12 volunteer capacity. So, again, it doesn't
13 really make sense.

14 Eight requires that you have to
15 have some kind of business license in the
16 state of Florida. There are clubs, like
17 ours, that are nationally affiliated. We
18 are a YSO national affiliate, for example.
19 We don't have an independent entity
20 necessarily in Florida. We exist in
21 Florida, we play in Florida, but we don't
22 have necessarily legal entity status. And
23 it seems to be pointless.

24 If you go to other -- like ten
25 says you have to have four teams. Again,

1 I assume you mean at least four. Because
2 if I have five teams, I couldn't qualify.
3 And then 13 talks about history
4 of soccer payments. If it is a brand new
5 club, I don't know how they would possibly
6 have a history of any payments.

7 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Okay.

8 Thank you.

9 Just as a side note, everyone is
10 limited to two minutes in your statement
11 and --

12 BARRY WITLIN: Question. Barry
13 Witlin, South Florida United.

14 My first question is, what is
15 permitted to be amended on here, if
16 anything? Because if there is anything in
17 yellow as to number four, I would suggest
18 instead of you must have five different
19 distinct board members, I would say at
20 least move to amend to have five. And the
21 same language that is used in number ten,
22 right, at least four teams instead of four
23 total teams. So it's two amendments
24 suggested.

25 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Are you

1 making an amendment?

2 BARRY WITLIN: I am. I am
3 seeking to amend those two sections to
4 include the words at least in front of the
5 numbers.

6 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Can you
7 repeat the amendment for me. I am sorry,
8 just so we have it exact.

9 BARRY WITLIN: As to number four
10 where it says list of Board of Directors
11 members --

12 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: I have
13 it.

14 BARRY WITLIN: -- must have at
15 least five different board members, that
16 would be one amendment.

17 As to number ten, documentation
18 that affiliate has at least four total
19 teams.

20 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: That can
21 be all one amendment.

22 Can I get -- is there anyone
23 that would like to second that amendment?

24 MIKE SROKA: Mike Sroka, Region
25 B North Commissioner. Those are the two

1 things that I actually came up here for,
2 so I will second.

3 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Any
4 discussion on the amendment? This is not
5 a discussion on the full thing. This is a
6 discussion on the amendment that was just
7 proposed.

8 MARINO TORRENS: Marino Torrens.
9 The only question that I have on that,
10 right now on your rules it says in
11 affiliation we have got to have at least
12 four, which is the registrar, the agent of
13 record, the agent, and the referee
14 assignor. On this one you are saying
15 five. Are we going to change everybody to
16 five? Or just the new affiliates?
17 Because I don't think it will be fair for
18 the new ones to have five and the rest of
19 them have four.

20 I am just ...

21 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: You make
22 a good point, but that is not on the -- we
23 will stay on this amendment for the
24 moment. It's just add the two at least,
25 right?

1 MARINO TORRENS: I thought
2 whatever.

3 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yeah, I
4 appreciate it. I am just trying to keep
5 it moving forward. And I -- are you
6 proposing an amendment to the amendments.

7 MARINO TORRENS: Right. It's
8 limited to the four like we have right
9 now?

10 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: So,
11 Marino, let us vote on the two words at
12 least. And then you make a good point,
13 which we may want to have another
14 amendment.

15 MARINO TORRENS: That is fine.

16 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Is there
17 anyone who wants to discuss whether or not
18 we should add the words at least in those
19 two places? It was after the -- right
20 after the number in Section 4 and right
21 after the number in Section 10, at least
22 four and at least five. At least four in
23 Section 10 and at least five in Section 4.

24 All right. Seeing no further
25 debate on that, I would like to go to the

1 vote on the amendment. So all members in
2 favor of adopting the proposed rule
3 amendment as just proposed, which is
4 adding the at least, please press one on
5 your keypad if you are in favor of this
6 amendment to the proposal. And two if you
7 oppose.

8 You may vote now.

9 Has everyone voted that wishes
10 to do so?

11 All right. Seeing that, the
12 polls are closed. May we have the
13 results, please.

14 Okay. So that amendment to this
15 proposed change passes. So the two words
16 at least has been added in those two
17 places.

18 Any further discussion on the
19 amendment as a whole?

20 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Marino
21 Torrens (unintelligible).

22 I guess I go back to the number.
23 Right now we list the agent of record,
24 registrar, treasurer, and the referee
25 assignee. That is only four. That is

1 what we require for our affiliation.

2 Are we changing everybody to
3 five or just the new members? That is
4 what my question will be. I would like to
5 make an amendment to keep it at four like
6 we have for the rest of the affiliates.

7 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: As
8 proposed it is only affecting the new
9 affiliates.

10 MARINO TORRENS: So then I would
11 like to keep -- make an amendment to keep
12 it at four like the rest of the
13 affiliates. We shouldn't have two
14 different sets of affiliates.

15 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Okay. Is
16 there anyone that wants to -- he is on --
17 he is in Section 4 where it says list of
18 board members must have five. He is
19 saying that it should be listed board
20 members should have four. Put in the
21 number four.

22 So this is the -- first of all,
23 does anyone want to second Marino
24 Torren's?

25 MIKE SROKA: Mike Sroka, Region

1 B North Commissioner. I will second it.

2 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Okay. So
3 just a point of reference of what we are
4 talking about here is, the bottom of Page
5 66 in the yellow highlighted number four,
6 if this passes it would then read, list of
7 board members must have four -- at least
8 four different. It has been added the
9 word at least.

10 All right. Is there anyone that
11 wants to rise and speak to this?

12 TOM TIANICH: Tom Tianich, Palm
13 Beach Soccer League.

14 I am not looking to change any
15 of the old rules. My only concern is that
16 Florida Statutes might require you to have
17 a secretary/treasurer and president to be
18 in the association. And then we are
19 required to have a registrar and a referee
20 assignor. So I don't know how we get to
21 four.

22 SPEAKER: No, he says it has to
23 be separate persons. It can't be the same
24 person.

25 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yeah,

1 comments are -- please direct your
2 comments to me and no conversation out
3 there continuing on.

4 We are discussing -- the
5 discussion now is solely on the amendment
6 of the number of board members. Does
7 anyone want to speak to that?

8 MARCUS FERNANDEZ: Marcus
9 Fernandez, Southern Soccer Coalition.

10 I have kind of a question
11 related to whether it's for the current
12 affiliates and the new affiliates. Can't
13 there be more stringent requirements
14 coming in for new than there are for
15 existing members?

16 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: That's
17 the way -- that's how it was going to be.
18 I mean, that is how it is right now, but
19 we are voting on the amendment to make it
20 the same four existing and new. That is
21 exactly what we are doing.

22 MARCUS FERNANDEZ: I mean, I
23 know FYSA makes stricter rules than the
24 national.

25 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yes.

1 MARCUS FERNANDEZ: Correct? In
2 other words, FYSA has the right to create
3 stricter rules that are already on
4 national rule competitions.

5 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yes, we
6 have the ability -- the rule can stand as
7 it is or the rule can be changed as Marino
8 Torrens seeks.

9 MARCUS FERNANDEZ: So it's -- I
10 mean, in other words, is it legal to
11 provide a stricter rule to become an
12 affiliate than there is for affiliates
13 that are already existing?

14 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yes, I am
15 not aware of any legal reason why we
16 cannot do that. The 50 mile -- yes.

17 MARCUS FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

18 MIKE SROKA: Mike Sroka, Region
19 B North Commissioner, speaking in favor.

20 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Go ahead,
21 Mike. Thank you.

22 MIKE SROKA: So it's my position
23 that everyone should be treated the same
24 in this regard forwards. If we want to
25 make it five, we can switch everything in

1 the future on another proposal. So to me
2 it makes sense that four would be in line
3 with everyone that is currently existing.
4 If we want to make it five, we do it for
5 everybody in the future.

6 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Does
7 anyone want to speak to the -- again, we
8 are voting on the amendment here whether
9 four or five at the bottom of that page.

10 Does anyone want to speak to
11 this? Speak against it at this point.
12 The speaker would be against it at this
13 point. We just had a for, so you would be
14 speaking against.

15 ROBBIE SHIELDS: I guess I will
16 say against, only so I can speak. I guess
17 the question -- oh, Robbie Shields, Polk
18 County Soccer League and Lake Wales Soccer
19 Club.

20 I don't believe that in most
21 situations referee assignors are a part of
22 the board, I dare say that if you took a
23 show of hands. So, you know, I think by
24 the fact it says referee assignor on the
25 board, they really most are not anyway.

1 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Robbie,
2 we can make a separate amendment to remove
3 that word if you want.

4 ROBBIE SHIELDS: Yes.

5 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: But right
6 now I just want to keep on the debate of
7 the number four.

8 ROBBIE SHIELDS: Yeah, I don't
9 want to hold this meeting up, but I
10 believe that is probably something none of
11 us even knew.

12 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Is there
13 anyone that wants to speak in favor of
14 changing it from five to four?

15 Seeing no other debate if all --
16 we will move to the vote on this
17 amendment. So all voting members in favor
18 of adopting the proposed amendment, which
19 is, again, changing the words from five to
20 four at the bottom of Page 66, if you
21 could please press one to vote yes and
22 press two to vote no.

23 Has everyone voted who wishes to
24 do so?

25 Seeing -- so the polls are now

1 closed. If we can please have the results
2 on that amendment.

3 So that amendment passes. So
4 now at the bottom of Page 66, that Section
5 No. 4, now reads: A list of board members
6 must have at least four, and then it
7 continues from there.

8 And any further discussion? You
9 want to go again, Robbie, and discuss the
10 impact?

11 ROBBIE SHIELDS: Yes. I want to
12 amend where it has a referee assignor
13 being on the board, you know, and just say
14 remove that word and add, you know, each
15 club has to have a referee assignor.

16 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yeah, you
17 need to pick one.

18 ROBBIE SHIELDS: It will be the
19 referee -- it has to be at least four
20 board of directors, plus a referee
21 assignor non-board member at least. It
22 could be either way.

23 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: But you
24 need to decide, Robbie, not us.

25 ROBBIE SHIELDS: Yes.

1 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Okay.

2 You want to eliminate it or do you want to
3 change the vote? What are you doing?

4 ROBBIE SHIELDS: I think say,
5 plus a referee assignor. Four board
6 members plus a referee assignor.

7 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Plus --

8 ROBBIE SHIELDS: Just remove the
9 referee assignor, that's covered in other
10 areas I believe.

11 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: That is
12 probably the simpler one.

13 So anyone want to second that?

14 DAVID MURRAY: David Murray,
15 Palm Beach Gardens. I second that.

16 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Okay.
17 All right. So now we have where we are
18 now discussing another amendment, which is
19 to remove referee assignor as a required
20 board member to new affiliates.

21 Does anyone want to speak
22 against it?

23 MIKE SROKA: Question.

24 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Go ahead,
25 Mike.

1 MIKE SROKA: Mike Sroka, Region
2 B North Commissioner.

3 If we remove referee assignor
4 from this Item 4, right, is it anywhere
5 else out there? That will essentially
6 mean there will be no requirement that you
7 have a certified referee assignor to
8 become an affiliate? Is it stated
9 anywhere else? Does anybody know?

10 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: I do not
11 believe it is stated anywhere else.

12 MIKE SROKA: You know, so
13 obviously a certified referee assignor, in
14 my opinion and I am sure most people share
15 that, is a good thing. So removing it
16 from here would require us to add it
17 somewhere else or change that language,
18 so.

19 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yes. You
20 can -- I mean, we can vote this down right
21 now as a required board member.

22 MIKE SROKA: Understood.

23 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Or you
24 can make another amendment that you have
25 to have some association with the referee

1 assignor to be considered.

2 MARK MERCKELS: Mark Merckels
3 (phonetic), Fernandez Soccer Coalition.

4 Alice, in the registration
5 requirement -- or in the re-affiliation of
6 each club there is a requirement that each
7 club has to have certain positions. And I
8 believe referee assignor is one of them in
9 order to become --

10 REGISTRAR SMITH: Right.

11 MARK MERCKELS: -- to
12 re-affiliate?

13 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Right.

14 MARK MERCKELS: So --

15 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: If you
16 could direct to me and I will direct to
17 her.

18 MARK MERCKELS: I am sorry,
19 Alice.

20 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Alice is
21 saying that is correct?

22 REGISTRAR SMITH: That is
23 correct.

24 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: So if
25 this was -- in other words, the point of

1 clarification that was just made is that
2 if this is removed as a requirement of a
3 board member, you still cannot
4 re-affiliate without having an attached
5 referee assignor.

6 So is there anyone that wants to
7 speak against now removing the referee
8 assignor?

9 Okay. So where we are with it
10 right now is what we are voting on is
11 removing the requirement to have a referee
12 assignor on the board. We have had a
13 point of clarification that you cannot
14 re-affiliate unless you have an
15 association with a referee assignor. That
16 is a separately existing rule. That is a
17 rule that is not up for debate, but that
18 rule is out there. All right?

19 So clubs are required to have
20 affiliations with the referee assignor.
21 The issue that we are discussing right now
22 is must a referee assignor be on the
23 board. And if you appoint a
24 clarification -- a question, otherwise
25 discussion needs to be in favor. We just

1 had someone talk against, so if someone
2 wants to speak in favor of having a
3 referee assignor on the board or if you
4 have a point of question.

5 PEDRO VILALLONGA: My name is
6 Pedro Vilallonga. I am with Key Biscayne
7 Soccer. I would like to provide just a
8 point of information. Okay?

9 In the old days you needed a DRA
10 letter if you wanted to affiliate.
11 District Referee Administrator. I think
12 what we are talking about here is five
13 people. I think the gentleman wanted to
14 separate four members and a referee
15 assignor. We can just come up with the
16 words. If you don't want the assignor on
17 your board, you come up with the words and
18 make it four and then an assignor who is
19 not a board member.

20 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yes,
21 that's where we are right now with the
22 words.

23 PEDRO VILALLONGA: So figure out
24 how you are going to word it and just get
25 the assignor out of the board.

1 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: That is
2 where it is right now. The wording right
3 now is to remove the assignor requirement
4 from the board. And as clarified
5 otherwise, there is a referee assignor
6 requirement elsewhere in the rules. Okay?

7 MIKE SROKA: Question.

8 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yes.

9 MIKE SROKA: So my question is
10 to mainly have you reiterate your point
11 that you just made. If we remove referee
12 assignor from Item 4, it is still a
13 requirement to have a certified referee
14 assignor regardless even if it is not
15 stated in Item 4.

16 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yes.

17 Everybody understands?

18 So what this is doing is
19 currently existing members are not
20 required to have a referee assignor on
21 their board. If this passes as it's
22 written, future members would be required
23 to have a referee assignor on their board.
24 All clubs in order to affiliate need to
25 have a referee assignor on their board.

1 The question is, are we removing
2 a referee assignor on the requirement as a
3 board member for new affiliates.

4 Seeing no further discussion,
5 let's go to vote. So we are -- again, we
6 are voting to remove which must include a
7 certified referee assignor, that clause at
8 the bottom. That is actually on Page 66
9 on to Page 67.

10 If you are in favor of removing
11 that clause, removing that clause, meaning
12 they do not have to have a referee
13 assignor, press one. If you are not in
14 favor of removing that clause, press two.
15 Please vote now.

16 All right. Has everyone voted?
17 Everyone who wishes to vote has voted?

18 All right. In that case the
19 polls are closed. May we please have the
20 results.

21 So that amendment passes. All
22 right. So now we are back to -- so that
23 Section 4 has been changed a couple of
24 times now. It reads now, a list of board
25 members must have at least four different

1 and distinct board members which include a
2 registrar. That is how that section
3 should read now.

4 Is there anyone else that wants
5 to -- now we are back to discussing the
6 rule change as a whole. Does anyone have
7 any questions or points on that?

8 JOHN DEANNA: Yeah, John Deanna
9 (unintelligible).

10 Why are we mixing board member
11 with staff? Registrar is not a board
12 member. He is someone, or she, that we
13 hire. The same thing with the referee
14 assignor. I mean, I don't want to go back
15 to it, but why are we mixing board member
16 with staff that we have on the board?

17 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Are you
18 making an amendment to remove the word
19 registrar?

20 JOHN DEANNA: Of course. That
21 is not a board member.

22 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: I am
23 asking you --

24 JOHN DEANNA: Yes.

25 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: -- are

1 you making --

2 (Simultaneously speaking.)

3 JOHN DEANNA: It is but I am
4 saying --

5 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: It's a
6 yes or no question. Are you proposing an
7 amendment?

8 JOHN DEANNA: Yes.

9 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: The
10 amendment proposed -- the proposed
11 amendment is to remove the word registrar
12 also from that section.

13 Would anyone like to second
14 that?

15

16 SHENOY RAGHURA: Shenoy Raghura,
17 Palm Beach Soccer League. I will second
18 it.

19 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Does
20 anyone want to speak against this idea?
21 Does anyone have any point of questions on
22 this idea?

23 Seeing no further debate, we
24 will move to the question -- we will move
25 to the vote on this. So this, again, is

1 now removing the registrar requirement.

2 Again, this is at the top of Page 67.

3 Shenoy Raghura was the second.

4 All right. So if you are in

5 favor of -- has everyone had an

6 opportunity to vote that wishes to do so?

7 Sorry, sorry. Vote now. Vote

8 one if you are in favor of removing the

9 word registrar. Two if you want to keep

10 that requirement in there. The polls are

11 open, please vote.

12 Has everyone voted that wishes

13 to do so?

14 Seeing that everyone has voted,

15 the polls are closed. May we have a

16 result on this amendment.

17 This amendment passes again. So

18 now Section 4 reads, list of board members

19 must have at least four different and

20 distinct board members. That entire

21 clause on the bottom has now been

22 stricken.

23 All right. So now we are back

24 to debating the whole rule. So does

25 anyone have any questions or points about

1 the rule as a whole?

2 DAVID MURRAY: David Murray.

3 Palm Beach Gardens.

4 I just want a clarification. It
5 says in that document the affiliate as
6 four total teams, or at least four teams,
7 participating in four different age
8 groups. It doesn't clarify boys or girls.
9 So if you have two U10 teams, two U11
10 teams, two U12 teams, one boys, one girls,
11 that wouldn't qualify, correct?

12 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: I think
13 that a U10 girls and a U10 boys are
14 considered different age groups. Are they
15 not?

16 DAVID MURRAY: I just wanted to
17 clarify.

18 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: That is
19 my understanding of the rules. You would
20 not be considering a U16 boys team to be
21 the same as group of U16 girls team.

22 Shenoy.

23 SHENOY RAGHURA: I just have a
24 question. How do you establish a team if
25 you don't have an affiliation? You are

1 seeking an affiliation so that you can
2 break teams. How do you establish these
3 four teams?

4 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yeah. I
5 mean, you raise a good question. The
6 reality, though, of -- just a point of
7 clarification. The reality of the new
8 member applications that we are getting,
9 they are coming with teams. You know,
10 there are kids in the area or however they
11 are doing it, but you have to be coming
12 with teams. That is how this is written,
13 unless you want to propose some change.

14 Over the course of this past
15 year, that has not been an issue. But
16 that's not to say that -- you good? All
17 right.

18 Mike?

19 MIKE SROKA: I was going to
20 offer something on that point. But if
21 it's not relevant --

22 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: That's a
23 moot point now.

24 BECKY McLAREN: Becky McLaren,
25 Cape Coral Soccer Association SFU.

1 Point number five talks about
2 documentation that board members have
3 submitted in FYSA background check.
4 Currently until your affiliation is
5 created in the GotSoccer, GotSport system,
6 you have no way to submit those.

7 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yeah,
8 that's right.

9 So, Becky, on this point of
10 clarification we provide -- for people
11 applying -- for new members applying, we
12 have a special portal where they can apply
13 through that to get the risk management
14 background checks.

15 BECKY McLAREN: Do they only
16 have to do the background check? Or do
17 they need to do all requirements prior to
18 including SafeSport and including Heads
19 Up?

20 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: They have
21 to go through the same procedure as
22 everybody else. And there is a special
23 portal as part -- you know, the
24 application process is online now. And as
25 part of that is a portal -- a risk

1 management portal.

2 The risk management, I can
3 assure you there is -- if anything risk
4 management is getting higher bar, not
5 lower bar. There is definitely no lower
6 bar for people coming in in terms of risk
7 management.

8 BECKY McLAREN: Okay. Then you
9 say that they have to complete all the
10 requirements for risk management, that
11 also includes SafeSport.

12 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yes.

13 BECKY McLAREN: And Heads Up?

14 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: (Nods
15 head.)

16 BECKY McLAREN: Then you need to
17 amend that because it only says background
18 check here.

19 And how do you know that they
20 have no recent documented violations of
21 the risk management policy? How are you
22 getting that information?

23 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: We are
24 doing the background check on them. We
25 are doing it the same -- it is the same

1 for all coaches and others.

2 But if you want to make an
3 amendment to change it, you can.

4 BECKY McLAREN: I think if you
5 are saying they have to complete all
6 requirements, SafeSport and Heads Up are
7 also part of those requirements. So,
8 therefore, you need to say documentation
9 and all board members have submitted an
10 FYSA background check and SafeSport and
11 Heads Up and have no recent document in
12 violations of the risk management policy.

13 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: If you
14 want to propose an amendment to clarify,
15 you can. The understanding of the board,
16 and certainly my understanding of this, is
17 it is the FYSA risk management policy.
18 The policy includes multiple elements.

19 BECKY McLAREN: But you are
20 being specific --

21 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: The
22 policy is not the one --

23 BECKY McLAREN: You are being
24 specific with the background check and --

25 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Okay.

1 Would you like to make a proposed
2 amendment?

3 BECKY McLAREN: I would like it
4 to say the documentation that all board
5 members -- documentation that all board
6 members have submitted --

7 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: An FYSA
8 background check.

9 BECKY McLAREN: And all
10 requirements of the FYSA risk management
11 policy. This way if the policy changes in
12 the future, you don't have to change the
13 rule.

14 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: That is a
15 good way of doing it.

16 BECKY McLAREN: Documentation
17 that all board members have submitted --

18 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: So it
19 would be to change an FYSA background
20 check.

21 BECKY McLAREN: An FYSA -- all
22 requirements of the FYSA risk management
23 policy.

24 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yes.
25 Okay.

1 BECKY McLAREN: So documentation
2 that all board members have submitted, all
3 requirements of the FYSA risk management
4 policy and have no recent documented
5 violations of the risk management policy.

6 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Anyone
7 want to second that?

8 BECKY McLAREN: Submitted -- can
9 we change it to say submitted and
10 satisfied, please.

11 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY:
12 Becky, could you say it one more time.
13 John is trying to get it down.

14 BECKY McLAREN: Come on, John.
15 You have got to write faster.

16 Documentation that all board
17 members have submitted and satisfied all
18 requirements of the FYSA risk management
19 policy and have no recent documented
20 violations of the policy.

21 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Is there
22 a second for that?

23 TOM TIANICH: Tom Tianich.
24 Second.

25 BECKY McLAREN: Have you got it,

1 John? You want me to come up there and
2 look at it and see that you do?

3 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yeah, we
4 got it.

5 Is there anyone that wants to
6 speak against this? You have had a
7 speaker in favor. In order to proceed
8 with the debate, someone has got to speak
9 against. No one looking to speak against?

10 We will move to the vote. If
11 you are in favor of adopting the language
12 change that Becky just suggested, please
13 press one on your keypad. Those opposed,
14 please press two. You may vote now.

15 Has everyone voted who wishes to
16 do so?

17 Seeing that everyone has had an
18 opportunity to vote, the polls are closed.

19 May we have the results of this
20 amendment. That change passes as well.
21 That is a good change, so that amended
22 Section 5 on Page 67.

23 Now we are back to discussing
24 the full rule itself. Is there anyone
25 that has a point of clarification or

1 question about the full rule itself?

2 SARAH DEUBEL: Sarah Deubel,
3 Pinellas County United.

4 Specifically stating, and I
5 think it was mentioned earlier, about
6 having fields open for an entire seasonal
7 year. We are under contract with two
8 cities, so if they close the fields we
9 cannot control that. So I would amend to
10 eliminate having that open from August 1st
11 through July 31st.

12 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: So are
13 you making an amendment?

14 SARAH DEUBEL: Yes, to eliminate
15 that particular portion.

16 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: To alter
17 it? Right, that's what you are looking to
18 do?

19 SARAH DEUBEL: Yes.

20 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Could you
21 just point us to the number just so we can
22 see it.

23 SARAH DEUBEL: That is number
24 three.

25 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Number

1 three.

2 SARAH DEUBEL: The addition says
3 from the owner must be for --

4 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Right.

5 SARAH DEUBEL: -- an entire
6 seasonal year.

7 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: So you
8 want to strike must be for the entire
9 seasonal year?

10 SARAH DEUBEL: Correct.

11 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: And what
12 was your name, I am sorry? Sorry, I
13 didn't mean to make you feel bad.

14 SARAH DEUBEL: Sarah Dubell.

15 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Anyone
16 want to second that?

17 MARINO TORRENS: Marino Torrens.
18 I will second it.

19 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Okay.
20 Anyone looking to speak against that?

21 MARCUS FERNANDEZ: Marcus
22 Fernandez, Southern Soccer Coalition.

23 Although the intent is good, by
24 striking it out altogether, it allows
25 someone to rent the field for a month and

1 comply with the affiliation requirement.

2 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Anyone
3 want to speak in favor? Any further
4 discussion in favor?

5 ALAN DAGEN: Alan Dagen, Weston
6 Select.

7 Although I understand what
8 Marcus is saying, I am sympathetic towards
9 that. The problem with the way it is
10 written is, it makes it virtually
11 impossible to get affiliated. Because I
12 would imagine almost everyone would have a
13 problem with whatever city fields exist.
14 They all close in the summer for
15 maintenance. That is just routine with
16 any municipality.

17 So the way it is written right
18 now, you are basically saying no one new
19 will ever be able to join.

20 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Thank
21 you.

22 Anyone want to speak against
23 this amendment?

24 All right. No further debate.
25 So we will move to a vote on this

1 amendment. Those in favor of this
2 amendment, please press one on your
3 keypad. Those opposed, please press two.
4 You may vote now.

5 All right. Has everyone voted
6 who wishes to do so?

7 Seeing that everyone has had an
8 opportunity to vote, the polls are closed.

9 May we please have the result of
10 this amendment.

11 The amendment passes. So that
12 line is struck from three.

13 We are now back to overall rule.
14 Discussion on the overall rule.

15 OLAF HENKE: Olaf Henke, Fort
16 Lauderdale Select.

17 I would like to go back to the
18 number three, what we just had. Instead
19 of striking it entirely, I believe it
20 should be in there for the entire season
21 with added language saying with the
22 exception of city announced field closures
23 during that season.

24 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Okay.
25 Olaf, we voted on that.

1 SECRETARY PRO TEM STACEY: Can
2 we make an amendment?

3 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: He wants
4 to put in a shorter timeframe than what
5 was there.

6 We would have needed to amend
7 the original amendment. So under the
8 Rules of Order, we need to press forward.
9 Sorry, Olaf.

10 So, again, we are back to the
11 discussion on the full rule.

12 MIKE SROKA: So I don't think
13 that --

14 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Mike,
15 just a follow up. In debate on each rule
16 and amendments, everyone is allowed to
17 speak twice. Just letting you know this
18 is your second time. So --

19 MIKE SROKA: I was going to
20 propose another amendment to --

21 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: You can
22 speak a second time. Then on this rule,
23 this is your last opportunity to speak.
24 But go ahead and propose another
25 amendment.

1 MIKE SROKA: So I don't think by
2 striking that you exactly got it right in
3 my opinion. So playing fields -- Mike
4 Sroka, Region B North Commissioner.

5 In my opinion I think that we
6 need to make it the playing field
7 availability and proof of playing field
8 availability for all home matches. That
9 way it's sort of a little ambiguous, but
10 you are guaranteeing that you have a place
11 to play for your home games.

12 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: I
13 understand the intent. And I get what you
14 are getting at. And I think the board is
15 going to have some discretion to consider
16 that.

17 MIKE SROKA: Sure.

18 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Under
19 Robert's Rules of Order we struck that
20 yellow and now you can reduce but you
21 cannot add to that.

22 TOM TIANICH: Maurice.

23 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: I
24 understand that following Robert's Rules
25 of Order --

1 MIKE SROKA: Fair enough.

2 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: -- shuts
3 people off, but it also moves it forward.

4 MIKE SROKA: I am going to take
5 my seat.

6 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Thank
7 you.

8 TOM TIANICH: Tom Tianich, Palm
9 Beach Soccer League.

10 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: So,
11 again, we are back to discussing the --

12 TOM TIANICH: Just a point of
13 clarification. Maurice, I apologize.

14 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Direct it
15 to me, Tom.

16 TOM TIANICH: Sorry, Chair.

17 The notice was given that we
18 would be limiting them to must have the
19 field for the whole year. We are now
20 saying -- and if they are not here, they
21 are not here. We are now saying we want
22 to come up with a different number, which
23 is less than the full year but it is
24 greater than what we just amended, but not
25 to put people on notice. They were

1 noticed for the full year. We are saying
2 less than a full year. So I believe this
3 has created a change from the notice.

4 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: I
5 appreciate what you are saying, Tom. Just
6 let me say on this. But for what we -- we
7 are going to follow Robert's Rules of
8 Order. Whether we like it or not, we are
9 going to follow it because in years past
10 it has become a mess.

11 Under Robert's Rules of Order
12 this amendment has passed and we are not
13 going back to it. That said, this section
14 reading playing field availability with
15 written proof of playing field
16 availability. There is discretion for the
17 board to interpret within that. But the
18 intent is not to create loopholes here.
19 But we are not re-debating an amendment
20 that has already passed.

21 You have something else, Tom?

22 Also, wait. Tom, that was your
23 second time speaking on this one.

24 TOM TIANICH: I appeal the
25 Chair's decision.

1 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Marino,
2 this is your second time speaking on this
3 as well.

4 TOM TIANICH: I appeal the
5 Chair's decision.

6 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Is there
7 a second to appeal the decision on the
8 Chair? We are looking for a second.
9 There is no second.

10 All right. So then we are
11 moving forward.

12 Marino, we are back to
13 discussing the rule as a whole.

14 MARINO TORRENS: I know we could
15 be here for a while discussing this. So I
16 would like to make a motion that we table
17 this and send it back to you guys. You
18 heard all of us, all of our discussions --

19 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: We are
20 almost at the end of this. We are not
21 tabling this.

22 MARINO TORRENS: I just made a
23 motion, so I don't know if anybody wants
24 to say anything.

25 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Is there

1 anyone who wants to make a second? This
2 is also -- is this your second time?

3 MARINO TORRENS: I just want a
4 second.

5 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: All
6 right. You can second it.

7 MARINO TORRENS: Thank you.

8 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Mike --
9 Marino, can you come back up. We are just
10 trying to get some clarification on what
11 exactly you are looking for.

12 MARINO TORRENS: Marino Torrens
13 again. I made a motion to table it and
14 send it back to you guys to revisit
15 everything that we have talked about here
16 and come back to us. Or make -- you guys
17 can make a board decision to ratify that
18 next year's AGM --

19 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Just to
20 be clear with the intent of what would
21 happen then. We would then be back in the
22 situation where the Board has no
23 guidelines over another course of a year
24 and the Board will make the rules as they
25 see every month. And then next AGM we

1 will be back here re-debating this thing.

2 If you want rules -- if you want
3 a rule in place regarding new membership,
4 this is the time and we are almost at the
5 end of it. This is the biggest debate on
6 the whole thing. I just spent 35 or 40
7 minutes on it. If we don't finish this
8 now, we are finishing it next year.

9 Is there a second? We had a
10 second on that, so we need to vote on
11 that. Is there somebody who wants to
12 speak against, against tabling this?

13 SPEAKER: It was seconded.

14 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: So
15 this -- the correct wording on this motion
16 on the floor is to refer this back to the
17 Board. Is there anyone that wants to
18 speak against referring this back to the
19 Board.

20 JOHN HURST: John Hurst, Boca
21 United Soccer.

22 I suggest that we just go
23 straight to a vote and let the members
24 make this decision.

25 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: The first

1 thing we need to do is vote on Marino's
2 motion. So you spoke against.

3 Is there anyone who wants to
4 speak in favor of referring this back to
5 the Board? You are speaking in favor of
6 not voting on this?

7 SPEAKER: John (unintelligible).
8 Not in favor of passing it -- postponing
9 it.

10 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: I am
11 looking -- either the debate ends or
12 someone speaks in favor of supporting
13 Marino Torrens. We are not -- two against
14 don't go in a row. For, against, for,
15 against.

16 SPEAKER: That is what I said.
17 I am against doing it.

18 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Right.
19 Sorry, I am getting a little worked up. I
20 am trying to move it forward.

21 So seeing no further debate, we
22 are moving to vote on Marino's suggestion
23 -- motion to refer it back to the Board.
24 If you are favor of referring this back to
25 the Board, please press one. If you are

1 against referring this back to the Board,
2 please press two.

3 All right. Has everyone voted
4 that wishes to do so?

5 Seeing that everyone has had an
6 opportunity to vote, the polls are closed.

7 May we have the result on this
8 vote.

9 So that means we are going to
10 debate on this. It is not being referred
11 to the Board. So now we are back to
12 discussing the rule as a whole.

13 BARBARA NEWTON: Barbara Newton,
14 Hall of Fame.

15 I move to eliminate Section 6
16 and 13 as discriminatory, impossible for
17 some brand new affiliates that have not
18 been soccer organizations before, if that
19 is what you are looking for.

20 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Okay. So
21 Barbara has made an amendment to --

22 BARBARA NEWTON: Yes.

23 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: -- strike
24 out all of six and --

25 BARBARA NEWTON: Six and 13.

1 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: -- all of
2 13. Is there a second for that?

3 MARINO TORRENS: Second just for
4 discussion.

5 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: All
6 right. So, Barbara, do you want to speak
7 in favor of it?

8 BARBARA NEWTON: Sure.

9 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: You have
10 two minutes.

11 BARBARA NEWTON: It doesn't take
12 two minutes. You have to amend -- what I
13 said is that if those are eliminated, you
14 would have to renumber everything in there
15 just so that is understood.

16 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yes.

17 BARBARA NEWTON: My concern is
18 the requirement for providing soccer
19 resumes for people that may not have been
20 part of the soccer organization before,
21 but they do have the capability of running
22 an organization. And then in the history
23 page, if they haven't been a soccer
24 organization before, how do they provide
25 bills?

1 Is there anyone who would like
2 to speak against the amendment that
3 Barbara is suggesting, striking number six
4 and number 13?

5 MIKE SROKA: I will speak
6 against. Mike Sroka, Region B North
7 Commissioner.

8 In particular to number six. So
9 in my opinion, you know, the soccer resume
10 is valuable information. But to eliminate
11 the discriminatory allegations or
12 processes may be for all that have prior
13 soccer experience, the resume would be
14 required.

15 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: And,
16 Mike, that's --

17 MIKE SROKA: Obviously we need
18 to have her make that change. But in my
19 opinion we should vote no against that
20 with the intent if you want to get rid of
21 it, keeping it in for those that are
22 relevant providing their soccer resume.

23 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Any
24 further debate?

25 All right. Seeing no further

1 debate, we will move to a vote on this.

2 If you are in favor of striking all of six
3 and all of 13, please press one. If you
4 are against, press two.

5 Has everyone voted who wishes to
6 do so?

7 Seeing that everyone had an
8 opportunity, the polls are closed. May we
9 have the results.

10 Close, yeah. So six and 13 are
11 eliminated and the sections are renumbered
12 accordingly.

13 So now we are back to discussing
14 the rule as a whole. If you have come to
15 the microphone twice already, you cannot
16 speak until we get a vote on this full
17 thing.

18 Go ahead.

19 JOE NELSON: Joe Nelson, South
20 Florida -- (unintelligible). Sorry,
21 Justin.

22 I just wish to add a couple of
23 words to the end of number ten. It says
24 documentation an affiliate has four total
25 teams by the end of their probation

1 period. There are some teams that have
2 applied over the last couple of years with
3 zero. And with the tryout rules we can
4 change, you are coming in with zero, you
5 can build a --

6 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: You will
7 get a chance to speak for it in a second.

8 MARCUS FERNANDEZ: Marcus
9 Fernandez --

10 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: I am
11 sorry. Hold on. I am sorry.

12 All right. Joe, that is outside
13 the scope of notice. It is adding to the
14 scope of the rule, so that amendment
15 unfortunately is out of order.

16 JOE NELSON: That is correct.
17 Am I allowed to change, Maurice, and
18 eliminate number four?

19 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yeah, you
20 can --

21 JOE NELSON: There were teams
22 that were granted affiliation with the
23 intent of building their club. If not,
24 you are really going to ask them to poach
25 from other teams to make their club.

1 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Mike

2 Sroka has spoken twice on that.

3 MIKE SROKA: I am not. I

4 promise.

5 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Joe, what

6 is the amendment that you are proposing

7 right now?

8 JOE NELSON: You are not going

9 to be able to allow new affiliates that

10 are starting with zero to become an

11 affiliate. So I strike -- I make a motion

12 that we eliminate number ten. If you

13 won't let me add it, then there is no way.

14 And I understand the ruling.

15 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: All

16 right. So now there is a proposed

17 amendment to strike all of Section 10.

18 Does anyone want to second that? You can

19 second.

20 MARINO TORRENS: I second.

21 Marino Torrens.

22 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Okay.

23 Now a speaker against striking Section 10.

24 So anyone that wants to speak against

25 striking Section 10.

1 DAVID MURRAY: David Murray,
2 Palm Beach Gardens. I really strongly
3 believe they should have at least four
4 teams to start off a club. If you go to
5 one team instead, that just defeats the
6 purpose.

7 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Thank
8 you.

9 Does anyone want to speak in
10 favor of striking Section 10?

11 All right. Seeing no further
12 debate, we will move to a vote. If you
13 are in favor of striking Section 10,
14 please press one. If you oppose striking
15 all of Section 10, please press two. One
16 is to remove it. Two is to keep it.

17 All right. Has everyone voted
18 that wishes to do so?

19 Seeing that everyone has had the
20 opportunity, the polls are closed.

21 May we now have the results,
22 please. And that amendment fails. That
23 section remains.

24 Now we are back to discussing
25 the rule as a whole, the larger rule.

1 JUSTIN LAUER: Justin Lauer,
2 Brevard Soccer League.

3 I am here to call the question
4 to vote on a up or down vote on the
5 amendment.

6 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Is there
7 a second?

8 TOM TIANICH: Tom Tianich. I
9 second.

10 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: All
11 right. So the question is called. All
12 those in favor of closing the debate --
13 press one if you want to close the debate.
14 Press two if you want to continue to
15 debate. And this has to be a two-thirds
16 to pass. One ends the debate. Two
17 continues the debate. Please vote now.

18 We might need someone to work a
19 calculator here.

20 All right. Has everyone voted
21 that wishes to do so?

22 I assume everyone has had the
23 opportunity to vote. The polls are now
24 closed.

25 May we have the results of the

1 call the question. That is okay.

2 So now we move directly to a
3 vote on this full rule. So if you want to
4 adopt this rule change, please press one.
5 If you want to leave it in place -- I mean
6 strike it, please press two. Vote it down
7 is two. In favor press one. It's open so
8 please vote now.

9 Has everyone voted that wishes
10 to do so?

11 Seeing as everyone has had the
12 opportunity, the polls are now closed.

13 May we have the results of this.
14 This passes.

15 All right. The good news is I
16 think that is our most difficult rule of
17 the day. Hopefully -- we have a bunch
18 more to get through, but hopefully the
19 ones coming up are not as painful as that.

20 Our parliamentary is going to
21 address us for a moment.

22 PARLIMENTARIAN HENDERSON: I was
23 clearly not going to disrupt business
24 while you were conducting the previous
25 rule proposal. But there are a couple of

1 requests that I think need to be made. I
2 am not going to assume that there won't be
3 anymore amendments. So even though I
4 think you know your rules better than me,
5 obviously there is still room for
6 amendments from the floor.

7 One thing that will help greatly
8 is, when you come to the microphone, if
9 you are making an amendment, if you know
10 definitively that you are making an
11 amendment to change some words, please
12 state clearly that you are making an
13 amendment.

14 A lot of language -- and it is
15 tough for us to hear up here by the way
16 because of the way the microphones are.
17 So we are struggling a little bit. That's
18 why we are repeating some things because
19 it is very difficult for us to hear based
20 on the microphone placement.

21 But what is also difficult is
22 the passive voice of I would like to, I
23 think I want to, I am not sure if I want
24 to. That's not helpful in terms of us
25 wondering if it is something you want to

1 do. So if you know definitively -- and I
2 am not going to be a stickler on you using
3 the exact words from Robert's Rules of
4 Order on how to do that. We just need to
5 be sure that you are indeed intending to
6 make an amendment. And it needs to be
7 clear in whatever words you choose to use,
8 just please make it clear to us that that
9 is what you want to do.

10 Another thing is, is that you
11 really also should be making your
12 amendment before you get into a lengthy
13 discussion about what it is that you are
14 trying to do. So I know a lot comes based
15 on asking questioning and then getting the
16 answer to come to your conclusion. But if
17 you reached your conclusion that that is
18 something you want to do, please make sure
19 that it is clear that you are making the
20 amendment.

21 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Thank
22 you, Maurice.

23 All right. So the next proposal
24 that we need to take up is Rule 102.4,
25 which you can find on Page 69 of your

1 book.

2 Is there any discussion on --
3 this is proposed by the Board of
4 Directors. Is there any discussion on
5 this proposed amendment?

6 DAVID MURRAY: Yeah, David
7 Murray, Palm Beach Gardens. I would like
8 the rules amended to change it from at
9 least 14 days prior to BOD meeting to 30
10 days so it gives our clubs a chance to
11 actually look into who these people are.

12 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Okay. So
13 we can do that. That is allowable within
14 the scope.

15 TOM TIANICH: Tom Tianich. I
16 second the motion.

17 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: All
18 right. So we have an amendment to this
19 rule and a second, which is to change it
20 from at least 14 to at least 30.

21 Is there anyone that wants to
22 speak against this?

23 JENNIFER DiTILLIO: Jennifer
24 DiTillio, Rules and Revisions Committee.

25 I think this will be a conflict

1 to another rule where the Board is
2 required to hear the new affiliation 30
3 days after being submitted.

4 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: All
5 right. Yes, so actually just a point of
6 clarification, Jen, that might -- so this
7 is -- so the Board of Directors changed it
8 so that new affiliates would only be
9 considered twice a year. And that change
10 was ratified in the earlier vote at the
11 beginning of the meeting. So the point
12 that Jen is raising is a good point. It
13 has, in fact, been changed. The new
14 affiliates are only considered twice a
15 year.

16 All right. Anyone else looking
17 to speak in favor of this change that we
18 are now on?

19 ED KINSEY: Ed Kinsey from Sea
20 South. I speak in favor. We will receive
21 the application within 60 days of a Board
22 meeting and that will give our office 30
23 days in which to send out to the
24 affiliates. And that will give the
25 affiliates 30 days. And hopefully that

1 will correspond with their board meetings
2 to make a decision one way or the other.

3 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Thank
4 you, Ed.

5 Anyone looking to speak against
6 this now?

7 All right. Seeing that everyone
8 has had the opportunity to speak, we will
9 come to a vote on this amendment. Please
10 press one if you are in favor of the
11 amendment. Again, this is to amend at
12 least 14 to read at least 30. If you are
13 in favor of that change, press one. If
14 you oppose it, press two.

15 Has everyone voted who wishes to
16 do so?

17 Seeing that everyone has had the
18 opportunity to vote, the polls are now
19 closed.

20 May I have the result of this
21 amendment.

22 All right. This amendment
23 changes. So now we are back to a
24 discussion of the full rule itself.

25 All right. Seeing no further

1 discussion, we will move to a vote on the
2 proposed change adding this Rule 102.4.
3 If you are in favor adding this rule,
4 please press one. If you oppose it,
5 please press two.

6 Has everyone voted who wishes to
7 do so?

8 Seeing that everyone has had the
9 opportunity to vote, the polls are now
10 closed.

11 May I please have a result for
12 this rule change. So 102.4 is adopted.

13 Moving on to the next one. You
14 are now on Page 70. This is -- we are
15 voting on 102.4 through 102.7. This is
16 Page 70 and 71.

17 Is there any discussion on this
18 proposed amendment?

19 All right. So seeing there is
20 no discussion, we will move straight to a
21 vote. If you are in favor of this
22 amendment which was proposed by the Board
23 of Directors, please press one. If you
24 oppose it, please press two.

25 So we are voting on 102.4

1 through 102.7. If you are in favor of
2 adopting, please press one. If you oppose
3 it, please press two.

4 Has everyone voted who wishes to
5 do so?

6 Seeing that everyone has had the
7 opportunity to vote, the polls are now
8 closed.

9 May we have the results of this
10 vote. All right. So 102.4 to 102.7 is
11 adopted.

12 We are now moving to Page 72,
13 which is Rule 203 and 203.1. This was the
14 other rule that was proposed by the parent
15 that is not here. This was a parent
16 proposed rule. He is not here to speak
17 for it. Is anyone interested in speaking
18 to this for or against to start with? For
19 or against.

20 Go ahead.

21 BARRY WITLIN: Barry Witlin,
22 South Florida United. I am speaking
23 against it. I think we should stay out of
24 the private contracts between a parent and
25 the club they choose to be with or the

1 club chooses to have that player's parents
2 be part of the contract situation.

3 The language in one has -- we
4 cannot amend it, can we?

5 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Anything
6 in yellow or red can be amended as long as
7 it is within the scope of notice.

8 BARRY WITLIN: Then you can't
9 change -- take out the word affected
10 because it makes no sense next to
11 effective?

12 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yeah,
13 unfortunately no.

14 BARRY WITLIN: And then it
15 says --

16 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yeah.

17 BARRY WITLIN: Where it says
18 with an alternative effective date, you
19 couldn't have it earlier -- the date any
20 earlier than June 10th. You couldn't
21 accept that as an amendment, though,
22 correct?

23 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: I am
24 sorry, say that again.

25 BARRY WITLIN: Well, where it

1 says -- it's saying clubs may not enter
2 into contracts with an alternative or
3 effective date. It should say with an
4 earlier effective date.

5 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Let me
6 back up for one second. Are you proposing
7 an amendment --

8 BARRY WITLIN: I am asking -- I
9 would propose the amendment to say earlier
10 alternative effective date.

11 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Okay.
12 But you oppose the passage of it as well;
13 is that right?

14 BARRY WITLIN: Yes.

15 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: I am
16 sorry, can you say again exactly what you
17 want --

18 BARRY WITLIN: I will just make
19 it easier. I oppose it. I think we
20 should stay out of people's contracts
21 between the parents and the clubs.

22 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yes.

23 Is there anyone that wants to
24 speak in favor of this parent amendment?

25 All right. Seeing no further

1 debate, we will move to a vote. Please
2 press one if you are in favor of adopting
3 this rule change, the 203 and 203.1.
4 Press two if you oppose it.

5 Has everyone voted that wishes
6 to do so?

7 Seeing that everyone has had an
8 opportunity, the polls are now closed.

9 May I have the results of this
10 vote.

11 This fails.

12 So moving on then. We are now
13 on Page 74. This is a change to 203.6.
14 This is several pages, 74, 75, 76, 77,
15 those four pages. A lot is being struck
16 out and reduced. This comes from Jen
17 DiTillio and the TOPS Committee. And this
18 is about special needs players.

19 Is there anyone who wishes to
20 speak in favor of this or just a general
21 debate?

22 And just to make it clear to
23 everyone, the first column is the way the
24 rule reads now. The third column is the
25 way the rule will read in the future.

1 Is there any debate on this?

2 Seeing no debate, we will move
3 right to a vote. Please press one if you
4 are in favor of the amendment -- of the
5 proposed rule change rather. Press two if
6 you oppose it. This is Rule 203.6.

7 Has everyone voted that wishes
8 to do so?

9 Seeing that everyone has had the
10 opportunity to vote, the polls are not
11 closed.

12 May I have the results for
13 203.6, please.

14 All right. This passes.

15 So now we are on Page 78. This
16 is -- this also covers a couple of pages
17 here. This is on 401.5. What we are
18 voting on right now covers Page 78, 79,
19 80, 81, 82, 83, and 84 in your rules.
20 Again, the only things we are changing
21 here are things in yellow and red, which
22 is mostly all the way at the end.

23 All right. Any discussion on
24 this proposed change?

25 MARINO TORRENS: Marino Torrens.

1 I would like to make an amendment
2 everywhere where it says that the club
3 will be the one not in good standing back
4 to where the coach will not be in good
5 standing so the coach pays the fees. The
6 coach is the one doing the poaching, not
7 the club.

8 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Okay. Do
9 we have a second?

10 So that is to what line?

11 MARINO TORRENS: Page 82.

12 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Page 82.

13 MARINO TORRENS: And Page 83. I
14 think it is in multiple places.

15 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Right.

16 At the end of Page 82 into Page 83.

17 MARINO TORRENS: Right.

18 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: And then
19 on Page 83 as well. Those two sections
20 there.

21 MARINO TORRENS: And actually to
22 clarify, to be the individual doing the
23 poaching that it cannot register or do
24 anything --

25 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: So this

1 is -- the amended here is -- the proposed
2 amendment is to change the first and
3 second offense to be instead of will place
4 the club in both cases there under first
5 and second offenses, it will be replace
6 the coach -- the individual.

7 MARINO TORRENS: Right. So it
8 would be the coach or the member of the
9 club that is doing the poaching instead of
10 the club. That is what I am trying to do.

11 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: To place
12 the individual not in good standing.

13 Is there a second to that? Is
14 anyone seconding that?

15 SHENOY RAGHURA: Shenoy Raghura,
16 Palm Beach Gardens. I will second.

17 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: All
18 right. Is there any discussion of that?

19 BARRY WITLIN: Barry Witlin,
20 South Florida United. On Page 84 it says
21 conviction of a poaching charge by any
22 member of a team may cause the team to
23 which that player/coach is registered to
24 forfeit its privilege and other things.

25 So are you saying that -- my

1 question is --

2 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Wait hold
3 on. Are you discussing Marino's
4 amendment?

5 BARRY WITLIN: I am. I am.

6 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Okay.

7 BARRY WITLIN: My question is,
8 does it only apply to coaches or anybody
9 who poaches -- is convicted of poaching?
10 Because a 13 year old could be convicted
11 of poaching under these rules. So would a
12 13 year old be the individual responsible
13 to pay the \$5,000 or not be in good
14 standing?

15 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: I do not
16 believe that is the intent but --

17 BARRY WITLIN: Well, if it is
18 limited to coaches, I want to make sure
19 what we are talking about and eliminating
20 player poaching as having the same
21 consequences. You don't have jurisdiction
22 over the parent I don't think. You have
23 jurisdiction over the player.

24 TOM TIANICH: May it please the
25 Chair?

1 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Okay. So
2 for consistency of the rule, we are going
3 to amend Marino's amendment to also
4 include changing, in conviction of a
5 poaching charge of any member of the team
6 may cause the individual to which that --
7 so the person convicted of poaching is the
8 one to make it logically consistent. Is
9 that -- that is the point your were
10 raising, right?

11 BARRY WITLIN: I am.

12 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Okay.

13 BARRY WITLIN: So it's not just
14 the coach, it can be a player as well?

15 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yeah, it
16 can be --

17 BARRY WITLIN: Then I would
18 respectfully suggest to vote against it
19 because you are putting --

20 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Well,
21 first -- okay. So you are voting
22 against -- you are speaking against
23 Marino's amendment?

24 BARRY WITLIN: I am sorry?

25 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: You are

1 speaking against Marino's amendment?

2 BARRY WITLIN: Yes, because it
3 includes people other than coaches.

4 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Okay.

5 MARINO TORRENS: Mike, I don't
6 know if I am able to speak again or not.

7 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: I know.

8 So does anyone want to speak in
9 favor of Marino's amendment?

10 TOM TIANICH: Tom Tianich, Palm
11 Beach Soccer League. I will speak in
12 favor of Marino's amendment to change what
13 he asked to change and nothing else.

14 And I would like to, as a point
15 of order, clarify that the yellow section
16 that Barry was referring to is actually
17 already in the rules. It is red. It is
18 just being moved down by a page. So,
19 therefore, we might be out of scope of
20 notice if he is trying to change something
21 that is already there. That team is
22 disqualified from state cup if something
23 was to happen. It has nothing to do with
24 what Marino's is proposing. So I think
25 Barry kind of mixed in stuff.

1 (Simultaneously speaking.)

2 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: His point
3 was that if there is something logically
4 inconsistent between those two statements,
5 we are going to correct it so that there
6 is not a logical inconsistency within the
7 rule.

8 DAVID MURRAY: David Murray,
9 Palm Beach Gardens. I want to be against
10 the vote. I think that the clubs -- the
11 clubs need to be responsible for the
12 poachers. I really do.

13 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Go ahead.

14 MARINO TORRENS: I just want to
15 speak in favor of it again because a coach
16 gets in an argument with the club in
17 February, he knows he is leaving. I am
18 going to start poaching everybody so the
19 club is going to pay the fine, and I am
20 leaving with the club. So that is why I
21 wanted to clarify the part about the
22 person doing it. The coach or whoever is
23 doing the poaching, that is the one that
24 has to pay the fine. If not, they cannot
25 move anywhere else.

1 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: All

2 right.

3 MARINO TORRENS: Just to clarify

4 what I was trying to say.

5 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: All

6 right. Does anyone else want to speak

7 against this amendment? Against this

8 amendment.

9 All right. Seeing no further
10 debate, we are moving to vote on -- are
11 you speaking against?

12 SPEAKER: Yes, I believe so.

13 But it might be a point of clarification
14 on dates.

15 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Can you
16 state your name, please.

17 SPEAKER: I am sorry. Jose --
18 (unintelligible) -- Sports Club.

19 I am seeing different dates.

20 And I am wondering about our previous
21 discussion with June 10th and I am
22 worrying about our affiliation discussion
23 that said seasonal year is August 1st and
24 July 31st.

25 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: We are

1 going to get back to the rule as a whole
2 in a second and you can comment on that.
3 Right now we are discussing Marino's
4 amendment.

5 SPEAKER: Am I interpreting this
6 as his amendment -- am I interpreting this
7 that an eight year old can be convicted of
8 poaching and take down an entire team?

9 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: That
10 seems incredibly unlikely but --

11 SPEAKER: As written.

12 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: I suppose
13 as written if the Board chose to go after
14 an eight year old, I guess they could. It
15 seems -- you are right, as written they
16 could. So you never know. Maybe the
17 Board is going to start going after little
18 kids.

19 SPEAKER: And as written, the
20 seasonal dates are --

21 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Stay off
22 the dates. We will get to that in a
23 second.

24 SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you. I
25 just want to clarify that as written an

1 eight year old can be convicted of --

2 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yes.

3 SPEAKER: -- poaching?

4 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Does

5 anyone want to speak in favor of Marino's

6 amendment? We are staying on the

7 amendment as proposed, which is changing

8 responsibility from the club to the

9 individual convicted.

10 All right. Seeing no further

11 debate, we will move to a vote on this.

12 Again, we are changing the intent of -- we

13 move to a vote on this --

14 Should I? He wants to speak.

15 All right. Come on up.

16 JOE BARRETTA: Yes, I wanted to

17 speak in favor of the amendment. Joe

18 Barretta, Titusville Soccer Club.

19 The reason why I think it should

20 be the individual is that a club to disown

21 that coach at some point in time and then

22 they would not be responsible. So I think

23 it should be the individual themselves.

24 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Thank

25 you.

1 JOE BARRETTA: That's it.

2 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: All
3 right. Does anyone want to speak against?

4 All right. So seeing no further
5 discussion, we will move to a vote again.

6 If you want to -- if you are in favor of
7 changing the intent throughout it all to
8 change it from club responsibility to
9 individual responsibility, press one. If
10 you want to keep the responsibility on the
11 club, please press two. We are voting
12 now. The vote is open.

13 SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

14 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: One to
15 change it. Two to leave it as it is.

16 SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

17 TOM TIANICH: I appeal the
18 Chair's decision to go to vote. It
19 doesn't say what Marino proposed. Can we
20 please make the amendment to be clear.

21 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: The club
22 to individual. Coach or a member should
23 be the word we are looking for there.

24 All right. So, again, it's vote
25 one, press the -- voting is now open. One

1 to go to --

2 SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

3 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Please
4 put up the vote for that. She is fixing
5 it right now. Give her a second.

6 Okay. So please press one if
7 you want to put it to coach or member, the
8 individual convicted. Press two if you
9 want to leave responsibility on the club.

10 All right. Has everyone voted
11 that wishes to do so?

12 Seeing everyone has had the
13 opportunity to vote, the poll is now
14 closed.

15 May we please have the result of
16 this amendment as proposed by Marino.

17 Okay. So this passes. So now
18 the wording in this is changed from
19 responsibility to the coach or member. We
20 are back to a larger discussion about the
21 amendment as a whole. Does anyone have a
22 question about that? Speak for or against
23 the amendment as a whole?

24 All right. Seeing no further
25 debate, we will go to a vote on this full

1 amendment, which is 401.5. If you are in
2 favor of adopting this change to 401.5,
3 please press one. If you are against it,
4 please press two.

5 All right, has everyone voted
6 who wishes to do so?

7 I see everyone has had an
8 opportunity to vote, the polls are now
9 closed.

10 May we have the results.

11 Okay. This passes. So 401.5
12 passes.

13 Now we are on Page 85, 401.6.
14 This comes from Richard Chisolm,
15 Clearwater Chargers.

16 Is there any discussion? Anyone
17 that would like to speak to this?

18 Okay. Seeing no discussion, we
19 will move to a vote. Those in favor of
20 adopting this rule change, 401.6, please
21 press one. Those opposed to this rule
22 change, please press two.

23 Has everyone voted who wishes to
24 do so?

25 Seeing that everyone has had the

1 opportunity to vote, the polls are now
2 closed.

3 May we have the results of the
4 401.6.

5 401.6 passes.

6 So moving right along. We are
7 now on Page 86, which is 502.6 and
8 502.6.2. This is on Page 86, 87, 88, and
9 89. And this was submitted by Jen
10 DiTillio and Barbara Newton.

11 Is there any discussion on this?

12 All right. Seeing no
13 discussion, we will move to a vote. If
14 you are in favor of adopting this rule
15 change, please press one. If you oppose
16 this rule change, please press two.

17 Has everyone voted who wishes to
18 do so?

19 Seeing that everyone has had the
20 opportunity to vote, the polls are closed.

21 May we have the results of this
22 amendment.

23 This passes as well. 502.6 and
24 502.6.2 pass.

25 So now we are on Page 90. And

1 we are discussing 502.7 and 502.8 and
2 504.2. These are all included as one vote
3 in that they are interconnected. This was
4 submitted also by Jen DiTillio and Barbara
5 Newton.

6 Is there any discussion on this?

7 All right. Seeing no discussion
8 on this, we will move right to a vote. If
9 you are in favor of adopting this rule
10 change, please press one. If you oppose
11 this rule change, please press two.

12 SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

13 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: It's not
14 up yet, yeah.

15 All right. Voting is open now.
16 So if you are in favor, press one. If you
17 are opposed, press two.

18 All right. Has everyone voted
19 who wishes to do so?

20 The polls are closed.

21 May we have the result, please.

22 All right. This passes as well.
23 So this rule change was adopted.

24 Moving on. We are now -- this
25 was a lot of stuff in this one -- we are

1 now on Page 103, which is a rule change to
2 601.1. This also comes from Jennifer
3 DiTillio and Barbara Newton.

4 Is there any discussion on this?

5 All right. Seeing no
6 discussion, let's move to a vote. If you
7 are in favor of adopting the proposed
8 ruled change to 601.1, please press one.
9 If you oppose, please press two.

10 All right. Has everyone voted
11 who wishes to do so?

12 Seeing that everyone has had the
13 opportunity to vote, the poll is now
14 closed.

15 May we please have the results.

16 Okay. This passes as well. So
17 601.1 is adopted as well.

18 Now we are on Page 104. This is
19 a change to 603.3. This was proposed by
20 Mike Goodman.

21 Is there any discussion on this?

22 All right. Seeing there is no
23 discussion, we will move right to a vote.
24 If you are in favor of this change to
25 603.3, please press one. If you oppose

1 this change, please press two.

2 All right. Has everyone voted
3 who wishes to do so?

4 Seeing that everyone has had the
5 opportunity, the poll is now closed.

6 May we please have the results
7 of the vote.

8 The change on 603.3 is adopted.

9 Moving on to Page 105 of our
10 book. We are now discussing a change to
11 Rule 902. This was proposed by Daragh.

12 Is there any discussion
13 regarding Rule 902? The proposed changes
14 to 902?

15 Seeing -- Daragh, do you want to
16 talk to 902? Too late.

17 Seeing no discussion, we will
18 move right -- I am sorry, I missed you.

19 JUSTIN LAUER: No problem.

20 Justin Lauer, Brevard Youth
21 Soccer League. I oppose some of that. In
22 some cases under ten does want to
23 participate in tournaments.

24 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: I am
25 sorry, say it again, Justin. I am sorry.

1 JUSTIN LAUER: Yes, sorry about
2 that. I will oppose this because in some
3 cases under ten would like to participate
4 in tournaments.

5 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Right.

6 JUSTIN LAUER: And it precludes
7 that the way it is written right now.

8 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Yes.
9 Justin is referring to Section 5 there
10 that requires under ten to be festival
11 only.

12 Anyone wanting to speak in favor
13 of 902?

14 Mike, go ahead.

15 MIKE SROKA: Mike Sroka, Region
16 B Commissioner North, speaking in favor.
17 As it clearly states, this change will get
18 us in line with the recommendations of the
19 governing body. Currently a lot of the
20 leagues do no even keep standings and to
21 move along with this moving to the
22 tournament realm as well.

23 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Thank
24 you, Mike.

25 Anyone else wanting to speak

1 against or has a question about this?

2 DAVID MURRAY: David Murray,
3 Palm Beach Garden Predators. Just for
4 clarification, this would mean that if we
5 hold a tournament, we would not be able to
6 have a U10 division and that would only be
7 festival style?

8 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: Your U10
9 division wouldn't be festival style.

10 DAVID MURRAY: Okay.

11 VICE-PRESIDENT FLOOD: That is
12 what happens here.

13 All right. So anyone else
14 speaking -- someone against is where we
15 are at or a point of clarification.

16 All right. Seeing no further
17 debate, we will move to a vote. If you
18 are in favor of adopting Rule 902, please
19 press one. If you oppose Rule 902, please
20 press two.

21 All right. Has everyone voted
22 who wishes to do so?

23 Seeing that everyone has had the
24 opportunity to vote, the poll is now
25 closed.

1 May we have the results.

2 902 does not pass.

3 All right. Now we are on Rule
4 905, which is on Page 106, 107, 108, and
5 109. What is being impacted here is
6 really only on Page 106, but we have given
7 you the full rule on other pages. But the
8 only thing being impacted here -- and this
9 is really eliminating the contradiction of
10 the rule in 3some ways. But it is just
11 striking that bit on Page 106.

12 Is there any debate about this
13 proposed change on 905?

14 All right. Seeing no debate, we
15 will move right to a vote on this. If you
16 are in favor of the changes to Rule 905,
17 please press one. If you oppose, please
18 press two.

19 All right. Has everyone voted
20 who wishes to do so?

21 Seeing that everyone has had the
22 opportunity to vote, the polls are now
23 closed.

24 May we have the results.

25 All right. 905 passes.

1 So now we are on Page 110 of
2 your book. This is the last one -- no.
3 This is 3006.1. This is an amendment
4 proposed by our President. Is there
5 anyone that wants to speak -- discussion
6 on this proposed change? Is there any
7 question or discussion?

8 Seeing none, we will move right
9 to a vote. Press one if you are in favor
10 of adopting this. Please press two if you
11 are opposed.

12 All right. Has everyone voted
13 who wishes to do so?

14 Seeing that everyone has had the
15 opportunity, we will move to close the
16 poll.

17 And may we please see the vote.

18 All right. So 3006.1 passes.

19 So we are now on the last one,
20 which is in the C Rules at the very end of
21 our Bylaws and Rules. This is C90.3. And
22 this is also proposed by our President.

23 Is there anyone that has --
24 would like a discussion on this?

25 All right. Seeing no discussion

1 on this, we will move right to our last
2 vote of the day. Please press one if you
3 are in favor of this change. Please press
4 two if you are opposed.

5 Has everyone had the opportunity
6 to vote?

7 Seeing that everyone has had the
8 opportunity to vote, we will close the
9 poll.

10 May we see the result.

11 All right. This passes.

12 So it went quick. All right.

13 That concludes all the proposed Bylaws and
14 Rule amendments. Thank you. I will
15 relinquish the chair back to the birthday
16 boy.

17 (Applause.)

18 PRESIDENT VELMER: Thank you,
19 Mike and all of the members of the Rules
20 and Revision Committee. I truly
21 appreciate the hard work and many hours
22 you have put in in reviewing our governing
23 documents.

24 Microphone. Go ahead.

25 Microphone two on, please. There we go.

1 MARCUS FERNANDEZ: Marcus
2 Fernandez, Southern Soccer Coalition. I
3 know a lot of people have left already
4 here. But -- and this may be coming out
5 of left field. I think I have discussed
6 it with some of the Board of Directors.

7 We keep going back and forth
8 with competing or making and changing our
9 Rules and Bylaws to compete with other
10 USSF affiliates. I think we need to
11 concentrate and be focused on the product
12 that FYSA has rather than worried about
13 what else -- what everyone else is doing.

14 I think that -- I would just
15 like to see a show of hands as to who else
16 in the room, which is nothing wrong with
17 this, has membership with other USSF
18 affiliates other than USYSA.

19 (Hands raised.)

20 Okay. So there is nothing wrong
21 with that and it's open market. What I am
22 trying to say here is this: I think FYSA
23 needs to draw a line in the sand and
24 basically say, you know what, if you are
25 going to step aside and wear someone

1 else's hat, you shouldn't have to -- you
2 have to abide by the FYSA rules.

3 So as an example, if FYSA has
4 tryout dates in May, May 1st or whatever
5 day that may be, and you are a US club,
6 you are SAY, or you are whatever, super Y,
7 and you want -- hello -- and you want to
8 assemble your teams prior or you have
9 outside academy club agencies that are not
10 affiliated with FYSA, but they want to
11 after they form their teams outside of
12 FYSA and they say, hey ABC affiliate, can
13 I register my players under you. Okay?

14 I think that FYSA needs to look
15 at that and draw a line in the sand to
16 say, you know what, if you have more than
17 one affiliate, then you still will be
18 required to fulfill our requirements.
19 That is in the best interest of FYSA. It
20 is in the best interest of everyone in the
21 room.

22 Now if you are not affiliated
23 with FYSA and you want to wear that other
24 hat, and then later on want to ask and
25 knock on the door of an FYSA affiliate,

1 it's up to the affiliate to accept them.
2 And there should be consequences. That's
3 where you have the disparity and the
4 advantages that these other organizations
5 have. That is what I am talking about in
6 drawing a line in the sand. And we have
7 to have that, otherwise this will
8 continue.

9 I think that's for the good of
10 the game.

11 PRESIDENT VELMER: Thank you.
12 And as I said to you yesterday, that we
13 will be discussing that with the Board.

14 SPEAKER: For all of you -- for
15 all of you that are still here, it is our
16 President's birthday today. So for the
17 good of the game, I think we all need to
18 wish him a happy birthday and sing a
19 little round of happy birthday to him. So
20 let's go.

21 (Happy Birthday sung to the
22 President by the membership.)

23 PRESIDENT VELMER: Thank you.
24 Daragh?

25 VICE-PRESIDENT CULLEN: Thank

1 you kind.

2 For the good of the game, first
3 and foremost I just want to say thank you
4 all so very, very much for allowing me to
5 serve again. I am forever grateful. So
6 thank you so very much for that.

7 We are back. The kids are on
8 the fields. They are going to be getting
9 back on the fields very shortly. We need
10 to celebrate that. We need to make that
11 environment as fun and as safe as possible
12 for the kids. That is why essentially we
13 are all here for the kids.

14 So, again, I am so very grateful
15 to you all. Thank you so very much for
16 another opportunity here.

17 Kai, la breithe sona duit. That
18 is Irish for happy birthday.

19 So I thank you all and a safe
20 home. Great to see everybody again.
21 Thank you.

22 PRESIDENT VELMER: For the good
23 of the game, do we have the video cued up?
24 Okay. Thank you.

25 ("The Story of Gary Miracle")

1 video was played.)

2 (Applause.)

3 PRESIDENT VELMER: I think he
4 will probably win coach of the year every
5 year it's safe to say. And it was an
6 honor having him here and meeting him.
7 And I hope he serves inspiration and a
8 reminder of, you know.

9 If there is no further business
10 and no objection, the AGM meeting will be
11 adjourned.

12 Hearing none, the meeting is
13 adjourned. Thank you for being here and
14 staying through this.

15 Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

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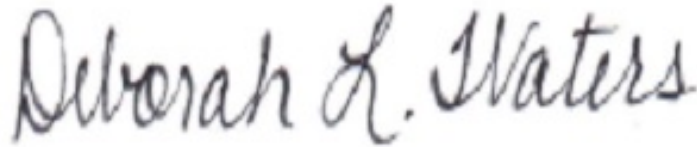
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