

MINUTES OF THE NTSSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 6, 2024

Janet Campbell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Janet Campbell, Elena Williams, Erin Pfarnner, Jim Wagner, David Osborne, Rach Badii, Jerry Deaton, Trent McColly, David Tucker, and David Messersmith

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Dick Metivier and Jim Mills

STAFF PRESENT

Rob Martella, Lisa Skiles, and Warren Cottle

GUESTS PRESENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes of the NTSSA Board of Directors Meeting were approved as amended:

- January 9, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Janet Campbell reviewed the following with the Board:

- The USSF AGM, Feb. 8-10, 2024 will be in Dallas, which will allow for more North Texas attendees to observe. Janet noted they would discuss more during New Business.

STAFF DISCUSSION

Rob Martella submitted a written report and added we currently have eighteen (18) Member Associations on the new Assignr platform.

Lisa Skiles submitted a written report and updated the board on information she has received from hotels concerning future AGMs.

Warren Cottle noted they have been busy with coaching clinics prior to the start of the spring season.

David Messersmith submitted a written report and discussed the 2026 World Cup and why Dallas did not get the final game.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Appeals and Disciplinary Committee**
- **Audit Committee**
- **Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations Committee**

- **Coaches Training and State Select Team Committee**
- **Competitive Soccer Committee.**
- **Cup & Games**
- **Finance Committee**
- **ODP Committee**
- **Recreational Soccer Committee**
- **Referee Committee**
- **Risk Management Committee**
- **Risk Management Policy Committee**
- ***The Pitch*TM / Committee**

OFFICER REPORTS

Elena Williams – Nothing to add to the written report

Dick Metivier – Absent

Erin Pfarner – Nothing to add to the written report

Jim Mills – Absent

David Tucker – Nothing to report

Jerry Deaton – Nothing to report

David Osborne – Nothing to add to the written report

Rach Badii – Nothing to add to the written report

Trent McColly – Nothing to add to the written report

Jim Wagner – Nothing to report

CONSENT AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

Janet Campbell asked Elena Williams if anything was moving with the Beach Soccer Committee. Elena noted they are scheduling a conference call but it hasn't happened to date.

Erin Pfarner noted she had spoken with Jim Mills with regards to the new Champions League they are looking to start for recreational teams and he hasn't gotten any commitment on this. Janet

stated she had heard from a Member Association President and they are moving along with it and plan to have a spring season.

David Osborne asked if Janet had heard anything additional on the proposal to add 21U to ODP. Janet stated she has not heard anything to date.

NEW BUSINESS

David Tucker stated he is looking at a possible All-Star Spring Tournament, or something along these lines, broken into eight (8) different regions. Janet Campbell voiced she felt spring would be a tough time for staff and fields. Janet Campbell stated more research needed to take place on this subject before moving forward

Janet Campbell discussed the candidates running for the positions up for election at the USSF AGM. Janet also discussed issues with the proposed budget that she brought to the attention of USSF. Janet discussed with the board their thoughts on the proposal that will be voted on concerning pay for the USSF President.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM

David Messersmith
Executive Director
February 6, 2024

Meetings held/attended since the last board report

1. USYSA Workshops
2. USYSA Hall of Fame committee meetings
3. USASA Quarterly call
4. Sidekicks promotion
5. World Cup 26 committee
6. USYSA update calls
7. Board members on various issues

David M Osborne
Chairman, ODP
February 6, 2024

Attended the Executive Board Meeting via Zoom on Tuesday 9th Jan 2024.

Attended the United Coaches Convention in Anaheim, California from Thursday 11th through Saturday 13th Jan 2024.

I Flew to Anaheim with Erin, checked in, and attended a DEI symposium for an hour at the Hilton, Anaheim.

Attended a Gotsports gathering around 8 pm on Thursday evening.

On Fri met with two of the candidates for the position of VP for USSF. Firstly, we met with Michael Cullina and then with Dr Pete Zopfi. Both meetings lasted one ½ hours each.

Took in all the vendors for the rest of the morning and part of the afternoon in the convention Centre.

Attended a meeting – Developing Competitors through Positive Coaching in the afternoon.

Attended the US Youth Soccer Banquet on Friday evening. Was proud to see Rob accepting the National Admin of the Year Award and then Janet accepting the Evelyn Gill Outstanding Leadership Award.

On Saturday before I left, listened to a round table Meet the Candidates for the USSF VP position. Found out at the start of the meeting that Michael Cullina had dropped out and endorsed Dr Pete Zopfi for VP. Both candidates had time to state their case to the audience. Dr. Pete Zopfi who was the current President of US Youth Sports resigned from that position, 48 hours after the meeting. The other candidate was Nathan Goldberg Crenier, 25 years of age but up and coming.

Returned to DFW with Erin, Jim M, and Warren on Saturday afternoon.

Planning on holding an ODP Committee Meeting at the end of February.

Scott Dymond College Showcase – 2nd & 3rd March 2024. Our 07 & 08 Boys & Girls will be in attendance. Matches are to be played at Toyota & Money Gram.

FIELD ODP PRACTICE ADDRESSES:

Boswell High School: 5805 W Bailey Boswell Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76179

** Makeup dates due to inclement weather, all makeup dates, times, and locations are rescheduled according to field availability.

ODP Practice Schedules for Feb 2024 ---

BOYS:

2007:

02/11 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm

02/25 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm

2008:

02/11 – 2:00pm – 4:00pm

02/25 – 2:00pm – 4:00pm

2009/2010/2011/2012 & 2013

None Scheduled

GIRLS:

2007:

02/11 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm

02/25 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm

2008:

02/11 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm

02/25 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm

2009/2010/2011/2012 & 2013:

None Scheduled

Elena Williams
Vice President
February 8, 2024

During the month of January the following hearings were conducted:

	<u>January</u>	<u>2023/2024</u> <u>YTD</u>
Appeals - A&D Committee Chairman - Vice President	0	0
Appeals - Executive Committee Chairman, President	0	0
Appeals - Risk Management Chairman, President	1	4
Competitive Committee Hearings Chairman, Youth Commissioner	2	4
Cup & Games Committee Hearings Chairman, Cup and Games Chairman	0	0
Indoor Chairman - Vice President	0	0
Outdoor Chairman - Vice President	0	3
Referee Assault / Abuse Chairman, President	2	11
Referee Misconduct Chairman, Vice President	0	2
Youth Commissioner Hearings Chairman, Youth Commissioner	0	1
Total Hearings:	5	25

Activities:

Erin Pfarner
Vice President Development
February 6, 2024

Since our January meeting I have participated in the following activities:

- Attended the USYS Coaches Conference in Anaheim
- Supported several A&D hearings as a panel member
- Responded to multiple inquiries regarding territory as well as expanded services

Lisa Skiles
Director of Member Services
February 6, 2024

Activities since the last board meeting:

1. Continue working on locations for the 2025 and 2026 AGM to include International Coaching Symposium. Several responses I have received require higher per-night room blocks which put them out of contention. We usually book 150 room nights for each night and they are requiring 300-500 room nights.
2. Worked on the 2024 AGM and have all items to date on the website.
3. Sent out 2024 AGM information to Exhibitors and Member Associations.
4. Sent 2024 "of the Year" nomination information to Member Associations

Rachene' Badii
Women's Commissioner
February 6, 2024

January 9 – NTSSA Board Meeting

January 22 – USASA Town Hall Meeting

January 22 – NTCSA SEMI-AGM

Rob Martella
Director of Operations
February 6, 2024

Meetings/events attended and activities since the last board meeting:

1. US Youth Soccer National League Frontier Conference games: January 13 -14 - 13U Boys and Girls vs OK Soccer teams in Ft Worth, TX.
2. Arrange hotels for BOD and staff traveling to the Convention.
3. United Soccer Coaches Convention / US Youth Soccer Workshops
 - a. Leadership Development Symposium
 - b. Safe Sport
 - c. NCS Southern Championships
 - d. National Presidents Cup
 - e. Sport Pins – medals/trophies/player gifts
 - f. GotSoccer – talk with Dave and Channing
 - g. Jim, Warren, and I met with ICS to discuss the 2024 symposium in Dallas
4. Assignr.com – 20 associations on the platform
5. Visit Plano – planning meeting with Park and Recs for 2024 USYS Presidents Cup



Trent McColly
State Referee Chairman
North Texas Soccer
February 6, 2024

2024 registration continues. Late registration began January 2 for returning referees, and dozens of entry-level clinics are currently offered to train new referees. Thus far, there are about 3,100 licensed referees.

Assignr

As mentioned last month, the North Texas Soccer Referee Program successfully switched assigning platforms from GameOfficials to Assignr during the Tournament of Champions. Many associations have joined the assigning platform as well since last month's report. There will be an assignor Zoom meeting Wednesday that will help assignors with questions they may have using the platform. In fact, excitement has been mounting about this training because a special guest trainer will be attending—the honorable, award-winning Rob Martella!

Our development groups continue to provide training and support for their respective groups.

Elite

The Elite group provided in-person training Monday, February 5 at the state office to our Regionals, soon-to-be Regionals, and National Referees—along with coaches.

Jam Sessions

We opened up Jam Sessions last month to all Referees. The January 18 training was hosted by Travis Haight—a Regional Referee and Mentor who has agreed to take over this training each month. He provided information about professionalism and game-day expectations and fielded questions from the participants. Many of the questions surrounded the topic of dealing with sideline behavior.

Junior Elite

One of our National Assistant Referees, Jason Guillen organizes our Junior Elite program each month and has a team of Regional and National Referees/Assistant Referees, and Regional and National Coaches helping him. This group provides training to Referees seeking to advance and Advanced Referees will meet again Thursday, February 15.

Female Officials' Recruitment, Coaching, and Empowerment

The FORCE group is rolling strong. Started with help of the US Soccer Innovate to Grow grant by and for female referees to provide training and support to development, the group provides small-group mentoring for female referees age 15 and older. Their recent topic was on Warning, Caution, and Send-Off with regards to coaches, substitutes, and team officials along with dealing with sideline behavior.

WhistleMania™ 2

Also with assistance from the US Soccer Innovate to Grow grant, the North Texas Soccer Referee Program will be hosting WhistleMania™ 2 Saturday, July 20, 2024, in Frisco. The goal is to have over 600 referees and 30 assignors attend this year's event.

Four members of the North Texas Soccer Referee Program traveled to the United Soccer Coaches Convention in Anaheim last month. Along with Referee Chairman Trent McColly, State Director of Assessment Bret Harp, Referee Coach Jarrod Tackel, and Regional Referee Josue Meneses who helps with the Junior Elite Referee Program training and is a soon-to-be Mentor.

We held our final fitness testing for recertifying Regional and Advanced Referees January 20. Special thanks to the impressive, honorable, award-winning Rob Martella for coming out to help with make this test a success for our referees in the freezing cold.

The North Texas Soccer Referee Committee still has a vacancy at State Youth Referee Administrator. Once a replacement is found, we will report it to the Executive Committee for approval.