

Florida Youth Soccer Association Annual General Meeting  
August 8, 2021  
Minutes

**Called to Order:** The 2021 Annual General Membership Meeting was called to order by President Kai Velmer at 10:00AM EDT on August 8, 2021.

**Election of Secretary Pro Tem:** Due to the absence of the Secretary, John Stacey was elected without objection to serve as Secretary Pro Tem for the meeting.

**Opening Remarks:** President Velmer delivered opening remarks to the membership

**Recognition of Guests:** Maurice Henderson was recognized as the presiding parliamentarian.

**Credentials:** Secretary Pro Tem presented the following credentials.

Group	Region A		Region B		Region C		Region D		BOD		HOF/PP		Total
Votes Available	1732		1335		2103		234		19		12		5435
Available Today	1383		1000		1674		185		18		6		4266
Simple Majority (50%+1)	693		501		837		94		10		4		2134*
2/3	922		667		1116		124		12		4		2844*
3/4	1038		750		1256		139		14		5		3199*

After discussion and amendments (\*) resulting from rounding, the credentials report was accepted by the membership.

Test votes were conducted to confirm that electronic devices were functioning. During the first test vote, 93% of the expected vote total was achieved. A second vote yielded 99% of the expected vote total.

**Adoption of Meeting Rules:** Each member was provided a copy of the meeting rules. Secretary Pro Tem presented the rules to the membership. Two changes to the printed rules were presented:

- Rule Number 6: Replace “Bylaw Committee” with “Rules and Revision Committee”
- Rule Number 14: Replace “Bylaw Committee” with “Rules and Revision Committee”

Meeting rules read in their entirety by Secretary Pro Tem.

Motion to adopt made by John Stacey. Assumed second. Membership approved by show of hands with greater than 2/3rd majority.

**Agenda:** Annual General Membership meeting agenda adopted without objection. No discussion.

**Meeting Timekeeper:** Chair appointed Gregory Keto to serve as timekeeper. Instructed to stand when 30 seconds remain in the allotted speaking time and that he was to inform the speaker when time expires.

**AGM Minutes Committee Appointed:** Chair appointed the following members to serve on the 2021 AGM Minutes Approval Committee:

John McDonald, Chairman  
Mike Goodman, Member  
Justin Goldman, Member

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** Consistent with past practices, minutes were not prepared for AGM and the full transcript was provided in lieu of the minutes. Motion to accept the transcript made by John Stacey. Assumed second. Motion passed without objection.

**Prior Actions of the Board:** Motion to ratify the actions of the Board of Directors by Barry Witlin, South Florida United. Seconded by Lou Confessore, Coral Estates Soccer Club.. Electronic vote results: 3776 yes, 326 no. Motion passed.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Motion:** Lou Confessore made motion to amend the agenda by moving the elections ahead of discussion of proposed bylaw and rule changes. Second by Tom Tianich, Palm Beach Soccer Club. 3739 yes, 479 no. Motion carried.

**President’s Report:** President Kai Velmer delivered remarks on his first year in office.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Justin Goldman discussed the financial report. Final numbers for recently completed Fiscal Year to be released once complete and audited. FYSA did receive PPE Funding during the Fiscal Year that provided much needed financial relief.

Presented the 2021/2022 Budget. Motion to adopt made by Justin Goldman on behalf of the Budget Committee. No second needed. Discussion followed.

Question on the recording of investment income addressed by Justin Goldman.

Electronic vote: 3,661 yes, 454 no. Budget adopted.

**Reports of Officers and Committee Chairpersons:**

VP of Admin and Communications, Mike Flood. Highlighted Risk Management concerns and the steps being taken by FYSA to bolster RM policies. Discussed efforts to review and revise FYSA Bylaws and Rule.

Russell Walker provided a report on behalf of Region A VP Carlton Talbot. Region had a National Championship team.

Mike Goodman, RVP B, provided the Region B report. Highlighted Commissioners Cup and League successes.

Mike Connell, RVP C, provided the Region C report. Report submitted.

John McDonald, RVP D, provided the Region D report.

No Standing Committee reports.

Joel Dragan, FYSA Executive Director, delivered his remarks. Report in meeting packet. Thanked staff for their commitment during the AGM. FYSA hosted the 2021 USYS National Championships and USYS AGM. FYSA had 11 teams participate in the event. FYSA continued to provide financial scholarships and support to recreational clubs via FYSA Bucks.

**Board of Director Elections:**

**Secretary:**

Becky McLaren was nominated by Joe Nelson, South Florida United, Second by Cathy Hunter, Cape Coral Soccer Association.

Anthony Saviano was nominated by Barb Newton, Hall of Fame., Second by Alex Piovano, SYA Seminole Santos.

No other nominations.

Nominators spoke in support of their nomination. Candidate McLaren addressed the membership. Candidate Saviano was not present but addressed the membership via video recording.

Electronic Vote: McLaren received 2,382 votes, Salviano received 1,847 votes. Becky McLaren was elected to the office of FYSA Secretary.

**Vice President of Competition:**

Olaf Henke was nominated by Tom Tianich. Second by Tony Parras.

Greg Zak was nominated by Tony Parras, Second by Mike Connell, VP Region C.

No other nominations.

Nominators spoke in support of their nomination. Both candidates addressed the membership.

Electronic Vote: Henke received 2,888 votes, Zak received 1,336 votes. Olaf Henke was elected to the office of VP Competition.

**Vice President of Coaching and Player Development:**

Daragh Cullen was nominated by Jason Herzog, Auburndale Youth Soccer Club. Second by Dylan Holmes, Lakeland Tropics FC.

No other nominations.

Daragh Cullen was elected by acclamation to the office of VP Coach and Player Development.

**Registrar:**

Alice Smith was nominated by Jennifer DiTillio, South Hillsborough Soccer League. Second by Becky McLaren, SFU and Cape Coral.

Tom Tianich was nominated by Corina Ramirez, Weston Soccer Club. Second by Shenoy Raguraj.

No other nominations.

Nominators spoke in support of their nomination. Both candidates addressed the membership.

Electronic Vote: Smith received 3116 votes, Titanic received 1071. Alice Smith was elected to the office of Registrar.

**Region A Vice President:**

Carlton Talbot was nominated by Marino Torrens, FYSA 2nd Past President. Seconded by Rudy Rivera, United.

No other nominations.

Carlton Talbot was elected by acclamation to the office of VP Region A.

**Region C Vice President:**

David DiTillio was nominated by Ed Kinsey, FYSA Commissioner Region C South. Second by Joanne Quinn, West Florida Flames.

No other nominations.

David DiTillio was elected by acclamation to the office of VP Region C.

**Bylaw Changes:**

Chair Velmer reminded members of the adopted rules of decorum and debate.

Chair recognized Mike Flood, VP Administration/Communication and the Rules and Revision Committee Chairperson.

On the question of the consent agenda to pass all proposed bylaw changes approved by the Rules and Revision committee, the chair asked if any delegate demanded separate consideration. No member requested separate consideration of any portion of the proposed amendments.

Vote on changes. 3775 yes, 60 no. Bylaw changes adopted as presented.

**Member Proposed Bylaw and Rule Changes:**

Chair presented member proposed amendment to Rule 101.4 as presented in AGM Book of Reports:

On the main motion. Y - 470, N - 3776. Amendment to Rule 101.4 not adopted.

Chair presented member proposed amendment to Rule 102.3 as presented in AGM Book of Reports:

Barry Witlin, South Florida United, makes motion to amend 102.3(4) to read "at least" five different and distinct board members and section 102.3(10) to read "at least" four. Second by Mike Sroka. Adopted.

Vote on amendment

Y - 3636

N - 253

Amendment to the motion adopted.

Marino Torrens makes motion to amend 102.3(4)....change 5 to 4. Second my Mike Sroka. Discussion. Adopted.

Y - 2539

N - 1337

Amendment to the motion adopted.

Robbie Shields makes a motion to amend 102.3(4) to strike "certified referee assignor and a". Seconded by Mike Sroka. Discussion. Adopted.

Y - 2938

N - 893

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John Dina makes a motion to amend 102.3(4) to strike "which includes a registrar". Seconded by Shenoy Raguraj. Amendment to the motion adopted.

Y - 2484

N - 1190

Becky McLaren makes a motion to amend 102.3(5) to add "and satisfied all requirements of the FYSA Risk Management program" Second by Tom Tianich. Amendment to the motion adopted.

Y - 3623

N - 111

Sarah Debell makes a motion to amend 102.3(3) to strike "(must be for entire seasonal year (Aug.1 - July 31)". Second Marino Torrens. Amendment to the motion adopted.

Y - 1929

N - 1617

Marino Torrens makes a motion to refer back to the board. Second. Motion failed.

Y - 1236

N - 2505

Barb Newton makes a motion to strike sections 6 and 13. Second by Marino Torrens.  
Amendment to the motion adopted.

Y - 1825

N - 1734

Joe Nelson makes a motion to strike section 10. Second by Marino Torrens. Amendment to the motion not adopted.

Y - 1102

N - 2348

Justin Lauer makes a motion to call the question. Second by Tom Tianich. Motion passed.

Y - 3572

N - 189

Vote on main motion as amended

Y - 2991

N - 867

Rule 102.3 was adopted as amended.

Chair presented member proposed amendment to Rule 102.4 as presented in AGM Book of Reports:

Damian Murray, Palm Beach Gardens makes a motion to amend Rule 102.4 by changing 14 days to 30 days in the first paragraph. Second by Tom Tianich.

Y - 3345

N - 444

Amendment adopted.

Vote on the main motion on 102.4 as amended. Y - 3762, N - 27, Amendments to Rule 102.4 is adopted.

Chair presented member proposed amendments to Rules 102.4 to 102.7 as presented in AGM Book of Reports:

On the main motion. Y - 309, N - 138. Rules 102.4 to 102.7 adopted as amended.

Chair presented member proposed amendments to Rules 203 to 203.1 as presented in AGM Book of Reports:

Vote on the main motion. Y - 489, N - 3182. Amendments to Rules 203, 203.1 not adopted.

Chair presented member proposed amendments to Rule 203.6 as presented in AGM Book of Reports.

Vote on the main motion. Y - 3632, N - 144. Rule 203.6 adopted as amended.

Chair presented member proposed amendments to Rule 401.5 as presented in AGM Book of Reports.

Marino Torrens made a motion to amend by replacing "club" with "coach or member" in section D. Second by Shenoy Raghuraj. Amendment approved

Y - 3125

N - 431

On main motion. Y - 3376, N - 428. Rule 401.5 adopted as amended.

Chair presented member proposed amendments to Rule 401.6 as presented in AGM Book of Reports.

On main motion. Y - 3315, N - 272. Rule 401.6 adopted as amended.

Chair presented member proposed amendments to Rules 502.6 - 502.62 as presented in AGM Book of Reports.

On main motion. Y - 3518, N - 19. Rule 502.6 - 502.62 adopted as amended.

Chair presented member proposed amendments to Rules 502.7, 502.8, 504.2 as presented in AGM Book of Reports.

On main motion. Y - 3447, N - 19. Rules 502.7, 502.8, 504.2 adopted as amended.

Chair presented member proposed amendments to Rule 601.1 as presented in AGM Book of Reports.

On main motion. Y - 3645, N - 32. Rule 601.1 adopted as amended.



Chair presented member proposed amendments to Rule 603.3 as presented in AGM Book of Reports.

On main motion. Y - 3385, N - 315. Rule 603.3 adopted as amended.

Chair presented member proposed amendments to Rule 902 as presented in AGM Book of Reports.

On main motion. Y - 1507, N - 2250. Rule 902 not adopted as amended.

Chair presented member proposed amendments to Rule 905 as presented in AGM Book of Reports.

On main motion. Y - 3249, N - 176. Rule 905 adopted as amended.

Chair presented member proposed amendments to Rule 3006.1 as presented in AGM Book of Reports.

On main motion. Y - 2588, N - 1091. Rule 3006.1 adopted as amended.

Chair presented member proposed amendments to Rule C90.3 as presented in AGM Book of Reports.

On main motion. Y - 2978, N - 749. Rule C90.3 adopted as amended.

Membership sang Happy Birthday to President Kai Velmer.

### **For the Good of the Game:**

Marcos Fernandez, Southern Soccer Coalition, exhorted the BOD and membership to focus on FYSA's offering and not on other competing organization. He also believes that FYSA members should always abide by FYSA Rules.

Daragh Cullen, VP Coach and Player Development, thanked members for supporting his continued service to FYSA. Asked members to celebrate the return to the field while creating a fun and safe environment.

Video entitled, "The Story of Gary Miracle" was shown.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:36PM EDT.

Meeting minutes prepared by John Stacey, Secretary Pro Tem from contemporaneous notes, notes provided by Maurice Henderson, Parliamentarian, and the full transcript of the Annual General Meeting recorded by Deborah L. Waters of the firm Huseby Global Litigation.

Submitted to AGM Minutes Approval Committee on July 10, 2022 for approval.