

Vermont State Soccer Association
Annual General Meeting

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Burlington, VT

VSSA AGM AGENDA

To: VSSA & Affiliates
From: SMM
Date: 08 August 2017

What: VSSA AGM

When: August 25, 2017, 6:00pm

Where: Artsriot
400 Pine St. Burlington,
Vermont 05401

Who: Reps of VSSA/USASA-affiliated leagues and orgs

1. Welcome and introductions
2. VASL update: status and future: Scott
 - a. RFP for new women's league
3. VSSA annual registrations - Jonas
 - a. To discuss: single annual fee
4. VSSA Financial overview: Mike
5. Insurance updates and review - Scott
 - a. New regs for insurance calendar
6. Referee updates - Steve
7. USSF National database - Scott/Jonas



Greetings from the Vermont State Soccer Association,

We are wrapping up 2017-2018 season, and it is a good time to provide some reminder information to our affiliated leagues players about the importance of being registered with VSSA. We understand that there can be some concern about the costs of affiliation and the value of the related benefits. This memo aims to make clear everything you might want to know about your membership.

As a registered player in any adult league affiliated with VSSA (currently the [Vermont Amateur Soccer](#), [Far Post Soccer Club](#), [Capital Soccer Club](#), and [Elite8 Soccer League](#)), you are also a member of the [Vermont State Soccer Association \(VSSA\)](#) and the [United States Adult Soccer Association \(USASA\)](#). Our member clubs and leagues have made a deliberate choice to affiliate with VSSA and USASA, both for your benefit and theirs. We share the belief that player safety and the quality of the game are paramount. We understand there are other leagues in the area that offer more casual play and are less expensive. While we certainly support people enjoying the sport at any level, all other leagues are not affiliated with VSSA and do not provide the benefits explained here. It is important to note: *if you are injured in non-VSSA league play, you cannot use USASA participant accident insurance to make a medical claim.*

As a registered player in a VSSA-affiliated league, your association fee (\$20 full year/\$15 indoor-only) provides the following benefits:

- **Medical Participant Accident Insurance**
 - Primary medical insurance to uninsured players and secondary medical insurance for all other insured players, with a \$400 deductible and a \$5,000 maximum benefit. The majority of your membership fees goes to providing this important medical coverage. Please see the [USASA website](#) for more details.
 - Affiliated leagues/teams/players have this medical insurance coverage for league play, as well as when they play in ANY other affiliated competitions, anywhere in the United States. This means if you play in other VSSA leagues, you have coverage (note: the indoor fee and full-year fee are different and the \$5 difference would have to be paid).
- **League Directors and Officers Liability Insurance**
 - This is a general liability insurance policy offered to your league's directors and officers at no cost through USASA. What this means is that your league directors and officer, who often are volunteers, have a general liability policy behind them if claims are made against them. For a player this could mean the difference of an available insurer in the event a claim is successfully made against the league. Without such policy there is no insurance.
- **Partnership with USSF certified referees and assignors**
 - All game officials working VSSA-affiliated matches are [USSF-certified](#). This means they have undergone training to reach [Grade 7](#).
 - The State Referee Program offers training for new officials (and there's always a shortage of officials), and provides assessments and advancement opportunities

for experienced officials. Should you ever have a case of referee abuse or referee assault in your league, you can turn to the VSSA and the Vermont State Officials organization to handle the disciplinary hearing for your player—and any enforcement actions would carry association-wide for that player. In that capacity, the VSSA protect the interests of the referees, leagues, and players.

- **Entry into regional and national tournaments**
 - Although Vermont has not fielded a team for any regional or national tournament play, there are opportunities in men's, women's, and co-ed competition outside of Vermont. We also have the opportunity to host tournament play. This is a benefit that VSSA is actively developing.

As the largest adult soccer organization in the United States, USASA's 54 state associations plus national and regional leagues help our 250,000 players feed their passion for the game.

- USASA is responsible for developing the sport for players over the age of 19. A competitive and recreational oriented organization, the USASA helps develop adult amateur soccer for both men and women on a national basis. As part of that development, the USASA stages the annual National Cup Finals, which features champions from each of the four U.S. Soccer regions (Regions I, II, III and IV) squaring off in 6 different competitions. The USASA also organizes national tournaments for Veterans and Co-Ed teams. The USASA, in association with the U.S. Soccer Federation, helps stage the annual Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, the oldest annual team tournament in the United States, which dates back to 1914.
- USSF is the governing body of soccer in all its forms in the United States. U.S. Soccer has played an integral part in charting the course for the sport in the USA for 100 years. In that time, the Federation's mission statement has been clear and simple: to make soccer, in all its forms, a preeminent sport in the United States and to continue the development of soccer at all recreational and competitive levels. U.S. Soccer is celebrated its Centennial in 2013, and over the course of a century the sport's exponential growth has been nothing short of remarkable.

The Vermont State Soccer Association is here to help support the continual development of adult soccer across the state. We are here to help everyone enjoy safe, high quality soccer. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to [contact us](#).

2017-2018 Registrations

2016-17: 933

2017-18: 987

= +~6%

2016-17 Men: 656 (70%)

2016-17 Women: 277 (30%)

2017-18 Men: 677 (69%)

2017-18 Women: 310 (31%)

Addition of Elite8 indoor and spring seasons add opportunity for both new player and regular player to play more. Data point to steady numbers, with a need for expanded opportunities for women's play.

VSSA 2017 Profit & Loss Statement

Income	
Player Registration Fees from affiliated leagues	\$16,615.00
Leauge Annual affiliation Fee(s)	\$200.00
Interest	\$2.31
total income	\$16,817.31
 Expenses	
Player Registration Fees to USASA	\$14,053.00
VT market brief/prospecting meeting	\$515.52
USASA & USSF meeting (travel expenses)	\$1,970.01
US Affiliation Fee	\$100.00
D&O Insurance	\$740.00
Referee Conference and Development sponsorships	\$250.00
Supplies/Printing	\$111.89
Charitable Donation in name of Christian kibabu	\$250.00
total expenses	\$17,990.42
 Net profit	 -\$1,173.11

Balance Sheet as of 12/31/17

Assets
12/31/2017

Assets	
KeyBank checking	\$5,170.47
KeyBank Savings	\$11,554.35
 Total Assets	 \$16,724.82
	\$1,173.11
	\$0.00

*Item of Note - VSSA did receive the balance of assets that remained from VASL when Bill created a new entity to operate from. The amount we received and that resides in our account is \$13,655.98.

Insurance Calendar Change

8/7/2018

Region1

US Adult Soccer Association - Region I

Dear Scott,

I spoke to Nick yesterday inquiring about when the new cycle for the certificates of insurance would begin. Turns out our policy has changed to the calendar year from 1 January to 31 December. If you made a request last summer/fall, then renew your certificates for the fall season. It will expire 31 December, which means you will need to renew again at the end of the year. If you made a request after the new year, the certificates on hand are still good until the end of the year. I recommend that you take a look at your certificates and determine which need renewals.