

## Minutes from the USLNJ General Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday 4/1/2015

**Location:** Crow's Nest Restaurant, Hackensack NJ

### Executive Committee Attendees:

Tony Bertuna, Dieter Lachmann, Dean Trivisani (arrived late 8:45PM), David Hoshia, Paul Revak, Harry Carson (honorary)

### Board Attendees:

Evan Showell, Avi Lazarovitz, Roberto Zuban, , Randy Ballin, Emilio Crespo, David Jones, Santiago Alvarez

### Pre-Meeting: Executive Committee & Board Members Only

- **Conduct** – Avi Lazarovitz brought to the attention of the board a request from the Inter SMC player, John Carlo Ganas, to be able to appear before the board to resolve the “Indefinite” suspension he was given in Nov 2013, as a result of him punching the Bergen United player, Erol Demiroz in the face and breaking his nose.
  - John Carlo Ganas missed his initial appeal date, claiming he was “out of the country”.
  - The Executive Committee and Board decided John Carlo Ganas will only be offered a 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal opportunity, for reinstatement into the league, if he meets two criteria:
    1. He has to show proof he was not in the country when his initial appeal was scheduled.
    2. He has to bring documentation detailing the outcome of the lawsuit brought against him by the injured Bergen United player Erol Demiroz.

### General Meeting:

- **Review of last General Meeting Minutes (Nov 19, 2014)** – Paul Revak
- **Registrar Updates – Dieter Lachmann**
  - Beginning in 2015, player passes will be collected from each team at the conclusion of each half of the season.
  - New player registration forms have to be completed on-line on the USLNJ web site. Supporting documentation & fees have to be given to Dieter with the signed registration form.
- **Rules Chairman - Evan Showell**
  - Updated rules are posted on the USLNJ web site. **Summary of changes:**
    - All Senior division field players must be 50 years old, at a minimum. No more provision for one 49 year old field player.

- Player passes will need to be returned, to the league registrar, at the conclusion of each half of the season, no later than 1 week after the last official make-up game. If any pass(s) are not returned before the due date, the team will be assessed a \$50 fine.
- “Forfeit” fines will remain at \$100. However, the forfeiting team will also be responsible to pay the entire referee fee for the missed game.
- Each team has the flexibility to request a one game postponement when schedules are being put together, prior to the beginning of the season. Once the schedule is finalized & posted on the web site, no changes or postponements will be granted!
- Insurance Waivers: If it is found out that a manager or assistant manager signed the insurance waiver on behalf of a player, the manager or assistant manager will be expelled from the league!

**Note:**

Drew Britcher, manager of Montville Mavericks, brought it to the leagues attention he is opposed to and will not sign or witness the insurance waiver, which is a condition for playing in the USL NJ league. As a result, the league told Drew (and all managers), that a player pass will not be returned if the insurance waiver is not signed and submitted to the league and the player will be ineligible to participate in any games.

There was open discussion between the three attorneys (Evan Showell, Drew Britcher & Paul Hunczak) whether the insurance waiver, which Bollinger is requiring, is legal and enforceable in NJ. Tony Bertuna asked Drew Britcher, Paul Hunczak and David Jones to investigate the legality of this request and the opportunity of sending a letter to Bollinger to waive the “Insurance Waiver” requirement.

The insurance premium has been paid and the policy already issued for 2015, however, there may be a risk that Bollinger will mandate this waiver requirement and if the league refuses Bollinger may cancel the policy and refund the premium. This will leave the league w/o insurance and possible cancellation of the 2015 season.