



**Annual General Membership Meeting**  
**Sunday October 4, 2020**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**By Zoom Invitation**

**Minutes**

1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:00 a.m.

2 Roll Call

Secretary Erika Aguinaga was excused due to a family emergency. District 2 Commissioner L Huenergardt was unexpectedly called out of town and also excused. Shirley Thompson called the roll. All Board members, with the exceptions of Ms. Huenergardt and Ms. Aguinaga, were present.

3. Credentials Report

There was no credentials report as this was the Association's first "virtual" meeting, proposals requiring any votes of the membership were not submitted, and there was no other business requiring voting or verification of membership.

4 Introduction of Guests

Thomas Sowinski, Secretary of United States Youth Soccer was introduced.

5 Acceptance of Minutes of the previous AGM

Minutes from the 2019 AGM were presented. **Motion** by District 8 Commissioner Thompson, **Second** by District 3 Commissioner Kerger, to accept the minutes as presented.

**Motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.**

6 Reports

**Chairman**

Chairman Larry Svetich submitted his written report prior to the meeting. He provided an expanded version of his report for those present. Points focused on included:

- 2019 preparation and adoption of a strategic plan for development and growth of membership, marketing for the Association, and growth and development in the Districts and a return of the District Playing Leagues
- The onset of the pandemic resulted in significant shifts in our strategy and planning
- Cal North put a number of programs in place to provide assistance to the member leagues and clubs, including options for personal development training, club training, Esports, a special video series for recreational coaches and teams, and education based learning programs
- Staff focused on and developed Return to Play protocols that followed State and local guidelines adopted by Health Departments throughout Northern California
- As a result of "no play" restrictions, clubs and leagues refunded registrations to members. **Cal North was the only youth sports Association in California that refunded 100 percent of Spring 2020 registrations**
- New partners were brought on board to work with and provide benefits for our members
- With Keeper Wars, we sponsored the first regional competition for Goalkeepers on the West Coast



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- Staff continues to work and improve on our primary programs, including ODP, the National and Regional leagues, and coaching education

With those comments, the Chair submitted his report and deferred to USYS Secretary Sowinski for a brief report.

Secretary Sowinski provided a short report on activities of United States Youth Soccer. He highlighted his report with the announcement of a new program sponsored by USYS and US Soccer on providing assistance to State Associations and that applications were available to those who met the criteria on the USYS website.

6 Reports  
**CFO**

CFO Steve Robertson provided an update to the Board and members on the current status of our finances. Cal North had contracted with a new Independent Auditor this past year. We had received a draft of the final audit showing us in solid financial shape. We were reviewing our advisors for our Investment Accounts and should have more information soon on that issue. Mr. Robertson reported that all financial and audit reports would be available to review within the limits of the law upon request.

**Secretary**

There was no report submitted by the Secretary

**Executive Director**

See the Chairman's Report for information normally submitted by the Executive Director as the position was vacant at the time of the AGM.

**District Commissioners**

Several District Commissioners had submitted written reports prior to the meeting. They are available for review.

**Committee Reports**

Due to circumstances and lack of activity, there were no Committee reports submitted.

7 Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business reported or on the Agenda.

8 Proposals for Change to the Constitution, Bylaws, and/or General Procedures and Specific Rules

There were no proposals submitted for consideration

9 New Business

There were no proposals or agenda items submitted for New Business.



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10 Good of the Game

Questions related to qualifying for Cup competition and the referee program were raised by various Board members and those attending the AGM. It was announced that the California North Referee Association (CNRA) was working on registration fees and registration updates for the State referee program. It was also announced that staff is working with USYS on eligibility issues for 2021 Cup competitions.

State Awards for the 2019 soccer year were announced. These included:

**Young Referee of the Year, Female: Julia DeNechoa, District 6**  
**Young Referee of the Year, Male: Kutay Gokcen, District 3**  
**Recreation Coach of the Year, Girls Program: Richard Moss**  
**Recreation Coach of the Year, Boys Program: Bryan Tasse**  
**Volunteer of the Year: Pat Ferre, District 7, and Lou Toste, District 8**

11 Adjournment

**Motion** by Member at Large, Donald Collins, **Second** by Past Chairman Kenyatta Scott, to adjourn the meeting.  
**The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.**