



## **At Annual Meeting, HSSA Renews Commitment To Community, Vows To Fight Corporate Effort To Eject It From Soccer Fields**

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**Hot Springs, Arkansas**—The Hot Springs Soccer Association (“HSSA”) held an annual meeting of its members on August 11, 2024. Topping the agenda: HSSA’s continued commitment to the community and the legal effort by Sigma Family Limited Partnership (“Sigma”) and Scott Hamby to eject HSSA from its soccer fields.

“I am incredibly proud of the work the Association has done to recruit new families and sponsorship with the aim of growing soccer in the greater Hot Springs area,” HSSA President Ed Argueta said after the meeting. “We have hundreds of kids registered with the association, host over 100 games per year, and provide a soccer venue for Lakeside, Hot Springs, Lake Hamilton, and other high-school teams around the community.” Argueta also conveyed HSSA’s Board of Director’s commitment to building on the past year’s success. “HSSA is looking forward to the future and, if we can get past this effort by Sigma to remove us from our soccer fields, we will continue to focus on growing our footprint and having a positive impact on the greater Hot Springs community. More than anything, we want to spend the next year on the field, not in a courtroom.”

Sigma, a family limited partnership associated with Sigma Supply and local businessman Scott Hamby, filed suit against HSSA on May 2, 2024, aiming to eject HSSA from the soccer fields it has occupied for decades. “We were honestly surprised Sigma has been so heavy handed with its efforts to forcibly remove us from our fields,” Argueta explained. “HSSA and our soccer fields have been a staple of Hot Springs for decades. It doesn’t make sense to me, suing a community-based sports organization. Given the work that we do, you would think Sigma would try to work with us, not against us.”

The HSSA Board of Directors committed to pushing back on Sigma’s ejection efforts, with Argueta likening the situation to those hard-fought games that require true grit and fortitude. “We teach our players that you keep going until the clock runs out, and that is what we intend to do in our suit against Sigma. We will continue to fight for our fields because they are more than just a place where kids run around and kick a ball. Our fields are the forum where members of our community work every day to instill the value of play, fellowship, and sportsmanship in the next generation. We hope Hot Springs, Garland County, and members of our community will support us, both monetarily and by spreading the word about what might happen if Sigma is successful in kicking us out.”

If you wish to support HSSA, please consider donating at <https://gofund.me/55540415>.

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