



## VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Committee Meeting

February 4, 2012 10:00 am

The VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Committee met at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, Richmond VA at the VYSA Annual Convention. Those in attendance were:

Len Oliver, VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Committee Chair  
Julie Caramanica, VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Administrator  
Adele Dolansky, VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Member  
Kip Germain, VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Member  
Fred Matthes, DC United Representative  
Kate Samsot, VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Committee Member  
Bob Sokolinsky, VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Member  
Anne Thompson, VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Committee Member

### Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 22, 2011 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

### Review of the VA DC Hall of Fame

Len Oliver reported that the VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame (HOF) is well know and well respected. After the 2012 inductions, there are 79 members of the VA DC Soccer HOF (attachment A). It was noted those selected are honored to be members and proud of their recognition to the Hall of Fame.

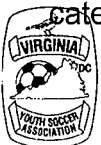
### Nomination Process

The committee discussed the current process for nominations and selections. Many felt extra input was needed from prior inductees. Each can bring nominations of a different set of individuals that may deserve recognition. Fred Matthes noted a discussion he had had with Hall of Fame member Kip Germain regarding a female player that, while not having been selected to the Women's National team, did have strong qualifications and should be considered. He noted each HOF member may know many of these types of individuals that could be considered for nomination.

There was considerable discussion regarding the Veterans category and how nominees are moved to that category. It was reported that the qualifications for the Veterans Category currently state:

1. The nominee must have been previously nominated
2. The nominee must have received at least one vote
3. The nominee must be deserving of recognition

Members questioned how it was determined who would be placed in the Veterans category and that it should be a decision made by the committee. All agreed that the



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criteria should be changed to:

1. The nominee must have been previously nominated and on the ballot 5 years
2. The nominee must have received votes from the majority of the committee

It was also agreed that the Committee will hold a conference call once nominations are received. Nominations will then be sent to the Committee and in that conference call, the committee will discuss those meeting the qualifications to be placed in the Veterans category. The decision on whom to place in that category will be determined by those committee members participating in the conference call. Once determined which nominees are to be placed in the Veterans category, the HOF ballot will be sent to all committee members.

### **2012 Recognition Event**

Fred Matthes reported that DC United will remain at RFK Stadium for the next seasonal year and presented a schedule of games for DC United's next season.

Committee members agreed to try to schedule the event on one of the following dates:  
First Choice - Saturday, April 28 vs Houston Dynamo at 7:30 pm.  
Second Choice - Sunday, April 22 vs New York Red Bulls at 6:00 pm (ESPN2) , or  
Third Choice - Saturday, April 7 vs Seattle Sounders FC at 7:30 pm.

Suggestions for giveaways to HOF attendees were requested. Some suggested travel coffee mugs, others suggested jackets, and others suggested pull over fleeces.

### **HOF Budget**

Committee members asked what a typical year's expenses have been. It was reported that between \$3000 and \$5000 is spent each year. The MDCVSA pays \$1000 and VYSA covers the balance. DC United covers the cost of the reception and activities at RFK each year.

It was suggested that letters requesting donations be sent to HOF members as well requests for contributions from all VYSA, MDCVSA and DC United members and DC and Virginia Universities. Donations should be categorized as:

\$25 Bronze  
\$50 Silver  
\$100 Gold  
over \$100 Platinum

Those making donations will be listed on the Hall of Fame web site and can post "Proud Donor to the VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame" on their web site with the VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame logo showing the year of donation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Prepared by

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VA DC Hall of Fame Administrator

## **VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Committee E-Mail Vote**

February 9, 2012

The VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Committee conducted an e-mail vote to add Jeff Skigen to the Hall of Fame Committee. An e-mail from Adele Dolansky was sent making a motion to add Jeff Skigen to the VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Committee. The motion was seconded by e-mail from Anne Thompson. Eight responses were received by e-mail voting yes, six committee members did not respond, but the vote is considered approved by majority vote. Jeff Skigen was added as a new member of the VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Committee. Jeff has been notified.

Julie Caramanica  
VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Administrator