
FLORIDA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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1 (Meeting begins at 2:13 p.m.)

2 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Here we go, guys.

3 Please, quiet.

4 Okay. First thing going to do a roll call.

5 President.

6 Present, okay. President, I'm here.

7 Secretary.

8 ELSA MAROON: Here, I'm only half here.

9 MARINO TORRENS: VP Operation -- I'm sorry, VP
10 Player Development.

11 JOHN STACEY: Here.

12 MARINO TORRENS: Over there.

13 Treasurer.

14 ERIC HEIDEL: Here.

15 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. VP Administration and
16 Communication.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: I'm here.

18 MARINO TORRENS: VP of Competition.

19 FRANK VILLAIZAN: Yes.

20 MARINO TORRENS: Registrar.

21 ALICE SMITH: Here.

22 MARINO TORRENS: Region A VP.

23 MARCO ORTEGA: Here.

24 MARINO TORRENS: Region B VP.

25 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: Yes.

1 MARINO TORRENS: Region C VP.
2 DAVE DITILLIO: Here.
3 MARINO TORRENS: Region D VP.
4 SANDY LEHTIO: Here.
5 MARINO TORRENS: A North.
6 SHENOY RAGHURAJ: Here.
7 MARINO TORRENS: Is here.
8 A South.
9 LINDA SOEDER: Here.
10 MARINO TORRENS: Where?
11 BECKY MCLAREN: Linda, raise your hand.
12 MARINO TORRENS: B North.
13 TERRI TOWERS: Here.
14 MARINO TORRENS: I'm just making sure that
15 they identify you. Got it.
16 B South.
17 JOE GOLDIAN: Here.
18 MARINO TORRENS: C North.
19 I should have called BS.
20 DAVE DITILLIO: Bob had to leave. He had to
21 catch a plane.
22 MARINO TORRENS: Bob left. You want to give
23 them --
24 DAVE DITILLIO: Yes.
25 MARINO TORRENS: C South.

1 TIM SMITH: Here.

2 MARINO TORRENS: D East.

3 TERRY STRAUB: Yes, Terry with a Y.

4 MARINO TORRENS: And D North.

5 JACK KNIGHT: D West.

6 MARINO TORRENS: D West. I'm sorry. I said

7 East, right, and then the West.

8 So I guess all except Bob had to leave are
9 here.

10 ELSA MAROON: I need everyone -- can you spell
11 your last name, please.

12 ERIC HEIDEL: Sure. It's H-E-I-D-E-L.

13 MARINO TORRENS: H-E-I, it's backwards, okay,
14 H-E-I-D-E-L.

15 Okay. Sandy, what's your last name?

16 SANDY LEHTIO: L-E-H-T-I-O.

17 MARINO TORRENS: L-E-H-T-I-O. Okay.

18 Okay, guys. First of all, welcome the new
19 ones. Welcome, like I said, to the jungle. Be
20 ready.

21 I don't have an agenda, we're just going to
22 wing it.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Do you want to go with the --

24 MARINO TORRENS: We got one thing, first thing
25 we're going to do, we had two affiliations that we

1 tabled due to the fact that the office could not
2 send notification that we require at that board.
3 We're going to table that again. And once we get
4 authentication from the recreational clubs in the
5 area, we're going to have an electronic vote, okay.

6 Becky will send it out whenever we get the
7 answer.

8 ELSA MAROON: How many were there?

9 BECKY MCLAREN: There were two that we tabled,
10 one from Region D and one from Region A.

11 MARINO TORRENS: That's it, only two.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: And then we have new business.

13 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. So once, we're going
14 to give them ten days, a week, whatever it is,
15 whatever she decides, whatever is in the rules,
16 they're going to give them a set date to answer it.
17 When we get the answer, it will be emailed to you
18 guys and we're going to call for email vote. And
19 it's only from D and A.

20 BECKY MCLAREN: That's correct, D and A.

21 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. One thing I want to
22 say, and I think I mentioned it before, but a
23 couple of you might not have heard, there's
24 nineteen of us now on the Board, okay. You got
25 extra people also at the regional level. Put it on

1 your Regional VPs to get together with your, I
2 think you each got four between elected and
3 appointed commissioners.

4 Please, you know, we're going to meet four
5 times a year now, so it will be full boards four
6 times a year. Next one will be October, then
7 January, then May, and back here at the AGM.

8 ELSA MAROON: Should be the last week of
9 October; right?

10 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes.

11 ALICE SMITH: 22nd.

12 ELSA MAROON: So that you can start planning.

13 ALICE SMITH: The 22nd.

14 ELSA MAROON: Because --

15 MARINO TORRENS: The 22nd.

16 DAVE DITILLIO: I'm going to New Jersey.

17 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. It will be outside the
18 office, so that means I think by our restructure
19 rules, we said that the Regional VPs have to meet
20 with their Regional Commissioners at least a
21 week --

22 BECKY MCLAREN: Two weeks prior.

23 MARINO TORRENS: Two weeks prior so then you
24 bring your concern to those --

25 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: A conference call.

1 BECKY MCLAREN: It can either be meeting in
2 person or conference call, that is acceptable.

3 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. So that way when you
4 come up in front of the whole board, you have the
5 full representation of your region, okay.

6 Those that are appointed, I see a couple of
7 you are here, if you guys, if you feel that you're
8 not being contacted or whatever, you have every
9 right to speak up to all of us, okay. It's not
10 three people running the region, it's five, at
11 least five. So you got the VP and the four elected
12 and appointed commissioners.

13 Now at the board level, only the two elected
14 positions will come up at that meeting. I think we
15 decided that at the AGM all of them will come, so,
16 okay. But, please, make sure you have those
17 meetings before you come to the board. When
18 something comes up and you, oh, well, I got to take
19 it back to the board, no, you should have done it
20 two weeks prior, okay.

21 That puts on, Dale.

22 DALE BURKE: Yes, sir.

23 MARINO TORRENS: That puts you in the office.
24 We going to have, we're going to have to get
25 together now and make sure the agenda and whatever

1 is going to be at that board meeting comes out at
2 least a minimum of three weeks prior to the
3 meetings.

4 DALE BURKE: Okay.

5 MARINO TORRENS: So the region people know
6 what we're going to talk about in the board, they
7 can talk about it at their regional meetings.

8 DALE BURKE: So I will send out --

9 MARINO TORRENS: A month or whatever.

10 DALE BURKE: I will send it out a month prior.
11 So that means in September you will get it and it
12 will say what I usually say, please send me agenda
13 items and your supporting documentation. In the
14 past I get it the week of.

15 MARINO TORRENS: It's going to be at least a
16 minimum of two weeks now.

17 DALE BURKE: Yeah.

18 MARINO TORRENS: You need it before; right?

19 DALE BURKE: Thank you.

20 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. If by any chance,
21 guys, you cannot meet two weeks before you got to
22 meet the week before or whatever, that's
23 acceptable. But try to do it two weeks before. We
24 said two weeks so that way if by any chance you
25 can, you got time to do it in between that and the

1 meeting.

2 Now to the board members, well, to all of you
3 guys again, because whatever happens here stays
4 here. There's nineteen of us voting. And we're
5 not, every vote is not going to be nineteen-zero,
6 okay. We're going to have a differences. But we
7 need to learn to put our differences aside. And
8 once a vote is done, we all represent FYSA at the
9 same time.

10 So once we get out of our meetings, especially
11 if we have executive sessions at those meetings,
12 whatever is decided, whatever is talked on that EC,
13 from those executive minutes, stay in the executive
14 meetings.

15 I've been hearing complaints of whatever
16 executive meetings we had on Thursday, we have
17 people coming up to us and saying this person said
18 this, this person said that, is that all right, is
19 that correct. And I said I don't know what you're
20 talking about. Because it's executive minutes are
21 not public, and I will not talk about them.

22 The decision is made and we all need to
23 support it, whether you voted against it or not.
24 The decision by the Board is made and it's made,
25 you got to follow it.

1 And, like I said, I have plenty of differences
2 with board members in the past, with Tommy
3 Thompson, with everybody. But once that EC, the
4 Board of Directors made the vote, it was over with,
5 we went to the bar and had a drink. It's not
6 personal, okay.

7 Any questions on that?

8 (No response.)

9 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Thank you.

10 What else do we have?

11 BECKY MCLAREN: New business.

12 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. We have new business
13 which shouldn't be a new business, but I'm going to
14 allow it as new business. It should have been
15 brought up as an affiliation issue at the board
16 meeting because it has to do with affiliation,
17 okay.

18 BECKY MCLAREN: We have, currently we have a
19 league affiliate in Region A, the Miami-Dade
20 league, that when they were approved, they were,
21 they were denied originally, and then we went to a
22 grievance hearing. Tommy and I went. Tommy and I
23 went to the grievance hearing to represent FYSA at
24 that time.

25 We came to an agreement at the grievance

1 hearing, a solution, Tommy had brought forward that
2 what we did is we agreed to affiliate the league
3 with restrictions. And that if at any time the
4 league wanted to have those restrictions lifted,
5 they would have to come back to FYSA and request
6 those restrictions be lifted and why. Or if FYSA
7 approved another sanctioned league in that region,
8 in that area, the restrictions would automatically
9 be lifted.

10 We have not approved another league in that
11 area, however they have come to us asking for the
12 restriction to be lifted. And the restriction that
13 they had is that it would be, they would run their
14 league March through October, and their league
15 would only offer competition up to under twelve, so
16 it was for the younger age groups, okay.

17 MARINO TORRENS: I thought there was two dates
18 March, October.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: March through October.

20 MARINO TORRENS: That was the only dates?

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes.

22 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: March through October, okay.

24 The problem in the letter that they stated, I
25 forwarded the letter out, in the letter they stated

1 the problem with Miami-Dade Soccer League has
2 lately run into two problems.

3 The first problem is that rainouts in the
4 fall, need to reschedule lots of games, made it
5 difficult or impossible to complete league
6 championship playoffs before the end of October.

7 The fact is that the teams playing in
8 Miami-Dade Soccer League may not have games
9 scheduled, may have games scheduled in other
10 regions the first week in November, but the
11 agreement doesn't allow any leeway to schedule
12 games after October 31st (unintelligible).

13 And leagues that schedule games before
14 March 1st, the Miami-Dade Soccer League --

15 MARINO TORRENS: Slow down.

16 BECKY MCLAREN: Schedule games before
17 March 1st, therefore not allowing us to build in
18 extra time for making possible make-up games.

19 The second problem we are now faced is that
20 another league, one that never before offered early
21 or late season league play for teams in any under
22 12 age brackets, is now planning to offer such a
23 league, in direct competition with Miami-Dade
24 Soccer League.

25 Therefore, they are requesting that Miami-Dade

1 Soccer League's affiliation be modified so that it
2 is an associate affiliate league, just the same as
3 any other league in FYSA's jurisdiction. That is
4 we request to have no restriction as to age
5 divisions, gender, dates during which games can be
6 scheduled, or geographic area from which member
7 teams may come, other than the restrictions that
8 fall on other affiliated leagues must meet.

9 Miami-Dade Soccer League has carefully
10 followed all the restrictions of the current
11 agreement between FYSA and Miami-Dade Soccer
12 League. During the last five years, ten playing
13 seasons, one each year in the fall, one each year
14 in the spring, Miami-Dade Soccer League has served
15 more than thirty-five clubs, an average of about a
16 hundred and eighty teams per playing season.

17 During that time Miami-Dade Soccer League has
18 been consistently praised for being very
19 well-managed. We believe that the number of clubs
20 and teams that have chosen to play in the league
21 proves that there was in fact a need for another
22 league in our area.

23 And then he just says, he just then closed the
24 letter stating that, you know, he would request us
25 to approve those.

1 I will -- yes.

2 JOHN STACEY: Go ahead and finish.

3 BECKY MCLAREN: I will tell you that I
4 spoke --

5 MARINO TORRENS: We need a motion before we do
6 anything, before comments.

7 BECKY MCLAREN: I would move that, that we
8 look to lift the restrictions from the Miami-Dade
9 Soccer League's affiliation.

10 TERRI TOWERS: Second.

11 MARINO TORRENS: Second by Terri.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. Now I will tell you
13 that I spoke with Danny, and the main restriction
14 that he's looking to be lifted is the timeframe to
15 allow time where if they have to play rainouts,
16 that they can schedule into November to play those.
17 Or if things are already finished, that he can
18 schedule, that he can move back a little bit into
19 February so that he has those dates for rainouts.
20 So that's what he primarily is looking at.

21 TERRI TOWERS: Why were they --

22 MARINO TORRENS: I'm sorry, Terri. A little
23 louder.

24 TERRI TOWERS: Why were they restricted to
25 begin with?

1 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. They were restricted
2 originally because there was other leagues in the
3 area that were offering the same thing, so we
4 denied it based on, back then we said for the good
5 of the game. It was for the good of the game.

6 When we went for a, we went to a grievance
7 with the arbiter from the federation, they
8 basically said that that wasn't a good reason as to
9 why, we need to, even though the belief for the
10 good of the game.

11 So during the grievance, Tommy and Becky
12 and --

13 BECKY MCLAREN: And Linda.

14 MARINO TORRENS: -- and Linda --

15 BECKY MCLAREN: Linda was there as well.

16 MARINO TORRENS: -- was part of it.

17 They came to an agreement and said, okay,
18 look, the main leagues that are in that area are
19 not offering anything between March and October,
20 okay, right after Region Cup and before the regular
21 season for those age groups, U8, U9, U10, whatever,
22 through U12, okay. So are you okay if we allow you
23 to do just that timeframe for those ages. And he
24 agreed, and we both agreed, and we signed it and
25 Tommy -- and whatever, we decided that.

1 What is happening now, other leagues in the
2 area, their members are asking them specific for
3 like U11 and 12s, they would like to have extended
4 seasons. So the other leagues in the area that
5 were there before said, okay. So now the other
6 league has started running the same age group at
7 the same time as him, but he cannot move his into
8 the same time as the other ones.

9 So now my point of view, I don't have a
10 problem extending the timeframe, but it was the
11 understanding that it was going to be just for age
12 groups, he's asking for everything to be lifted.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: Right.

14 MARINO TORRENS: And I don't know. I'll leave
15 it up to the regional people, but I would support a
16 hundred percent if he would have said a month
17 before and a month after, you know, standard
18 February through November, whatever, you know,
19 extend his playing time so he can finish his games.

20 But from the beginning he was under the
21 understanding that it was going to be for certain
22 age groups, but that's just, you know, Region A.

23 MARCO ORTEGA: We've spoken to both of these,
24 one thing to keep in mind is that per the
25 agreement --

1 ELSA MAROON: Marco, can you speak up just a
2 little bit.

3 MARINO TORRENS: And say your name also. I
4 forgot that, the names.

5 MARCO ORTEGA: Marco Ortega.

6 We reached out to both leagues, you know, keep
7 this in mind, I believe the original agreement was
8 that it was supposed to be March to October; right?

9 BECKY MCLAREN: March to October.

10 MARCO ORTEGA: So they're both, so it's
11 running both a late season and an early season, you
12 know, for our soccer season or whatever.

13 I spoke to the leagues, the Dade League and
14 South Florida United are the two main leagues that
15 run during, you know, they're at the same times.
16 They're open to extending, you know, if it's a week
17 or another week for that league to finish out their
18 early and late season so that, you know, they can,
19 they can accommodate, you know, their regular
20 season dates and how they start up, et cetera, et
21 cetera.

22 Talking to South Florida United, the reason
23 why their membership has approached them to having
24 a early season for those younger age groups is that
25 that particular league has a centralized location

1 as far as where all their games are being played.
2 So their games are being played in, I think
3 Kendall, nearby I believe the airport; right?

4 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: All the way
5 down.

6 MARCO ORTEGA: Yeah, almost Homestead.
7 Three Lakes Park.

8 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: You're talking
9 about Danny now?

10 MARINO TORRENS: Yes.

11 MARCO ORTEGA: Yeah, what happens, South
12 Florida United, as everybody knows, runs, you know,
13 from as far as close to Region C, Region B teams,
14 all the way down to the Keys.

15 So the northern teams are the ones that are
16 saying, look, you know, for us to drive down to
17 Kendall every weekend an hour, hour and a half,
18 two-hour drive, can't make it.

19 South Florida United's input has been they're
20 not seeking to grab teams from the southern part of
21 the region. Their main perspective is north. They
22 opened this up because of the northern, the
23 northern clubs, they're requesting this for this
24 league. As far as they're concerned, the southern
25 teams are going to maintain their status with

1 either the Miami-Dade League, and the Dade League
2 that's been running there for many, many years, so.

3 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. So what's the
4 recommendation from Region A?

5 MARCO ORTEGA: For us --

6 MARINO TORRENS: Right now their request is to
7 clear everything.

8 MARCO ORTEGA: And, you know what, based on
9 those facts, based on the communication that we've
10 had with the leagues and how open the leagues are
11 willing to work with this particular request, I
12 mean, we feel we have some reservations as far as
13 opening everything up. And because what's going to
14 happen is this is going to hinder, you know,
15 existing leagues that have been running the regular
16 seasons as, you know --

17 BECKY MCLAREN: So what is the recommendation?

18 MARINO TORRENS: So what's the recommendation
19 from Region A again?

20 MARCO ORTEGA: It's not good for soccer.

21 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: (Unintelligible)
22 or what?

23 MARINO TORRENS: To not open it at all, to
24 leave it exactly as it is, to give them a couple of
25 weeks before after or whatever do --

1 MARCO ORTEGA: For us, recommend that the
2 league works with the other surrounding leagues to
3 extend their season to complete their seasons. A
4 couple of weeks, if it takes a couple of weeks --
5 the problem is based on the letter and the request,
6 we can't foresee how many weeks or how many days
7 that league might need for an extension. So one
8 season it might have three weekends of rainouts, so
9 they're going to request three weeks of extensions.

10 So if we go and we say, you know, we recommend
11 we give them one extra week, it might not be enough
12 for that, for that particular year.

13 ELSA MAROON: But in reality, because they're
14 only under 12s or 12U and below, you have three
15 weeks of rainouts, you're in another sport, let's
16 be real. Those kids, those parents, we're not
17 talking highly, highly competitive yet, so I don't
18 think so.

19 MARCO ORTEGA: I disagree. Down south we
20 have, we have, the majority of the hearings we've
21 been getting, as far as not necessarily of games
22 being played in the southern area, but southern
23 teams playing outside of, you know, around the
24 state, we've had ten to eleven and twelve teams
25 where, you know, a coach or parent, you know,

1 there's an incident, so.

2 ELSA MAROON: But I still, I think the
3 majority still, because of the months you're
4 talking about, okay, June, July, August -- I don't
5 know. I don't think, I think you need to set,
6 first off, you can't go to the other leagues
7 because the other leagues don't have any
8 restrictions. So I see Danny's point, but Danny
9 knew that going in. He knew he was going to get
10 restrictions, okay, but he doesn't certainly have
11 to ask the (unintelligible) league.

12 If we say here that he can get an extra two
13 weeks for rainouts --

14 MARCO ORTEGA: Right.

15 ELSA MAROON: -- he doesn't have to ask
16 anybody. And you can't make that a part of their
17 world, because that's not right. That's not fair.

18 But he always knew that it was going to be,
19 he's competing with another league that he helped
20 create, okay, so if anybody knows about it, you
21 know.

22 Yeah, I don't think we need to open it up at
23 all.

24 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Joe.

25 JOE GOLDIAN: Yeah, just a suggestion is maybe

1 leave the, say here is your schedule, here's your
2 dates here, and give them a, quote, official rain
3 period outside of that so that they don't move the
4 league play into their normal --

5 MARINO TORRENS: And one of the things that
6 also you got to take, when he started the league
7 five years ago, when we allowed it, he had forty
8 teams. So even if there was a rainout, you can
9 accommodate, you know, during the weekends. Hat
10 league is getting close to two hundred teams or
11 more.

12 MARCO ORTEGA: Really?

13 MARINO TORRENS: Yes.

14 BECKY MCLAREN: Yeah, it is, because they want
15 to play.

16 MARINO TORRENS: And now because it's all in a
17 centralized park. They have so many games during
18 the weekend, that they cannot make up games when it
19 rains. So that's why they're asking for it.

20 And like I mentioned from the beginning, I
21 would be in a hundred percent support if it's just
22 extending it a month or whatever, you know, just
23 for a rainout or whatever the case may be. I just
24 don't see why we have to lift all the restrictions.

25 JOE GOLDIAN: Right. And that's why I said,

1 and date it as rain, so that the schedule doesn't
2 move to their normally --

3 MARINO TORRENS: Yes.

4 MIKE WEBER, JR.: So Danny's league, what was
5 the point of his league when he started it, was it
6 to bridge the gap so that the kids can play year
7 round?

8 MARINO TORRENS: Right.

9 MIKE WEBER, JR.: Okay. So the kids are
10 playing year round. So the minute his league is
11 over in October, they go right into playing for SFU
12 anyway. So we're not talking about two different
13 groups of kids. All these kids are the same kids
14 that are in both leagues.

15 MARINO TORRENS: Right.

16 MIKE WEBER, JR.: So, I mean, they're moving
17 from one league right into the next one, same team,
18 same uniform and everything; correct?

19 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes.

20 LINDA SOEDER: One other point on the leagues.

21 MARINO TORRENS: Louder.

22 LINDA SOEDER: What?

23 MARINO TORRENS: Louder.

24 LINDA SOEDER: Sorry. One other point on the
25 leagues down there for those of you that don't

1 understand, the Dade Youth Soccer League,
2 Miami-Dade Soccer League, which is Daniel's league,
3 and South Florida United -- shoot, I just lot my
4 train of thought.

5 MARINO TORRENS: Because you started talking
6 loud.

7 LINDA SOEDER: Nevermind.

8 MARINO TORRENS: Start slow again.

9 LINDA SOEDER: Is that any of those leagues,
10 every single team can move their games to
11 accommodate for the rainouts. In other words,
12 South Florida United, I've been with South Kendall
13 Soccer Club when Elsa was the president for eight
14 years with them. Every time we put the teams in
15 the various leagues, if South Florida United, when
16 they put out their schedule, as well as Dade Youth
17 Soccer League, they have two weeks to sit there and
18 move their games. And, trust me, they all do.
19 Because most of them move it for tournament
20 reasons, they move their games.

21 So if he has, if he needs to make up a week,
22 and I know one of his biggest gripes was, well, the
23 Dade Soccer League starts the very first weekend of
24 November for regular season, as well as I think
25 South Florida United starts a week earlier. Yeah,

1 a week earlier.

2 But both of those leagues, it is like this
3 simple, on your first two weeks of play that you
4 may have gotten a game for your teams to simply go
5 into their system, talk to the other teams, and
6 move it to another date, and it's that simple.

7 MARINO TORRENS: Yeah, but, Linda, I'm sorry,
8 but that's not, if he has a rainout on the
9 championship game on the last weekend in October,
10 he cannot have any make-up.

11 MIKE WEBER, JR.: So he runs every weekend of
12 his allotted time?

13 MARINO TORRENS: Pretty much, yes.

14 MIKE WEBER, JR.: So he starts at the very
15 beginning and runs all the way --

16 MARINO TORRENS: Well, no, because remember
17 March, he has a March, he has a March to --

18 BECKY MCLAREN: He has a spring and a --

19 MARINO TORRENS: He has --

20 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

21 MARINO TORRENS: The main concern was in the
22 late season, because he has to finish by
23 October 31st.

24 MIKE WEBER, JR.: Right.

25 MARINO TORRENS: According to our rule.

1 MIKE WEBER, JR.: Right. Well, SFU has to
2 finish theirs before Regional Cup pretty much. I
3 mean, everybody kind of falls under the guidelines
4 to try to finish before the next thing starts.

5 MARINO TORRENS: But the difference between
6 South Florida United and the Dade League is if you
7 have a rainout, you can reschedule it during the
8 week.

9 MIKE WEBER, JR.: He can't?

10 MARINO TORRENS: He can't because he uses one
11 park that is only on the weekends for them, for
12 that league.

13 LINDA SOEDER: He uses more than one park now.

14 BECKY MCLAREN: Now he does use more than one
15 park because it's grown.

16 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: He uses Cutler
17 Ridge. He uses --

18 MARINO TORRENS: It's grown so much.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: It's grown so much. I can
20 tell he's called Cutler Ridge, and he uses Cutler
21 Ridge's field.

22 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: And he uses
23 (unintelligible).

24 MARINO TORRENS: Because they can only play on
25 the weekends, they cannot make up games during the

1 week because other people are using it for practice
2 as I understand it. I don't live down there. I
3 mean, I live in Miami, but not that far south.

4 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

5 JOHN STACEY: Would it make sense to extend it
6 by saying that he's allowed, he's permitted to
7 extend the season not later than the second weekend
8 in November to accommodate, only accommodate
9 rainouts?

10 MARINO TORRENS: Again, and that would be the
11 part of extending it. But his motion, his request
12 is to do away with everything.

13 JOHN STACEY: Well, only do rainouts.

14 BECKY MCLAREN: But we can grant, we can grant
15 part of the request.

16 JOHN STACEY: What?

17 BECKY MCLAREN: We can choose to grant part of
18 the request, not all of it.

19 MARINO TORRENS: Right.

20 JOHN STACEY: I mean, the bigger question for
21 me is what's changed in the environment down there
22 in five years --

23 MARINO TORRENS: The amount of teams he has
24 and the space he has to run it. He doesn't have
25 any extra weekends.

1 JOHN STACEY: So he has constraints because of
2 the calendar.

3 MARINO TORRENS: Right.

4 JOHN STACEY: And he knew that of course.

5 ELSA MAROON: He has constraints because of
6 fields.

7 JOHN STACEY: So I would stand by what I said
8 if --

9 MARINO TORRENS: He has constraints because of
10 the calendar and the fields.

11 JOHN STACEY: But if it's a matter of he's
12 scheduling up till, if we were to extend it by two
13 weekends, up to two weekends, if he has no
14 rainouts, I would say he can't extend beyond the
15 end of October like what we have now.

16 But if there are documented rainouts, up to
17 two weekends, only two extra weekends would be
18 permitted, that would kind of bridge the gap if you
19 will between he still has to have his championship
20 originally scheduled by the end of October, and
21 then if it happens to get pushed because of some
22 rainouts.

23 ALICE SMITH: They have a question.

24 They say he has two seasons.

25 MARINO TORRENS: He has two.

1 ALICE SMITH: He has two.

2 MARINO TORRENS: Early, and then he stops.

3 ALICE SMITH: How long does he stop between,
4 between two seasons?

5 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

6 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. I guess he runs it
7 from, let me see --

8 MIKE WEBER, JR.: Why are we worried about him
9 maxing out his time of using the field?

10 I mean, it seems like he's just not scheduling
11 accordingly, because we all know we have rain
12 according to --

13 ALICE SMITH: We got the break in between the
14 two seasons.

15 MIKE WEBER, JR.: You know what I mean?

16 ELSA MAROON: I have another point.

17 Okay. Our heart tends to always bleed for
18 everybody. But when you started the league,
19 because his words, I am just here for those
20 children who want to continue playing, it's not
21 that many teams, okay. So you start off with
22 (unintelligible), but now you're at two hundred.
23 And the next time it will be he wants a restriction
24 because he's at three hundred. But he still only
25 has the three fields at Three Lakes.

1 ALICE SMITH: He may have to turn people away.

2 ELSA MAROON: Well, oh, my goodness.

3 ALICE SMITH: That's what I'm saying.

4 ELSA MAROON: But that's what it is. He's
5 outgrown his space and wants us to fix it. And I
6 don't necessarily, that's no different than a club
7 that starts off with fifty players or one, you
8 know, field, and then they grow to fifteen hundred
9 and come to us and say can you get us six more
10 fields. I don't know where to put the kids.

11 JOHN STACEY: Can we validate, how many teams
12 does he actually have?

13 BECKY MCLAREN: At Three Lakes I've got --
14 there's a lot of teams.

15 MARINO TORRENS: Yeah, there's a lot of games,
16 he can (unintelligible) there.

17 JOHN STACEY: No, not games, how many teams,
18 how many teams does he have?

19 ELSA MAROON: We can look it up.

20 MARINO TORRENS: Hundreds of teams.

21 JOHN STACEY: I mean, the reason I say that
22 guys, the reason I say that is --

23 BECKY MCLAREN: According to the letter he
24 wrote thirty-five clubs averaging about a hundred
25 and eighty teams per playing season.

1 JOHN STACEY: A hundred and eighty?

2 ELSA MAROON: Per playing season.

3 MARINO TORRENS: One eighty, one eight zero.

4 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

5 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. We have, somebody
6 called for a vote.

7 ED KINSEY: Ed Kinsey, Commissioner --

8 DAVE DITILLIO: Call for the vote.

9 BECKY MCLAREN: He wants to ask a question.
10 Ask the question.

11 ED KINSEY: Do any other leagues play at this
12 Three Lakes?

13 BECKY MCLAREN: No.

14 ED KINSEY: No other leagues?

15 MARINO TORRENS: No, that's the home field for
16 his, for his club.

17 ED KINSEY: For his club.

18 BECKY MCLAREN: Miami Strike Force.

19 MARINO TORRENS: The Miami Strike Force.

20 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

21 ED KINSEY: So if he were to extend his
22 program unlimited, would he be pulling clubs and
23 teams from the other leagues thereby affecting
24 their ability --

25 MARINO TORRENS: Most probably some of those

1 teams playing with him are playing with another
2 league, yes. I would say, yes, almost a hundred
3 percent.

4 ELSA MAROON: Including his own club teams.

5 MIKE WEBER, JR.: Right.

6 ED KINSEY: Ten four.

7 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. We have, is there a
8 second?

9 ALICE SMITH: I second.

10 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Those in favor of
11 calling for the vote, say aye.

12 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

13 MARINO TORRENS: Oppose.

14 (No response.)

15 MARINO TORRENS: Abstain.

16 (No response.)

17 MARINO TORRENS: So we're going to call the
18 vote now, that's --

19 BECKY MCLAREN: To lift --

20 MARINO TORRENS: The motion --

21 BECKY MCLAREN: The motion made was to lift
22 all restrictions so we could have a discussion.

23 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. So all those in favor
24 of lifting the restrictions, all the restrictions,
25 say aye.

1 FRANK VILLAIZAN: Aye.

2 MARINO TORRENS: Oppose.

3 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: No.

4 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. In favor of
5 restricting say aye.

6 JOHN STACEY: What?

7 MARINO TORRENS: In favor of lifting all the
8 restrictions say aye.

9 FRANK VILLAIZAN: Aye.

10 MARINO TORRENS: Opposed to lifting all the
11 restrictions, say nay.

12 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Nay.

13 MARINO TORRENS: Abstain.

14 SHENOY RAGHURAJ: Abstain.

15 LINDA SOEDER: Abstain.

16 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. So the motion fails.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: Wait. Does he, is he elected
18 from the north?

19 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

20 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. We want to
21 (unintelligible).

22 Shenoy abstained.

23 Linda, you want it on the record that you
24 abstain?

25 LINDA SOEDER: Yes.

1 MARINO TORRENS: And Linda abstain.

2 So the motion fails.

3 MARCO ORTEGA: And, Marino, me too, the three
4 of us.

5 MARINO TORRENS: And Marco abstain.

6 Is that it, nobody else?

7 (No response.)

8 MARINO TORRENS: So basically the three people
9 from Region A abstain. That's it, that's three
10 people.

11 ELSA MAROON: I'll make a motion to grant him
12 two weeks of extra play dates.

13 MARINO TORRENS: Before or after the season?

14 JOE GOLDIAN: After.

15 MARINO TORRENS: After October or, you know?

16 JOHN STACEY: It sounds like in November,
17 early November is when he needs the dates. If
18 it's, if he --

19 MARINO TORRENS: What about if it's the early
20 season?

21 JOHN STACEY: Well, then he can continue --

22 MARINO TORRENS: Or late season, I'm sorry.

23 ELSA MAROON: What about today?

24 Today it's horrible out there.

25 JOHN STACEY: If it's, let's say he was, I

1 mean, his early season meaning the March through --

2 MARINO TORRENS: The early season is August,
3 whatever, September to October.

4 JOHN STACEY: Okay.

5 MARINO TORRENS: That's early season. Then he
6 runs another one March, whatever, February, March.

7 JOHN STACEY: March to May, I mean, he'll keep
8 doing that until he finishes I'm sure; right?

9 BECKY MCLAREN: That one, he does.

10 MARINO TORRENS: It would be after October.

11 JOHN STACEY: So it's the extension of the
12 October is what she's proposing.

13 MARINO TORRENS: Right, okay.

14 So the motion is to grant an extra two weeks
15 for make-up at the end of --

16 JOHN STACEY: Make-up games only.

17 MARINO TORRENS: Only for make-up games.

18 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

19 MARINO TORRENS: Is there a second?

20 DAVE DITILLIO: Second.

21 JOHN STACEY: And, by the way, I point out a
22 clarification by the way, you know, the federation
23 guidelines, you know, there's this whole thing
24 about non-competitive play at twelve and under.

25 MARINO TORRENS: Yeah.

1 JOHN STACEY: So at some point he may not be
2 worried about extending his season except to play
3 those games.

4 MARINO TORRENS: I think that's what he wants
5 to do.

6 JOHN STACEY: But for now I like, I support
7 what you've said.

8 MARINO TORRENS: Right. So the motion on the
9 floor is -- is there any other comments?

10 Motion on the floor is to allow him to extend
11 two weeks after October 31st for only make-up
12 games, not regular scheduled games.

13 JOE GOLDIAN: Rain make-up.

14 MIKE WEBER, JR.: We're not going to touch
15 over the playoffs or finals?

16 MARINO TORRENS: No, he has to schedule them.
17 If they get rained out, then they got an extra
18 rainout to do it.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: He has to comply with that.

20 MARINO TORRENS: But they won't schedule their
21 finals in those two weeks.

22 MIKE WEBER, JR.: Okay.

23 TERRI TOWERS: Weather-related.

24 MARINO TORRENS: I'm sorry, Terri?

25 TERRI TOWERS: Weather-related make-up games.

1 There's a difference.

2 BECKY MCLAREN: There is a difference.

3 MARINO TORRENS: I mean, the finals, he has to
4 schedule them before, okay.

5 Any other comments?

6 (No response.)

7 MARINO TORRENS: All those in favor of the
8 motion to allow him to extend two extra weeks just
9 for make-up games say aye.

10 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

11 MARINO TORRENS: Oppose.

12 (No response.)

13 MARINO TORRENS: Abstain.

14 MARCO ORTEGA: Abstain.

15 LINDA SOEDER: Abstain.

16 MARINO TORRENS: Marco and Linda, so only
17 Marco and Linda abstain on this one.

18 So the motion carries.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: I will notify Mr. Prenat that
20 he has two extra weeks at the end.

21 MARINO TORRENS: Make sure you specifically
22 put in there only for make-up games, not to
23 reschedule --

24 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes, I will send it to you
25 before I send it to him so you can review it.

1 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Committee members,
2 guys, we need to, I don't see any head of
3 committees right now that I need to replace unless
4 anybody has a problem with any of them.

5 ELSA MAROON: Can I tell you who they are
6 again?

7 MARINO TORRENS: For the record.

8 ELSA MAROON: For the record, because I
9 believe that some of these people do not know who
10 they are.

11 MARINO TORRENS: I'm talking about just the
12 heads of committees, that's my part.

13 And I'm asking you guys, is there any problems
14 with any of the heads of the committees that I need
15 to replace?

16 ELSA MAROON: Yes, you need to replace Diana
17 with Eric.

18 MARINO TORRENS: Well, yeah, that's, by rule,
19 that's done.

20 So besides the ones that are done by rule,
21 like Diana and whoever else, I don't think there's
22 anybody else.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: What about who was in charge
24 of the Recognition?

25 MARINO TORRENS: The Recognition is Virgil.

1 DALE BURKE: Virgil Stringfield.

2 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: How are the people on
3 the committee notified?

4 ELSA MAROON: Okay. Wait a minute.

5 Virgil is Recognition.

6 MARINO TORRENS: And Lou is Hall of Fame.

7 Yeah, Lou was in Recognition and he moved to the
8 Hall of Fame when Mack could not do it anymore, so
9 Lou is there now.

10 Yes, Dale.

11 DALE BURKE: Somebody asked how will everybody
12 know what will happen?

13 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: No, that's not what I
14 was asking. What I was asking is how was the
15 Recognition Committee notified, because I sit on
16 that committee and I was not notified.

17 MARINO TORRENS: Of what?

18 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: Of the nominees.

19 DALE BURKE: Of the nominations.

20 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: Of the nominations.

21 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. We're going to have to
22 talk to Virgil and see what happened on that.

23 DALE BURKE: What happened, they came in late,
24 they got, Rhonda, they got lost because people
25 submitted them --

1 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. I'll make sure that we
2 talk to Virgil and make sure --

3 DALE BURKE: We'll get it correct and everyone
4 will be notified. I'll update it for the 16/17
5 season.

6 MARINO TORRENS: What you go to do.

7 DALE BURKE: Yes, sir.

8 MARINO TORRENS: We got to send it to the
9 chair of each committee. You going to send it to
10 whoever is on the committee as of right now.

11 DALE BURKE: Correct. And ask for any
12 changes.

13 MARINO TORRENS: And they will get it and the
14 chair will ask for whatever.

15 ELSA MAROON: You're the chair of --

16 BECKY MCLAREN: He's the chair of nominations
17 and I'm the vice chair.

18 ELSA MAROON: You're at large.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: In the rule it says vice
20 chair.

21 MARINO TORRENS: It says something else but
22 not at large, and the committees are four VPs.

23 ELSA MAROON: So that's easy.

24 MARINO TORRENS: So that stays. So Tessie now
25 will be Sandy. We just got to change the, you

1 know, those by rule, you know --

2 ELSA MAROON: Those are easy.

3 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. So the chair, please,
4 Dale, in every single one of them, when you send it
5 to them, copy me.

6 DALE BURKE: Yes.

7 MARINO TORRENS: So I make sure nobody can say
8 I didn't get it, you didn't send it to me, okay.

9 Please, when you get asked for a committee or
10 whatever, please respond. Some just don't answer
11 an e-mail. Just say yes or no, whatever. It's
12 simple. Blow us off, we don't care, but answer,
13 please.

14 And on that note, put it up again to some of
15 the board members that are new, understand this,
16 when the office sends something out that falls
17 under your jurisdiction and they say we need an
18 answer for this, you got forty-eight hours to
19 answer it. If not, we're going to make the
20 decision without you.

21 There's some things that need to be answered
22 right away and we can't wait a week, ten days for
23 you to decide, oh, I was too busy at work,
24 whatever, I couldn't get to my personal email.

25 DAVE DITILLIO: So make it seventy-two hours.

1 MARINO TORRENS: Some of them we can, some of
2 them we can't, we need an answer right away. So, I
3 mean, seventy-two, forty-eight, seventy-two hours,
4 I mean, please, I'm just trying to make you answer
5 in a timely manner. I know you're under the bridge
6 hanging from --

7 ELSA MAROON: But let go every once in a
8 while.

9 MARINO TORRENS: Every once in a while you
10 fall off the bridge, so please answer.

11 TERRI TOWERS: You can answer it under the
12 bridge. He's got his phone.

13 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Please.

14 Mike, you got something to say?

15 MIKE STRICKLAND: No.

16 MARINO TORRENS: No, I'm saying it's your turn
17 now.

18 MIKE STRICKLAND: No, no, no. I was just, I
19 was just, you know, Dave has his fiancée.

20 MARINO TORRENS: And she's not the secretary
21 anymore. Now she went up to fiancée, and then
22 she'll be the, then she'll be the boss.

23 MIKE STRICKLAND: Okay. In terms of the 12
24 competition.

25 MARINO TORRENS: Right.

1 MIKE STRICKLAND: Okay. In the discussions
2 through the weekend, I think either way would be
3 acceptable. The only question that I have is it
4 sounded to me like more teams would be available or
5 would be able to participate in the twelve and
6 under Presidents Cup if we allowed players to be
7 added to or players to be added to competition
8 after roster moves, not added to rosters, but added
9 to competition.

10 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

11 MIKE STRICKLAND: The roster would be frozen.
12 Those players would be told you can't participate
13 until you reach a level, okay. Now that's Option
14 B.

15 Option A is the roster is set, the roster
16 freeze and we're done.

17 And that's your pleasure.

18 MARINO TORRENS: Well, but I can have a kid on
19 my roster that I don't want him to play anyways
20 until he turns eleven. It's up to the coach
21 because you got, at that age group, what do we have
22 sixteen, it went up to sixteen players.

23 MIKE STRICKLAND: Well, see the club, they can
24 be playing somewhere else until they're ready to
25 participate in that division.

1 MARINO TORRENS: Exactly.

2 MIKE STRICKLAND: So really all they're doing
3 is they're holding a spot on their roster for those
4 players that once they turn eleven, because they've
5 played with them all season long.

6 MARINO TORRENS: And, again, it's up to the
7 coaches.

8 MIKE STRICKLAND: In non-heading divisions.

9 MARINO TORRENS: If he wants, if he wants to
10 hold three spots and only play with thirteen
11 players until the players turn ten, eleven, that's
12 his choice.

13 MIKE STRICKLAND: So, I mean --

14 MARINO TORRENS: We don't change the roster
15 after roster freeze.

16 MIKE STRICKLAND: That's the only thing we
17 have outstanding. Everything else, the league --

18 MARINO TORRENS: Are you requesting this board
19 to vote one of the two options?

20 MIKE STRICKLAND: Yes.

21 MARINO TORRENS: So which one do you want to
22 vote on?

23 FRANK VILLAIZAN: What's your preference?

24 MIKE STRICKLAND: My preference is B. They
25 can join after roster, they can be on the roster

1 but added --

2 FRANK VILLAIZAN: I make a motion that we
3 accept Option B.

4 MIKE STRICKLAND: That they can be added to
5 the competition, that gives them the option.

6 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. The motion is that the
7 player can be on the roster at roster freeze, but
8 cannot play until they turn eleven.

9 FRANK VILLAIZAN: Until they turn age
10 appropriate.

11 MARINO TORRENS: Well, it's eleven. You're
12 talking about U10s can be on the roster at roster
13 freeze, but they cannot play until the day they
14 turn eleven, until after the day they turn eleven.

15 Is there a second?

16 JOE GOLDIAN: Second.

17 MARINO TORRENS: Joe seconds.

18 Any comments?

19 MARCO ORTEGA: So that means that during
20 league play, you have a U11 player that's rostered,
21 cannot play on that team?

22 MARINO TORRENS: No, no, he cannot play during
23 Regional Cup, President's Cup.

24 JOHN STACEY: This is President's Cup only.

25 MIKE STRICKLAND: Marco, I'll walk you through

1 it.

2 They can participate, this team, league play
3 would participate in a non-heading league. Because
4 obviously they have, they have the 2006 players on
5 it, okay. Now we have it restricted. If they play
6 non-heading league, they could go to President's
7 Cup because the dynamic of their team has changed,
8 okay.

9 So that's what I'm saying, as they turn eleven
10 through our competition, they can begin to
11 participate. But they can't participate in our
12 competition at the President's Cup level, because
13 they haven't, they haven't reached the age of
14 eleven.

15 MARINO TORRENS: And this is only for
16 President's Cup.

17 MIKE STRICKLAND: That's only President's Cup.
18 Commissioner's Cup are all non-heading, and
19 they were very happy with that as well.

20 MARINO TORRENS: Any other comments?

21 JOHN STACEY: I just want to clarify that
22 there was some discussion in my, one of the
23 sessions I did, that where they, they believe that
24 they play in a non-heading division that those
25 games don't count towards the qualification for a

1 heading division and --

2 MARINO TORRENS: No.

3 JOHN STACEY: -- I jammed that down.

4 So we're all clear, so as long as it's a
5 sanctioned league, even if they only play in the
6 fall in the non-heading league, they can still do
7 the President's Cup. That was the message I sent
8 and I think it's, you know, just in case there's
9 confusion.

10 Frank, I think, is that all right?

11 MIKE STRICKLAND: And the other clarification
12 was that twelve and unders and ten and under
13 formats that we talked about the terms of
14 competition, that they're still competitive play in
15 ten and unders. And twelve and unders I told them
16 to anticipate that not being there in 17/18.

17 MARINO TORRENS: Right, yes.

18 MIKE STRICKLAND: Because John slipped, I was
19 going to try to weasel the tens in this year, but
20 he made a big announcement at his tournament thing
21 that totally screwed everything up, so I had to go
22 back and backtrack.

23 FRANK VILLAIZAN: You didn't get the memo.

24 JOHN STACEY: I got to defend myself now.

25 MIKE STRICKLAND: Sit down. Sit down. We

1 don't need to hear the story.

2 JOHN STACEY: Let me defend myself by saying
3 this. The fact is that so many tournaments are
4 already approved.

5 MIKE STRICKLAND: Yes.

6 JOHN STACEY: For us to go back, I mean, we
7 already have to amend the heading down, but for us
8 to try to amend it to tell people who ask for a
9 competitive U10 division and be able to do
10 championships, for us to go back this coming year
11 and say, no, you must be (unintelligible), I think
12 it's too early.

13 We absolutely, by our October meeting, have to
14 have some kind of guidelines where we do say any
15 tournament schedule after August 1st, 2017, so
16 going into the next year, absolutely want to say
17 U10s, we're not going to have progression and
18 results based play in terms of, you know,
19 championships and stuff.

20 So we're definitely going to do it for next
21 year, but I think it's a lot of confusion if we try
22 to get it done going, you know, immediately.
23 Because so many league tournaments already have
24 people signed up, and there's just a lot, it would
25 be a mess.

1 MARINO TORRENS: So the motion on the floor is
2 to allow players to be on their roster by roster
3 freeze date, even if they're a U10, but they cannot
4 participate until the day they turn eleven.

5 Right, Mike?

6 MIKE STRICKLAND: Right.

7 JOHN STACEY: Yes.

8 MARINO TORRENS: All those in favor say aye.

9 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

10 MARINO TORRENS: Opposed.

11 (No response.)

12 MARINO TORRENS: Abstain.

13 (No response.)

14 MARINO TORRENS: Thank you.

15 Is that it, Mike, for you, John, you guys?

16 MIKE STRICKLAND: I got nothing else.

17 MARINO TORRENS: John.

18 JOHN STACEY: No, I think we got most of what
19 we wanted today.

20 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Alice, as far as
21 registrar?

22 ALICE SMITH: Good.

23 MARINO TORRENS: Frank, as far as competition?

24 FRANK VILLAIZAN: Good.

25 MARINO TORRENS: Becky, as far as rules,

1 whatever.

2 BECKY MCLAREN: We're good. I'll have, what I
3 will do is I spoke to Jared, in the next two weeks,
4 I'm going to get everything incorporated into the
5 complete rule document that was done for the
6 restructure and I'll get all the changes that are
7 passed today into it, and then we can get it sent
8 to the printer. And we will, again, only print a
9 minimum number of copies, and we will distribute a
10 hard copy to each person on the board. It will
11 probably, you'll probably be given them at the
12 October meeting.

13 If you need a hard copy prior to then, you'll
14 need to let them know. Otherwise, they will be, if
15 you want to download it, if you have an iPad you
16 can download it to pages so you can keep it and
17 have it at your fingertips. I'll get those out.

18 MARINO TORRENS: Terri.

19 TERRI TOWERS: What about the affiliation
20 questions we put off on Friday?

21 MARINO TORRENS: We talked about it at the
22 beginning.

23 JOE GOLDIAN: She couldn't hear, she was
24 eating.

25 MARINO TORRENS: Oh, okay. We put, for the

1 two affiliations that we tabled, we're going to
2 have to send them, send out the information to the
3 clubs in the area. Being that the office is
4 closed, we won't be able to do that until Tuesday.

5 Once we, we're going to give them a certain
6 amount of days to answer us. Once we get all those
7 answers, Becky will send them out and we'll have an
8 electronic vote.

9 TERRI TOWERS: Email vote?

10 BECKY MCLAREN: Electronic.

11 MARINO TORRENS: We'll have an email,
12 electronic, whatever you want to call it.

13 Dave.

14 DAVE DITILLIO: Question for you:

15 Can we have the Commissioner Club rules on the
16 website by next week?

17 BECKY MCLAREN: Once you get all the changes
18 incorporated into them.

19 DAVE DITILLIO: Once they're all done and
20 we've approved them.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: No, I'm saying with the
22 heading and the non-heading thing, is all of that
23 stuff in there, too?

24 DAVE DITILLIO: Should be.

25 BECKY MCLAREN: Just as long as everything is

1 in there.

2 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Can they be given to
3 Mike to make sure that they're clear?

4 DAVE DITILLIO: He should have had them.

5 JOHN STACEY: No, he doesn't.

6 DAVE DITILLIO: He probably lost them.

7 BECKY MCLAREN: I just want to make sure.

8 MIKE STRICKLAND: Just send me another copy
9 and I'll just resubmit it.

10 DAVE DITILLIO: Okay. I'll send another copy.

11 MIKE STRICKLAND: Chop them up and see what's
12 wrong with them.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: I don't want to have them
14 posted if you have something in there --

15 MARINO TORRENS: Well, he's in the office
16 tomorrow. So that's --

17 MIKE STRICKLAND: And I'll be in there a
18 little bit tomorrow.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: So if you send it, so as soon,
20 as Mike makes sure that those things are in there,
21 then I have no problem with that.

22 DAVE DITILLIO: And Mike send them to Becky.

23 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Does anybody else have
24 something to say?

25 Go ahead, Eric.

1 ERIC HEIDEL: And so on the heading thing,
2 obviously I'm new at this, but I'm being told the
3 referee organization does not know what is the
4 punishment if --

5 MARINO TORRENS: Who cares about them.

6 ERIC HEIDEL: What is the punishment if
7 someone is heading?

8 So let's say --

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: It's in the
10 requirements.

11 MARINO TORRENS: It is in the rule, it will be
12 given and told to the referee person that's too
13 scared to speak. I told the referee person that I
14 would get them to him next week.

15 Can you tell them that, because he's not
16 talking.

17 MIKE STRICKLAND: Yeah, the referee department
18 has directed us to make sure that we give them an
19 on direct, as a referee requirement, to remind me
20 so that we send them all the appropriate stuff.

21 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

22 MARINO TORRENS: Introduce yourself. She
23 might not know who you are.

24 ABROM DOUGLAS: My name is Abrom Douglas. A
25 lot of people know me, but some people don't. This

1 is a new job for me, and trust me, trust me, I'm
2 learning. I've been in seven months and twelve
3 days.

4 BECKY MCLAREN: But who's counting?

5 MARINO TORRENS: We're at fourteen.

6 ABROM DOUGLAS: Fourteen days now, okay.

7 Things working out, we got a little problem like
8 all of you all do. I do need to know a couple
9 things.

10 People ask me questions, and I'm telling you
11 what my standard answer to all of them is the
12 referee doesn't make the rules. You guys make the
13 rules of competition and we enforce them. Bottom
14 line. We enforce the rules. Once you all give
15 them to us, we enforce them.

16 I don't know what it is yet, if it's heading,
17 if a kid heading, what is it a restart of the game
18 or whatever the sanction is. If, I'm using this as
19 example, if someone heads in that age, the referee
20 blows the whistle, restart the game.

21 If you guys decide it's going to be direct
22 hit, indirect hit, if you guys decide in the rules
23 of competition it's a direct hit, it's going to be
24 a direct hit. Whatever you tell us, that's what we
25 enforce.

1 Make sense?

2 MARINO TORRENS: Yep.

3 ABROM DOUGLAS: Okay. Thank you.

4 MARINO TORRENS: Thank you, sir.

5 Anybody else?

6 DALE BURKE: Yeah, Dave, once you guys have
7 finished and it's got to Mike, send me the final.

8 BECKY MCLAREN: Mike is going to give you the
9 final.

10 DALE BURKE: Okay. Mike will send it to me.

11 MIKE STRICKLAND: What, what am I sending to
12 you?

13 MARINO TORRENS: Commissioner's Rules once you
14 review it and it's final.

15 MIKE STRICKLAND: I'll send him the
16 Commissioner's Rules.

17 MARINO TORRENS: All right. I got everything
18 done. Right now I got one that's going to take a
19 little while. I was supposed to bring it Friday
20 morning, but I had to leave before it could be
21 brought up.

22 We had an incident during Region Cup in Region
23 A where the Regional Committee, based on the rules
24 of the competition, disqualified a certain amount
25 of teams, five at least that I can remember. I

1 don't know if there were more -- well, actually,
2 no, there were more in other age groups, right, but
3 it was five in one specific age group.

4 The Regional Commissioners met, they decided
5 to disqualify those teams from competition based on
6 their play at a league at the Division 1 level, or
7 what was interpreted as a Division 1 level. Asked
8 the league has a poster on their website.

9 Teams complained. When that complaint went,
10 the league President try to defend those teams,
11 because it was their league, basically their rules
12 of the league that disqualified those teams, and
13 instead of staying away from it, decided to file an
14 appeal on behalf of those five teams.

15 Our rule specifically says -- and I think it's
16 601 something, I forgot the number, but it's right
17 around the 601, 602, somewhere in there --
18 specifically said that the only person that can
19 file the appeal is the person of the team affected
20 by the decision of the competition. So basically
21 the appeal itself should have been thrown out,
22 should not have been accepted by FYSA.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: 605.1.

24 MARINO TORRENS: 605.1. I know it's a 1 in
25 somewhere in there.

1 We made the mistake of accepting.

2 Being that the person that filed the appeal on
3 behalf of the five teams is the head of Protest and
4 Appeals also, he stepped down and gave it to
5 somebody else. That somebody else is listed on the
6 league's website as the VP of that league, of the
7 rules of the league. That's, even though I
8 personally complained to it, the region people
9 complained to it, they, Protest and Appeal held a
10 hearing.

11 BECKY MCLAREN: Held the appeal.

12 MARINO TORRENS: Whatever they do.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: They held the appeal.

14 MARINO TORRENS: Because we accepted it.

15 TERRI TOWERS: He didn't recuse himself, the
16 second guy?

17 MARINO TORRENS: No, the second guy even went
18 as far as not ruling on what the actual appeal
19 said, but that second person even added something
20 else, and the decision was made on what the second
21 person added to the appeal. Not even what the
22 appeal was, in writing, what the appeals, what they
23 were appealing wasn't even what the ruling on the
24 decision was. And they forced Region A to put
25 those teams back into the competition after the

1 competition had already continued.

2 And my point is, and again, we, and not one
3 person, if we FYSA don't follow our own rules, how
4 do we expect people to follow our rules. And it's
5 clear in black and white in our rules that that
6 appeal should not be accepted originally because it
7 clearly says that the only person that can file the
8 appeal is the person affected.

9 I can tell you for a fact that two out of
10 those five teams did not even know that the person
11 filed the appeal on their behalf.

12 So I challenge all of us, and again, if we do
13 not follow our own rules -- and what I'm asking
14 this board, because supposedly I wanted to bring up
15 a challenge to the Protest and Appeals decision to
16 this Board of Directors being that the competition
17 was already halfway through, there wasn't enough
18 time for me to do it, to reverse the decision of
19 Protest and Appeals. But I did tell them I would
20 bring it up at the next full board meeting, which
21 was the AGM. I couldn't do it Thursday, I mean,
22 Friday morning.

23 TERRI TOWERS: So what do you want to happen?

24 MARINO TORRENS: Just for the record, I can't
25 make a motion, but I think Marco wanted to make a

1 motion that, to reverse the decision of Protest and
2 Appeal just for the record.

3 MARCO ORTEGA: Right. And what concerns us is
4 that the, both the chairperson, the chair
5 individuals that are involved in, they're head of
6 the, both of the committees for appeals and for I
7 believe discipline review. They were both directly
8 involved in this challenge. They didn't remove
9 themselves from this challenge. That is a direct
10 conflict of interest. There is no other --

11 MARINO TORRENS: Actually, the chairperson,
12 the chair was the one the filed the appeal on
13 behalf of the teams.

14 MARCO ORTEGA: Right.

15 BECKY MCLAREN: Of Protest and Appeal.

16 MARINO TORRENS: Of Protest and Appeal, yes.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: But Review and Discipline it
18 never went to.

19 MARCO ORTEGA: But these are the chair people
20 of the committee.

21 But, anyways, we would like the decision to be
22 reversed.

23 MARINO TORRENS: Officially reversed.

24 MARCO ORTEGA: Officially reversed and to
25 really look into this. Something has to be done

1 because these individuals are not allowed, or I
2 don't think they understand the significance of
3 what transpired. Because the competition itself,
4 our personal (unintelligible). Committee members
5 were treated like, you wouldn't believe some of
6 these emails that were going back and forth. These
7 are individuals that are head of the committees of
8 very important decision-making processes that we
9 have for our membership.

10 So just completely, completely disappointed at
11 the entire ordeal. And, you know, my only question
12 is, you know, it's the committee, was the committee
13 the one that allowed this to proceed? Is there an
14 individual that allowed this process to proceed?
15 And if there is, who, because this cannot happen
16 again.

17 MARINO TORRENS: When an appeal is filed, it
18 goes to I guess the rules --

19 BECKY MCLAREN: It goes to the office.

20 MARINO TORRENS: It goes to the office.

21 But who sends, who allows it, who reviews it
22 to go to Protest and Appeal?

23 BECKY MCLAREN: It goes to Barry.

24 MARINO TORRENS: It comes to the office. FYSA
25 receives, nobody reviews it and says, yeah, this

1 should go to Protest and Appeals?

2 BECKY MCLAREN: No.

3 MARINO TORRENS: So the person that wrote it
4 determines whether it's accepted or not. No,
5 that's not what it says in the rules.

6 ELSA MAROON: What does it say?

7 I don't know. I have to look it up.

8 MARCO ORTEGA: Marino.

9 MARINO TORRENS: Yes.

10 MARCO ORTEGA: So the motion is to reverse the
11 results or the outcome of this appeal.

12 And I will add another motion.

13 MARINO TORRENS: Well, do one first.

14 MARCO ORTEGA: Okay.

15 TERRI TOWERS: What exactly do, if we all
16 agree and we reverse it, after we reverse this
17 decision of the appeal, what happens then?

18 MARINO TORRENS: There's a fine attached to
19 every team that gets disqualified from Region A Cup
20 and it will go back into effect for those five
21 teams.

22 TERRI TOWERS: Okay.

23 MARINO TORRENS: So it will be notified to the
24 teams that the decision of the Protest and Appeal
25 was reversed by the Board of Directors because it

1 was, whatever the case may be, and the fines that
2 are originally were given to them by the Regional
3 Cup Committee are still in effect.

4 TERRI TOWERS: And all of the results of the
5 competition will be affected and changed, or does
6 it matter?

7 MARINO TORRENS: I mean, I don't think the
8 results after the fact matter.

9 ELSA MAROON: I know Marco says --

10 MARCO ORTEGA: Marino, now that we --

11 MARINO TORRENS: Wait. Wait.

12 The motion, there's a motion on the floor to
13 what you said.

14 And is there a second?

15 FRANK VILLAIZAN: I'll second.

16 MARINO TORRENS: Frank will second it.

17 Now whatever.

18 MARCO ORTEGA: Okay. You know, the purpose of
19 this is not for the teams to be fined. If in due
20 the teams will be fined, I will remove, okay --

21 MARINO TORRENS: Got to vote on the motion
22 first.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Well, he can discuss if he
24 would like to.

25 MARCO ORTEGA: We're discussing, the point of

1 this is to reverse the decision, not to penalize.
2 Because, remember, two out of five teams were not
3 even informed of this. So the individuals that
4 went ahead and presented this because they felt
5 like it, so, you know.

6 TERRI TOWERS: Yes, but if they were
7 disqualified, if they were disqualified, at the
8 time they knew they were disqualified was before
9 the protest was made or whatever, okay, if they
10 were supposed to be fined at that point, then they
11 should still get fined.

12 FRANK VILLAIZAN: But the protest was filed
13 without their knowledge.

14 TERRI TOWERS: It doesn't matter. They're
15 still disqualified to begin with.

16 ELSA MAROON: They still incur that fine.

17 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

18 MARINO TORRENS: So, time out. One at a time.

19 First we got to vote on the motion of
20 reversing the decision of Protest and Appeal, the
21 official decision, and make it official to those
22 teams that that decision was reversed by the Board
23 of Directors.

24 TERRI TOWERS: Okay. I call the question.

25 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. All those in favor say

1 aye.

2 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

3 MARINO TORRENS: Oppose?

4 (No response.)

5 MARINO TORRENS: Abstain.

6 SANDY LEHTIO: Abstain.

7 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

8 MARCO ORTEGA: My second motion is to remove
9 both of those individuals from those committees.

10 BECKY MCLAREN: Oh, no.

11 MARCO ORTEGA: The head of Review and
12 Discipline and the head of Appeals, because of
13 their actions.

14 ELSA MAROON: Well, we don't feel it ever went
15 to Review and Discipline, I'll tell you that,
16 Marco.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: It never went to Review and
18 Discipline.

19 MARINO TORRENS: Yes, it did.

20 BECKY MCLAREN: No, it didn't.

21 MARINO TORRENS: Review and Discipline, no,
22 but the person in charge of Review and Discipline
23 was sending emails to the VP and to the teams and
24 on behalf of the teams.

25 MARCO ORTEGA: And I have, I printed the

1 emails up.

2 JOE GOLDIAN: Question.

3 MARINO TORRENS: Now there's a motion.

4 Is there a second?

5 JOE GOLDIAN: Okay. Second.

6 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. For discussion.

7 The only problem I have is, according to our
8 rules, the person that moves or removes heads of
9 committees is myself.

10 DALE BURKE: Yes.

11 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Now if this board
12 wants to tell me to remove those people, then I
13 have no choice but to remove them. But I don't
14 know if it's within our rules to do that. It might
15 be.

16 ELSA MAROON: I think we need to go into
17 executive session.

18 BECKY MCLAREN: We need to go to executive
19 session.

20 ELSA MAROON: This needs to stay in this room
21 and nowhere else, because this is going to get --

22 JOE GOLDIAN: Okay. The last seasonal year is
23 over.

24 MARINO TORRENS: I'm sorry?

25 JOE GOLDIAN: Last seasonal year, 2015/2016,

1 is over. 2016 and 2017, we pick up as of today.
2 Therefore, as of today, all the heads of the
3 committees are reassigned if you want them, or new
4 ones come in in their term end at the end of the
5 year.

6 So it doesn't have to be a removal by the
7 board, it's just, if you want, if you want to keep
8 the same people there, then the people can say no.

9 MARINO TORRENS: Right. That's what I'm
10 saying. It's my job to appoint those chairs.

11 JOE GOLDIAN: Yes.

12 MARINO TORRENS: When I started this meeting,
13 for the record, I said that I didn't have any
14 issues with any of them, as somebody on the board
15 had an issue with any of the chairs.

16 I did say that at the beginning of the
17 meeting; right?

18 DALE BURKE: Yes.

19 MARINO TORRENS: So now we have a motion in
20 front of the board then.

21 Eric.

22 ERIC HEIDEL: So you mentioned that when the
23 chair of the Appeals Committee, Barry, received it,
24 he recused himself and passed it on to someone
25 else; is that --

1 ELSA MAROON: Not exactly.

2 MARINO TORRENS: Not exactly. He wrote it and
3 the letter says, because I'm the chair, I'm, you
4 know, I'm naming this person, this other person to
5 do it, to hear it.

6 ERIC HEIDEL: So my opinion is that you should
7 not remove him because if he wants to write an
8 appeal, whether he should have been granted that or
9 not, that's like me submitting charges or an appeal
10 about something and saying, well, since you're on
11 the board you can't do that. If I do that, then
12 recuse myself, I think I've done the right thing.
13 And so by him stepping back after doing it, I think
14 he met his ethical obligation.

15 Now then the next person who got it should
16 have then said, well, I should also recuse myself.
17 And so I would be in favor of a motion to remove
18 that person.

19 MARINO TORRENS: That person --

20 ERIC HEIDEL: But not Barry, the chair of
21 Appeals, because he did recuse himself.

22 Now we can debate whether he should have,
23 knowing he was the head of that and was directly
24 involved, should he have gotten involved in writing
25 the appeal, who knows. But I don't think that's

1 worthy of removing him, because he did recuse
2 himself after writing it.

3 MARINO TORRENS: And you know what the worst
4 about it is -- I'm sorry. Go ahead.

5 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: I have a
6 question.

7 You said that this went to R and D; right?

8 BECKY MCLAREN: It did not go to R and D.

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Okay. That's
10 what I was trying to figure out.

11 SHENOY RAGHURAJ: I want clarification.

12 MARINO TORRENS: Yes.

13 SHENOY RAGHURAJ: You said he recused himself
14 but then he appointed someone else?

15 MARINO TORRENS: Right.

16 SHENOY RAGHURAJ: Okay. Well, I've recused
17 myself but I'm giving it to him. He's in it,
18 you're going to do what I tell you to.

19 MARINO TORRENS: And the person that he gave
20 it to was copied on the emails, so that --

21 ERIC HEIDEL: Because he's the head of another
22 committee, and so he should give it to that person.
23 Then that person --

24 MARINO TORRENS: No, no. The one he gave it
25 to is not head of anything.

1 MARCO ORTEGA: He's the VP of the same league
2 that he's the President of.

3 ERIC HEIDEL: So that person is not part of
4 any committee?

5 MARINO TORRENS: No, well --

6 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

7 MARINO TORRENS: He's not the head, but he
8 might be a member.

9 ERIC HEIDEL: I think it's a valid person to
10 appoint it to. And then it's on that person to say
11 no, I --

12 ELSA MAROON: But it's --

13 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

14 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. With every, with every
15 appeal, there's got to be a rebuttal.

16 ERIC HEIDEL: That risk is with that person
17 that was appointed to say I can't do that and pass
18 it on again.

19 MARINO TORRENS: The problem with every appeal
20 to Protest and Appeals has got to be a rebuttal,
21 okay. The rebuttal was written. And the first
22 part of the rebuttal -- first, let me start by
23 saying that this appeal is out of order and
24 violates FYSA as clearly as stated in 601.5,
25 besides the rest of the stuff.

1 The person that this rebuttal went to, blew it
2 off. Blew off Rule 601.5 and says we don't care,
3 we're still going to hear it.

4 ERIC HEIDEL: I'm fine with removing that
5 person.

6 MARINO TORRENS: From where?

7 ERIC HEIDEL: If they're on a committee, why
8 don't we suspend them from FYSA for violation of
9 the Code of Conduct and Ethics.

10 ED KINSEY: Agree.

11 MARCO ORTEGA: And I'm going to add this to
12 the record so that everybody is aware. Like Marino
13 mentioned, the specific mistake that I made is, it
14 was on me, was that I uploaded the Region Cup rules
15 after the, all the teams had registered, okay.

16 Now, now that piece of information came after
17 the initial appeal was introduced. And while I was
18 working on, or we were working on our remodel,
19 which I believe that piece of information should
20 have never been added to the hearing. That's
21 against our rules if I'm not mistaken.

22 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

23 MARCO ORTEGA: So that information was not
24 only accepted but heard, and it was the main piece
25 that decided the hearing, so.

1 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Part of the Protest
2 and Appeals decision, they didn't even take into
3 consideration the part that it was out of order
4 based on 601.5. The only thing they took into
5 consideration was that the person presenting to the
6 hearing, to the Protest and Appeal hearing,
7 introduced that had nothing to do with the formal
8 appeal, which was nothing in this appeal said that
9 the rules were posted late or whatever, nothing in
10 that appeal says that. The chair of the committee
11 at that moment, whoever was presenting the appeal,
12 decided that.

13 ELSA MAROON: I would be very happy to have
14 that person removed from that committee, I tell
15 you. And I sit on that committee. And I feel very
16 strongly about it because I listened to it. And
17 I've heard --

18 MARINO TORRENS: And basically the only
19 decision made was whether the rule was posted late,
20 which was not a part of the regular decision,
21 and --

22 ELSA MAROON: And there's something to be said
23 for --

24 MARINO TORRENS: And part of the decision it
25 says --

1 BECKY MCLAREN: Would you like to amend
2 Marco's motion?

3 MARINO TORRENS: Wait.

4 ELSA MAROON: I don't have to hear it because
5 I heard it.

6 MARINO TORRENS: Yeah, but I want, I don't
7 want to hear the whole thing.

8 ELSA MAROON: I was there.

9 BECKY MCLAREN: They've already agreed to
10 overturn the decision.

11 MARINO TORRENS: We haven't agreed.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: Yeah, we did. That was
13 already voted on. We did it here.

14 MARINO TORRENS: Right. To reverse it, but
15 we're talking about the motion that we made.

16 ERIC HEIDEL: We never voted on reversing it.
17 We called the question.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: That was all we
19 did.

20 BECKY MCLAREN: Right. So you need to vote,
21 you can't make another motion.

22 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

23 MARCO ORTEGA: We voted on reversing the --

24 BECKY MCLAREN: We voted on that.

25 ERIC HEIDEL: The question was to call the

1 question.

2 ELSA MAROON: You did vote.

3 Marco wanted to make the other motion.

4 TERRI TOWERS: We're in the second motion now,
5 that's what we're discussing.

6 MARINO TORRENS: Right.

7 ELSA MAROON: Which is you would like to
8 remove the two people that, you felt it was Review
9 and Discipline and Protest and Appeals?

10 MARCO ORTEGA: Correct.

11 ELSA MAROON: But we know it never went to
12 Review and Discipline.

13 MARINO TORRENS: But the head of the Review
14 and Discipline sent emails to the Regional
15 Committee, and very inappropriate emails.

16 ELSA MAROON: Okay.

17 SHENOY RAGHURAJ: Call the question.

18 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Because I need more,
19 it was a unanimous decision by the Appeals panel
20 that based on the fact that the policies and
21 procedures were not furnished to the team prior to
22 the date, it was a unanimous decision of Appeals
23 that because the rules were not posted on time.
24 That's how they ruled on the decision.

25 There's nothing in this hearing, there's

1 nothing in this appeal that talks about the rules
2 that was introduced by that person. And only a
3 handful of us know who that person is, that's why I
4 keep on not mentioning the name. I will mention it
5 after the vote is taken.

6 The original motion on the floor is to remove
7 the head of Protest and Appeal and Review and
8 Discipline based on their actions during this
9 protest or whatever it is.

10 Is that clear?

11 ELSA MAROON: Marco?

12 MARCO ORTEGA: Yes.

13 MARINO TORRENS: That was a second, right?

14 ELSA MAROON: Are we still discussing it or
15 you called it?

16 MARINO TORRENS: No, it was a second.

17 ELSA MAROON: I would like
18 to (unintelligible).

19 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Go ahead.

20 ELSA MAROON: When I --

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Are you going to amend?

22 ELSA MAROON: Not yet because I really don't
23 know, I don't know what my gut feeling is.

24 I sit on Protest and Appeals. I feel very, I
25 listened to what Eric said. And I have to, I don't

1 feel, I feel Barry's motions were absolutely, they
2 were more unethical than anything else to write the
3 appeal for the five teams, but he did recuse
4 himself.

5 And as the Protest and Appeals chair, I have
6 never ever felt pressure by him ever. He answers
7 our phone calls, he doesn't vote, he reads what is
8 being presented, and he backs off. So I think it
9 would be a great loss to FYSA, unfortunately, to
10 remove him from Protest and Appeals.

11 Who he chose to then take the matter I feel
12 should be removed, because in his position in the
13 past, he carries excessive weight. So that if he
14 were to say to you, well, this is really how it
15 should be because USSF said so, you're going to sit
16 there, and even if you know you're right, you're
17 going to question yourself because, wow, I wasn't
18 at USSF, so. And he absolutely tries to color
19 every single one of the Protest and Appeal cases
20 that he has sat on.

21 So I wouldn't have an issue with removing him.

22 ERIC HEIDEL: I agree. I'm on the Discipline
23 Committee and I can tell you that what you're
24 saying does occur and so I would agree.

25 ELSA MAROON: You know, and as to the other, I

1 didn't know about those. This is the first I've
2 seen, but they are wrong. And we have a moral and
3 ethical right also, I mean, that you have to look
4 at.

5 MARCO ORTEGA: I understand both of them would
6 be a great loss, their expertise, their time that
7 they've given to FYSA. Fine. But they are both
8 chairpersons of very important committees, okay.

9 ELSA MAROON: Yes.

10 MARCO ORTEGA: And everybody is more than
11 welcome to look at all those emails, okay. I've
12 known Barry and Jeff for over ten, fifteen years,
13 okay.

14 Sorry, I'm not supposed to mention the names.

15 MARINO TORRENS: Everybody knows who the head
16 is.

17 MARCO ORTEGA: Yeah, but what happens is, what
18 happens is, in my personal opinion, the line was
19 crossed, Code of Ethics, you know, rules were
20 broken.

21 So, yeah, we're going to lose a great
22 resource, but then we set a precedent. Who cares
23 if you're the Vice President of Region A, or you
24 are, you know, you do something wrong, you cross
25 the line, it is what it is. There's penalties.

1 You know, I've learned a lot from a lot of
2 individuals, okay, but what has happened this year,
3 I haven't even seen it in my professional life and
4 it stinks. It stinks a lot. And a lot of the
5 perception that I had previously as far as what we
6 as an organization, the people that are head of our
7 committees, the people that we, you know, look for
8 for expertise for additional information, for some,
9 even for some guidance. These are the same
10 individuals that act in the manner that was acted
11 in, not only in those emails but in other acts.

12 So that's why I feel very strongly. And for
13 me personally it's very difficult to do this.
14 Because a lot of it, it's on my personal side. But
15 I believe we're standing in, we're presenting this
16 for the right reasons, and sometimes you have to do
17 what's right to correct what was wrong.

18 JOE GOLDIAN: John is down there.

19 MARINO TORRENS: I'm sorry, John. I'm looking
20 forward.

21 JOHN STACEY: That's all right.

22 Alleging Code of Ethics violations, I don't
23 have it in my head, but there are a range of
24 penalties and, there's a range of penalties,
25 punishments, disciplinary actions we can take. You

1 know, I'm thinking, you know, would a suspension
2 from duties for a brief period, for say ninety
3 days, is that sending a strong enough message
4 versus removal?

5 I'm just asking, you know, to consider what
6 are the other options. Is, you know, obviously a
7 letter of reprimand would be the least thing we
8 would do to highlight that, you know, and to
9 recognize that these persons, you know, acted in
10 violation of our Code of Ethics, perhaps rules,
11 whichever.

12 But is there something short of complete
13 removal at this point that anyone, that we might
14 consider?

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Just not
16 appointing them for next year.

17 JOHN STACEY: Right. Well, not reappointing
18 is equivalent in my mind to removal. They've both
19 been in the roles for quite some time, so. For
20 them they'll see it as removal, not simply not
21 appointed. It's a forced retirement for sure.

22 ELSA MAROON: Because I think they just assume
23 they're there.

24 JOHN STACEY: And it's not all me, guys. I
25 mean, I'm listening to this and, you know, how they

1 got to the end point, you know, in the -- should
2 the five teams have been removed from the
3 competition, at the end of the day was that the
4 right decision? Were the teams aware that they
5 were in violation of the rules that were not posted
6 until after the fact; were they?

7 ELSA MAROON: Yeah.

8 JOHN STACEY: But the rules were posted after
9 the fact, did they have the rules when they applied
10 for the competition and enter it?

11 ERIC HEIDEL: So then why didn't they speak up
12 once they were posted, hey, I'm now in violation,
13 what do you want me to do.

14 JOHN STACEY: Well, so posting them, I mean,
15 it doesn't, you can't assume, you can't assume that
16 they read what was posted obviously.

17 ERIC HEIDEL: But that's their responsibility,
18 just like they want to know how long are the halves
19 we're playing and all this. Because they chose to
20 skip the rest of what they term mumbo jumbo, that's
21 their problem.

22 JOHN STACEY: And had they, if they had been
23 posted ahead of time at the time of application, I
24 definitely think the onus is on them to have read
25 them.

1 ELSA MAROON: Wait a minute. But, John --

2 MARINO TORRENS: Wait. Wait. Wait. Wait.

3 JOHN STACEY: Hold on. I'm just --

4 MARINO TORRENS: Hands up.

5 SHENOY RAGHURAJ: I personally know one of
6 those teams. And they just, they knew rules,
7 regardless of it being posted or not, because it's
8 been the same rules year in and year out.

9 JOHN STACEY: Fair enough.

10 SHENOY RAGHURAJ: They just were, because they
11 talked to a few in the leagues that they were
12 playing in, they said don't worry about it, you can
13 deal with, do pretty much what they wanted to.
14 Yeah, they acted on bad advice, sorry.

15 MARINO TORRENS: And not only that, we have
16 other teams disqualified. Even teams brought it up
17 to the Regional Committee saying, hey, I'm in the
18 wrong, okay, and they were disqualified. They
19 didn't file an appeal.

20 SANDY LEHTIO: If I may, sorry. I was in the
21 review roundtable discussion, and this particular
22 incident was discussed during that roundtable as
23 the fact that some of those other teams that were
24 disqualified could have filed the appeal. Because
25 they didn't file the appeal, they were left out.

1 I mean, I just don't know whether or not
2 ethically, I understand but they shouldn't have
3 been discussing even that in a meeting. They
4 didn't say names but they discussed it, it was just
5 something that happened.

6 ELSA MAROON: But, John, just to be clear.

7 When the teams filed their appeal, the date
8 was never brought up. The phone rings, we are on a
9 conference call, the material is presented to us,
10 and the second in command person who takes over the
11 case to present it to the rest of the Protest and
12 Appeals Board says, oh, by the way, I went on the
13 website and these rules were posted late, not the
14 teams. That in itself is very unethical.

15 The teams never said to Marco, well, I didn't
16 know the rules. No, they knew. They knew what
17 they had done. And the truth is, in the Regional
18 Cup Committee rules, it's clear, the appeal is to
19 the Regional Cup Committee. There is no appeal.

20 MARINO TORRENS: And the Regional Cup rule
21 says that Regional Cup Committee has final
22 decision.

23 ELSA MAROON: Has final decision.

24 JOHN STACEY: Then let's take a vote.

25 DAVE DITILLIO: Four hundred dollar fine,

1 that's it.

2 ELSA MAROON: That's it.

3 JOE GOLDIAN: Do we have a motion on the
4 floor?

5 SHENOY RAGHURAJ: I'm going to call
6 the question.

7 MARINO TORRENS: So the motion on the floor is
8 to remove both the heads of the committees.

9 ERIC HEIDEL: Before we call it, would you
10 consider amending so we vote on them separately?

11 Just given what I've said, I'm voting, I think
12 everyone knows how I'll vote. I'll have different
13 votes for each one separately.

14 JOHN STACEY: So can we sever the two?

15 MARINO TORRENS: The two persons.

16 JOE GOLDIAN: Point of order though.

17 Have we ever ratified the committee members
18 for this coming here?

19 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes, we did.

20 JOE GOLDIAN: You asked would anyone have any
21 problems?

22 MARINO TORRENS: No.

23 JOE GOLDIAN: So they're nonexistent now
24 (unintelligible).

25 MARINO TORRENS: So what are you telling me?

1 Are you trying to tell me that it's my job to
2 not appoint them?

3 ALICE SMITH: Right.

4 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

5 MARINO TORRENS: Without your vote.

6 ELSA MAROON: I have a worst case scenario
7 here.

8 And you need to do it before Tuesday, because
9 I have a Protest and Appeals hearing, so.

10 ALICE SMITH: (Unintelligible) out right now.

11 JOE GOLDIAN: Okay. You know what you can do,
12 don't put it on the record, we can vote on them
13 singly. You put your whole --

14 MARINO TORRENS: So you saying the motion on
15 the floor, it's null because right now there's no
16 chairs of those committee?

17 JOE GOLDIAN: That's correct.

18 MARINO TORRENS: I agree with you a hundred
19 percent.

20 ALICE SMITH: So you don't have to vote.
21 They're not the chair.

22 DALE BURKE: Do you have the term, is there
23 something written in our rules?

24 TERRI TOWERS: Yes, one year.

25 MARINO TORRENS: It's one year.

1 All right. Right now all the chairs are
2 vacated until I nominate them.

3 ALICE SMITH: So that's it. You can bring
4 someone else new into it. You don't have to vote.

5 ERIC HEIDEL: So I agree that they don't
6 exist, but I think that we should have a vote to
7 give guidance as to whether we feel they should be
8 reappointed or not; otherwise, we're passing the
9 buck on to Marino, and let's all take ownership.

10 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

11 ALICE SMITH: We, if we all vote no, he's
12 still going to have to do it.

13 JOE GOLDIAN: We can have an amendment.

14 ERIC HEIDEL: I mean, so in theory we could
15 all just say, okay, they're not in their position
16 so we're not going to remove them, and then Marino,
17 not that he would do this, could just appoint them
18 if he wanted to.

19 ELSA MAROON: What does that give you, it's
20 your motion and you feel extremely strongly about
21 this?

22 MARCO ORTEGA: Yeah. They should both, they
23 should not be involved in any of those committees.

24 ALICE SMITH: See.

25 MARINO TORRENS: And you're still putting them

1 both together?

2 MARCO ORTEGA: Yes.

3 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

4 ALICE SMITH: And that's his recommendation.

5 MARINO TORRENS: And so the motion on the
6 floor is that I should not nominate or appoint
7 those two persons to those committees; is that
8 correct?

9 MARCO ORTEGA: Yes.

10 MARINO TORRENS: Is there a second to the
11 motion?

12 SHENOY RAGHURAJ: I'll second.

13 MARINO TORRENS: Shenoy seconds it.

14 Any discussion to not appointing those two
15 people to those committees.

16 JOHN STACEY: I join Eric in saying sever the
17 two. Why should they be the same?

18 MARINO TORRENS: Well, then vote the motion
19 down and make another one.

20 JOHN STACEY: No, I mean, he just has it, so.

21 The motion is what it is, and I'll have a vote
22 and then we'll see where it is.

23 MARINO TORRENS: Right. Exactly. That's what
24 I'm saying, you know, vote how you feel.

25 And I'm going to do it by raising hands now,

1 because we got to count.

2 All those in favor of the motion on the floor
3 to direct me to not appoint those two people to
4 those two positions, raise your hand.

5 (Hands raised.)

6 JOHN STACEY: Against?

7 MARINO TORRENS: To not appoint, to not
8 appoint those two heads.

9 JOHN STACEY: In favor of not appointing?

10 MARINO TORRENS: Not appointing both of those
11 people to the committees?

12 (Hands raised.)

13 MARINO TORRENS: One, two, three -- not
14 appointing those two people.

15 JOHN STACEY: I understand. I hear you.

16 MARINO TORRENS: All those opposed to not
17 appointing, to not, I'm sorry, to not appoint.

18 (Hands raised.)

19 MARINO TORRENS: One, two, three, four.

20 All those against that motion.

21 (Hands raised.)

22 MARINO TORRENS: One, two, three, four, five,
23 six, seven, eight, nine.

24 Okay. So the motion fails.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Abstain.

1 MARINO TORRENS: Oh, I'm sorry, abstain.

2 (Hands raised.)

3 MARINO TORRENS: One, two, three.

4 So some people didn't vote.

5 DALE BURKE: Some people left. Bob, Ed just
6 left. He's appointed.

7 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

8 MARINO TORRENS: Who else is missing?

9 Somebody didn't vote, okay, but don't worry.
10 Somebody didn't vote.

11 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

12 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. So we got less than
13 nineteen. I just wanted to make sure. Okay.

14 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: What's the new motion?

15 MARINO TORRENS: Somebody make a motion.

16 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Eric.

17 MARINO TORRENS: I can't.

18 ALICE SMITH: You suggested it.

19 ERIC HEIDEL: Whoever suggested it, go ahead.

20 ALICE SMITH: (Unintelligible.)

21 ERIC HEIDEL: And that was turned down.

22 ALICE SMITH: No.

23 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

24 ERIC HEIDEL: I asked for it to be amended and
25 he said no.

1 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. So now you can make
2 any motion you want.

3 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

4 ALICE SMITH: Now you can make a new motion.

5 ERIC HEIDEL: I voted the way I wanted to.

6 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. He doesn't have to
7 make a motion.

8 Anybody else?

9 TERRI TOWERS: Okay. I move that we don't
10 reappoint the same chair to the Review and
11 Discipline Committee.

12 MARINO TORRENS: Review and Discipline, okay.

13 ELSA MAROON: I second that motion.

14 MARINO TORRENS: Elsa seconds that motion.

15 We do not appoint the same chair to the Review
16 and Discipline Committee, not Protest and Appeal,
17 Review and Discipline, okay.

18 Any comments on that?

19 (No response.)

20 MARINO TORRENS: All those in favor of the
21 motion, raise your hand. Raise your hand.

22 (Hands raised.)

23 MARINO TORRENS: One, two, three, four, five,
24 six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven.

25 Again, raise it up.

1 (Hands raised.)

2 MARINO TORRENS: One, two, three, four, five,
3 six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve,
4 thirteen, fourteen, fifteen.

5 It passed.

6 ELSA MAROON: Once you go past ten, you're
7 good. There's only nineteen.

8 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. So the person in
9 charge of Review and Discipline, you're asking me
10 not to appoint him again?

11 JOHN STACEY: That's what we're asking.

12 TERRI TOWERS: As a chair.

13 MARINO TORRENS: As the chair.

14 DAVE DITILLIO: Are we allowing him on the
15 committee, do you still allow him to be on the
16 committee?

17 ELSA MAROON: Yeah, the chair carries a lot of
18 weight on the committee.

19 MARINO TORRENS: On Review and Discipline.

20 ELSA MAROON: I think on any of those
21 committees, because those are the ones that
22 talking.

23 ALICE SMITH: So --

24 ELSA MAROON: There's not another motion for
25 the other one.

1 MARINO TORRENS: I got a question for you.

2 You feel strongly about removing somebody else
3 on the Protest --

4 ELSA MAROON: Yes, I do, and you don't want me
5 to say.

6 MARINO TORRENS: Just make a motion that
7 person of, the head of that committee should --

8 BECKY MCLAREN: That presented that appeal,
9 chaired that appeal.

10 ELSA MAROON: Well, personally, I feel he
11 shouldn't be on the committee.

12 MARINO TORRENS: Well, make a motion.

13 ELSA MAROON: Okay. I make a motion that that
14 person that was given the secondary job of running
15 that appeal not be placed on the Protest and
16 Appeals committee again.

17 ALICE SMITH: Do we know who that person is?

18 MARINO TORRENS: Yes.

19 TIM SMITH: Elsa, you need to put a name
20 attached.

21 ELSA MAROON: Well, I know, but --

22 TIM SMITH: You can't say that person.

23 MARINO TORRENS: Somebody asked if we were
24 going to give a name.

25 Yes, I'm going to give it to you for the

1 record.

2 ELSA MAROON: Are we in executive session?

3 I called executive session I don't know how
4 many hours ago.

5 MARINO TORRENS: I don't remember it. Because
6 some people here are not a voting member. So we're
7 not in executive session. We're on the record.

8 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

9 MARINO TORRENS: The person is Tommy Thompson,
10 Past President of FYSA.

11 DALE BURKE: Okay. That's what it is. That's
12 what it is.

13 MARINO TORRENS: We kept it quiet until now,
14 but you asked, I have to give it to you.

15 ELSA MAROON: And I guess I feel certain
16 people carry a lot of weight.

17 ALICE SMITH: Influence.

18 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Any other comments?

19 The question was that Tommy Thompson not serve
20 on the Review and Discipline Committee.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: No, on Protest and Appeal.

22 MARINO TORRENS: Protest and Appeal, sorry
23 guys.

24 That Tommy Thompson does not serve on the
25 Protest and Appeal Committee.

1 JOE GOLDIAN: His term.

2 MARINO TORRENS: For the next term, yeah, next
3 year.

4 DALE BURKE: 16/17.

5 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. All those in favor
6 raise your hand, please.

7 (Multiple hands raised.)

8 MARINO TORRENS: One, two, three, four, five,
9 six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve.

10 Okay. It passes.

11 Now the original motion that you guys say that
12 we reverse that decision. I still feel very
13 strongly that we should send a reprimand letter to
14 the head of this committee for submitting something
15 that was absolutely outside of our rules. He
16 should have known better. And I'm talking about
17 Barry now, the head of the Review and Discipline
18 Committee. He should not have filed that. He knew
19 that that process was against our rules.

20 TERRI TOWERS: Barry is head of Protest and
21 Appeals.

22 MARINO TORRENS: Yes.

23 TERRI TOWERS: You said Review.

24 MARINO TORRENS: Protest and Appeal.

25 MARCO ORTEGA: Okay. What makes the

1 difference between removing yourself, being part of
2 the appeal, okay, writing the appeal, and knowingly
3 introducing that appeal knowing that whatever is in
4 that appeal is wrong?

5 ERIC HEIDEL: I'll comment on that.

6 TERRI TOWERS: So what do you want to do?

7 MARINO TORRENS: Eric was talking.

8 ERIC HEIDEL: So I think Barry is a smart guy.

9 So I think if you're the President of the
10 league and you feel that you have some blame for
11 whatever reason in that, why would you not appease
12 them by submitting some appeal that you know is
13 going to be denied, but you can say, hey, I tried
14 to help you out.

15 MARCO ORTEGA: Wrongly.

16 ERIC HEIDEL: Well, it's not wrongly. I can
17 write whatever I want in the appeal and then it's
18 the responsibility of whoever is reviewing it to
19 say that is incorrect. I mean, that happens all
20 time. You make an argument --

21 TERRI TOWERS: Hey, Eric, that is a good
22 point. However, it didn't really work out because
23 I guess they didn't actually do what they were
24 supposed to by saying, you know, they didn't do
25 that.

1 ERIC HEIDEL: Agreed. But that's not on Barry
2 because he recused himself and didn't make that
3 decision. He's not the one that said, well, let's
4 let it proceed even though it's incorrect. So I
5 don't believe we should put it on him just for
6 trying.

7 MARINO TORRENS: And again --

8 ERIC HEIDEL: People try all kinds of crazy
9 things, doesn't (unintelligible) reprimand for
10 writing the appeal.

11 TIM SMITH: I'll speak on behalf of businesses
12 that unethically, him writing that appeal knowing
13 that it was against our rules, is an unethical
14 practice. You will lose your job.

15 MARINO TORRENS: How do you respond?

16 ERIC HEIDEL: So I disagree with him writing
17 that it is unethical in itself just because he
18 wrote it based on something that is against the
19 rules --

20 TIM SMITH: If he knew it was against our
21 rules, it is --

22 ERIC HEIDEL: So every single time that
23 someone appeals something and they know that
24 they're wrong, do we, are we then writing letters
25 of reprimand?

1 TIM SMITH: In his position, yes, as CEO of a
2 company, if he's in there knowing he's doing
3 something that is ethically wrong, whatever, he
4 knows that's wrong, it's against our rules or
5 against the law, it is unethical to do and there's
6 consequences that come with that.

7 ERIC HEIDEL: It's not against the rules to
8 write an appeal and say whatever you want in it.

9 MARINO TORRENS: It is against the rules to
10 write an appeal on behalf of five different people.

11 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Right. And he
12 did that.

13 ERIC HEIDEL: But at the same time you have
14 people that do other things that are against the
15 rules in their appeals and it's our job to then
16 deny them. We agree that whoever didn't deny it
17 should have, and that's why we took these other
18 votes and took action.

19 But, I mean, people can write in their appeal
20 that I'm appealing because the sky is purple, and
21 that has nothing to do with the rules, but what are
22 we going to do, reprimand them?

23 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. So that brings me to
24 another point.

25 When everybody files an appeal with us, is the

1 chair of Protest and Appeal the one that decides
2 whether it's viable or not?

3 ELSA MAROON: Right. Now it is per our rules
4 she found it.

5 MARINO TORRENS: What does it say?

6 ELSA MAROON: It just says it goes to Protest
7 and Appeals, it goes to the chair.

8 So it gets to the office --

9 MARINO TORRENS: So whether it's wrong or
10 right, whether it violates the rules, it goes to
11 the chair?

12 ELSA MAROON: Yes.

13 ERIC HEIDEL: And then he recused himself.

14 MARINO TORRENS: No, he recused before even
15 going back to them.

16 ERIC HEIDEL: Huh?

17 MARINO TORRENS: He recused himself before,
18 when he wrote the appeal and sent it to us, he
19 recused himself even before the rebuttal was sent.
20 The person that received the rebuttal should have
21 said this is against 601.5, throw it out.

22 ERIC HEIDEL: I agree. But that wasn't Barry
23 that made the decision that it stood.

24 MARINO TORRENS: No, it's Tommy that made it.

25 ERIC HEIDEL: Barry did the right thing by

1 recusing himself.

2 JOE GOLDIAN: Should the ED be the one that
3 says and follows the rules.

4 MARINO TORRENS: According to rules, now we
5 can't change it now.

6 JOE GOLDIAN: No, but I'm saying when it came
7 in and the ED looks at it and says this is against
8 the rules, because it should have been --

9 MARINO TORRENS: But according to our rules,
10 according to what they're telling me, I haven't
11 seen it and I will look at it, it says the office
12 just received it, gives them a number and sends it
13 to Review and Discipline.

14 BECKY MCLAREN: Well, it doesn't get, Review
15 and Discipline --

16 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

17 ERIC HEIDEL: So something else to consider.

18 I don't know what this, the letter of
19 reprimand would be, but if you make it about
20 something ethical, he's a member of the Florida Bar
21 and he could have to report that and face sanctions
22 from the Florida Bar. And so I think you have to
23 decide is that the route you want to go. I mean,
24 because we're talking about someone that recused
25 himself, so I don't think he, you know --

1 ALICE SMITH: He's got to be told something.

2 ERIC HEIDEL: -- intended to be doing
3 something improper.

4 ELSA MAROON: I think I go back to the
5 original thing that was brought up, the original
6 thing was the five, Marco, the five teams were
7 fined.

8 MARCO ORTEGA: The five teams were fined. And
9 then when they did their, they did their
10 consolidated appeal, they sent in one consolidated
11 check.

12 ELSA MAROON: Okay. But did they ever pay
13 those five fines?

14 MARCO ORTEGA: No.

15 ELSA MAROON: Okay. The only way that Region
16 A gets back respect is for the rest of the world to
17 know that what was done was incorrect. The way the
18 world will know that is when those five, now it's
19 going to have to be clubs, okay, I don't know if
20 you're going to be able to do teams.

21 MARCO ORTEGA: Well, the fines go to the
22 clubs.

23 ELSA MAROON: The clubs, right.

24 We re-fine those five clubs, which says your
25 appeal was wrong, the appeal was wrong, it's been

1 reversed and you owe this, and everybody will then
2 see that. That I think is a big one, because not
3 appointing or appointing, who's going to know,
4 unless we post it on our website these two people
5 have not been appointed.

6 ALICE SMITH: I think everybody got hit. He
7 didn't even get a slap on the hand.

8 ELSA MAROON: Nobody got a slap on hand.

9 MARINO TORRENS: That's what I said
10 originally, by reversing that, the original fine
11 and original penalty goes into effect, and that's
12 what I said from the beginning.

13 ELSA MAROON: You did.

14 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Now the rest of the
15 discussion was whether you guys want me to appoint
16 the people or not.

17 ALICE SMITH: No.

18 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Anything else, guys,
19 before we continue?

20 MIKE STRICKLAND: Are you done?

21 MARINO TORRENS: Oh, okay.

22 MIKE STRICKLAND: Are you done?

23 MARINO TORRENS: Yeah, I'm done.

24 MIKE STRICKLAND: With everything else?

25 MARCO ORTEGA: I got another, it's not about

1 this, it's about something else. I don't know if
2 this is the place to bring it up.

3 But Risk Management, there's a coach, he's
4 gone through his background checks with the City of
5 Pembroke Pines. Because of his asylum and his
6 immigration process, he does not have a Social
7 Security under his name.

8 When we do the background check --

9 BECKY MCLAREN: You have to put your Social
10 Security Number in.

11 MARCO ORTEGA: Correct.

12 Is there anything in place for these unique
13 situations?

14 MARINO TORRENS: No, and I've been checking
15 with GotSoccer about it. Some other states have
16 this form that they submit, and they submit the
17 documents that they have, like the passport and
18 work permit, whatever they have.

19 And I will make sure that this week I finish
20 that up.

21 ELSA MAROON: There used to be, I remember
22 when we only did FDLE, I almost want to say it was
23 like --

24 MARINO TORRENS: Yeah, it's all because
25 there's --

1 ALICE SMITH: They have to show documentation.
2 They have to show immigration.

3 DAVE DITILLIO: It was passport number.

4 ELSA MAROON: They have to give some number,
5 but I don't know if they still do that because that
6 would have been before 9/11, then the world
7 changed, so.

8 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

9 SHENOY RAGHURAJ: So if there are complaints
10 in our region or our area specifically, can we be
11 notified of them prior to like --

12 MARINO TORRENS: Of what?

13 BECKY MCLAREN: Complaints of what?

14 SHENOY RAGHURAJ: Any kind of complaint. If
15 it comes up, we are aware of it before a decision
16 is made.

17 MARINO TORRENS: I mean --

18 DAVE DITILLIO: Anything.

19 MARINO TORRENS: Well, anything can be a
20 parent saying something, you want to know that,
21 too?

22 DAVE DITILLIO: Sure.

23 MARINO TORRENS: So from now on every
24 complaint that comes through the office, you're
25 going to send it to the VP of the Region.

1 JOE GOLDIAN: Region D.

2 ERIC HEIDEL: So I disagree with that also.

3 DAVE DITILLIO: I didn't disagree. He
4 disagreed.

5 ERIC HEIDEL: Number one, you have a situation
6 like what we just dealt with where this is a
7 decision from the Region A Cup or Region Cup,
8 whatever, went to the Appeals Board, and then we
9 voted on whether or not to reverse it. So we
10 should not know about these things officially
11 before they happened. Because it would eventually
12 make its way up to us.

13 And, secondly, what, so then we're going to go
14 and influence the members of those committees as to
15 what decision to make, I mean.

16 MARINO TORRENS: Spoken by a true lawyer.

17 ERIC HEIDEL: And they make an unbiased,
18 neutral decision that no one else needs to know
19 about unless it's appealed. It's not our problem
20 unless they appeal it.

21 TERRI TOWERS: I'm glad we have a lawyer on
22 the board now.

23 FRANK VILLAIZAN: Yeah, but he's going to
24 charge by the hour.

25 MARINO TORRENS: Put it in the Treasurer's

1 report.

2 Anything else, guys?

3 DALE BURKE: Complaints.

4 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: We're not doing
5 it.

6 DALE BURKE: Okay. Thank you.

7 DAVE DITILLIO: Question I think to, dale.

8 Housing agreements, do we have housing
9 agreements when we're hosting for Commissioner's
10 Club?

11 DALE BURKE: We're working on it. We had our
12 team out there and we should have it by the 1st of
13 September finalized. We met with three different
14 people --

15 DAVE DITILLIO: Want to put out the hosting.

16 DALE BURKE: -- and this came about, so this
17 takes priority.

18 MIKE STRICKLAND: I just wanted to say
19 something. It was, I guess it was, what, about
20 this time, no maybe a couple weeks after last year.
21 We had a certain person who came forward and said
22 they wanted to up the knowledge level of this event
23 in terms of bringing different things on. And then
24 we had we got to that point.

25 But I just want to say thank you to, Elsa, and

1 for her efforts this weekend and this week, this
2 year.

3 (Standing applause.)

4 MIKE STRICKLAND: The one thing she did do,
5 and I've already gotten a ton of feedback via email
6 on people wanting different information of
7 presentations that were done. I thought this was
8 good and I, and I just thought that that was really
9 appreciated.

10 And the second piece, is if you see Jared,
11 this was the first event he's ever run, okay, and
12 he had, what, seven days to acclimate himself.

13 MARINO TORRENS: Anything else, guys, before
14 we adjourn?

15 MIKE STRICKLAND: I'm trying to be nice.

16 MARINO TORRENS: Thank you, guys.

17 Thank you.

18 Motion to adjourn, whatever.

19 FRANK VILLAIZAN: Motion to adjourn.

20 (Meeting concluded at 1:54 p.m.)

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