



South San Jose Youth Soccer League Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2003

Meeting Type: Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Location: Los Paseos Community Center, 7047 Via Ramada, San Jose, CA 95139

Board Member Role Call:

Brad Kinne	President	Present
Dorice Kunis	Vice President	Absent
Arlette Zimmermann	Treasurer	Absent
Bruce Bacon	Secretary	Present
Rosemary Alvarez	Registrar	Present
Phil Osuna	Referee Director	Absent
Toby Bell	Competitive Teams Director	Present
John Dickinson	U8 Director	Present
Paul Nishimatsu	Fields Director	Present
Ingrid Schonert	Tournaments Coordinator	Present
Karen Kinne	Communication, Activity & Promotions Director	Present
Debra Ingram	Equipment Director	Absent
Steve Larson	Recreational Director	Present
Stephen Ting	Coaches and Safety Director	Present

Guests Present:

Jim Von Stockhausen	Pumas Manager
Christine Alves	Referee Scheduler
Rick Lunes	KC Enterprises
Kathleen Lunes	KC Enterprises

- A. Brad Kinne called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
- B. Role call was taken and a quorum was verified. 10 board members were present and 4 were absent.
- C. Guest Business:
 1. Jim Von Stockhausen said he is the incoming manager for the SSJ Puma's and wanted to be present during the discussion about the Pumas red card issue.
 2. Kathleen and Rick Nunes from KC Enterprises showed the board various products from their company that could be used for fundraising efforts. They also passed around some SSJYSL logo samples that they had designed that could be placed on the products. The products included hats, coffee mugs, towels, shirts, sweatshirts, water bottles, etc.

- D. Agenda approval: Steve moved that we accept the Agenda with the change that the Ray Avalos red card issue be put after correspondence. Toby seconded the motion. Motion carried
- E. Minutes approval: Approval of the April minutes was postponed until next month because a number of the board members could not access the file that had been sent.
- F. Correspondence: Pictures of several new designs for SSJ ref coins were passed around for board member comment.
- G. Regarding the Ray Avalos / Pumas / Red Card issue: Brad had sent a detailed email to the board explaining the background concerning the red card suspension issue that caused the SSJ Puma's to be disqualified from State Cup. Brad explained to the board additional background concerning a number of conversations he had with District officials and others concerning the issue. He added that there was some question as to whether or not the board should consider it a league issue at all because the infraction occurred at State Cup and therefore may fall under different guidelines, making it a CYSA issue as opposed to an SSJYSL issue.

A great deal of discussion followed with most board members sharing their thoughts. Many board members felt that the issue with the Pumas highlighted problems in the red card reporting system. There was also discussion concerning the fact that the team had already been penalized significantly because it had been disqualified from State Cup.

Toby moved that we suspend Ray Avalos for a period of three games from this date and he be placed on probation until January 1, 2004. Steve Larson seconded the motion. The vote was 7 for, 2 against, motion carried.

H. Board Member Reports:

- 1. President, Brad Kinne:
 - a. This is the best year District II has had for ODP Tryouts. In the past about 500 players attended but this year over 700 showed up. Brad felt this was a testament to all those coaches and volunteers who helped to prepare the kids.
 - b. Brad asked if someone could go to the District II monthly Presidents meeting and Ingrid volunteered.
 - c. Brad advised that he bought the league a projector screen for \$124.00 and a screen printer for \$115.00.

2. Vice President, Dorice Kunis:
 - a. No Report
3. Treasurer, Arlette Zimmermann:
 - a. Karen asked if there were any receipts and volunteered to pass them along to Arlette.
4. Secretary, Bruce Bacon:
 - a. Bruce thanked Debra and Christine for their work in getting and distributing net fasteners for the goals.
5. Registrar, Rosemary Alvarez:
 - a. We now have 472 Rec players signed up.
 - b. A total of 17 competitive teams have registered so far, we are missing approximately half of what is expected but still have until June 15 to meet the initial deadline.
6. Referee Director, Phil Osuna:
 - a. Christine Alves reported for Phil. Phil is requesting \$1000.00 from the league for a grade 9 referee class. A breakdown of the expenses was given and discussion followed concerning the benefits of the class. Bruce moved that we include \$1000.00 in the league budget for a Rec level referee class. Steve Larson seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. The next referee class (grade 8) is scheduled for June 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26th, with a field clinic to follow on June 28th. We currently have 13 students registered for the class.
 - c. The Advanced referee clinic is scheduled for July 26th.
 - d. The referee refresher course for all SSJ referees is scheduled for August 14 from 6:30pm to 9:00 location to be determined.
7. Competitive Teams Director, Toby Bell:
 - a. We have two new competitive teams signed up and are now at a total of 32 teams. Of those, 11 are class 1, 2 expect to play Premier and 18 are class 3.
 - b. Toby voiced frustration concerning the lack of older age group teams. He feels we need to take steps to improve our competitive teams program in the future.

- c. Toby outlined revised prices for goals at \$1950.00 a set.
 - d. Nets and corner flags are in a separate area of the budget.
 - e. Toby also said that he was planning to work more with the U9 and U10 age groups this year to help insure they are on the right track.
8. U8 Director, John Dickinson:
- a. Nothing to report.
9. Fields Director, Paul Nishimatsu:
- a. Paul wanted to thank Mark Espinoza for his equipment and his help in mowing the Bernal field.
 - b. Paul has a proposal into the District for the repairs to the Bernal fields. He also has another firm quoting on the repair.
 - c. Paul is also looking into a low cost fence, which is normally a significant expense in repair.
 - d. Bernal will have lock boxes in place this week and Paul will give keys to Toby, Brad, Debra, and himself.
 - e. The SJ Power has taken over the maintenance of Herman.
 - f. Corner flags are being redone in ½" diameter pipe.
10. Tournaments Coordinator: Ingrid Schonert:
- a. Ingrid brought in a sample of a participation trophy to show the board and get comments.
 - b. Ingrid passed around some brochures she got at the Tournament Directors Conference she attended last month.
 - c. She also reported on some of the safety measures that were discussed at the Tournament Directors Conference.
 - d. District 2 paid for three people from our league to attend the conference.

11. Communication, Activity & Promotions Director, Karen Kinne:

- a. Karen reported that regarding photography, the best deal seems to be to use the same firm that we used last year. She went over the packages that are available.
- b. Brad asked about the status of the newsletter and Karen said she has not been putting much focus on it. She talked about some of the logistics of putting the newsletter together and there was some discussion about how and when a newsletter could be done.
- c. Brad asked if there is any activity on opening day and Karen asked if anyone had any suggestions for a location. Oakridge, Herman and San Anselmo were suggested and discussed.

12. Equipment Director, Debra Ingram:

- a. No report

13. Recreational Director, Steve Larson:

- a. Nothing to report

14. Coaches and Safety Director, Stephen Ting:

- a. Nothing to report

I. Committee reports:

1. Tournaments

- b. Brad advised that the Tom Radesic Memorial has 5 teams registered so far.
- c. Toby advised that the Thanksgiving Classic has 6 teams registered so far and he is sending out information on the tournament to some top teams in the area.

J. Unfinished Business:

1. No unfinished business.

K. New business:

1. Bruce informed the board about the new San Jose Soccer Club. They are inviting various competitive teams from District II to join the club, which has practice facilities at San Jose State. A few of the requirements of the club is that the teams in the club practice at the club practice facilities, identify

themselves with the club, and wear club colors, which happen to be the same as South San Jose League colors. A couple South San Jose teams were already considering joining and there was some discussion that followed about any potential conflicts with the league. The initial consensus seemed to be that as long as the San Jose Soccer Club is CYSA affiliated there did not appear to be any conflicts.

2. Rosemary asked about a possible refund of the \$650.00 Premier league fee paid by the SSJ Synergy. Normally the league pays this fee, however the SSJ Synergy paid the fee out of pocket due to the last minute filing of their application. The general response was that if the SSJ Synergy succeeds at the tournament then they could get a refund from the league at that time but if they do not, then the Premier league would provide the team the refund.

L. Schedule of next meeting:

1. The next SSJYSL board meeting was scheduled for June 9, 2003 at 7:00pm

M. Good of the game

1. A number of District II teams did well in State Cup.
2. At least 5 South San Jose players made State ODP.

N. Adjournment:

1. A motion to adjourn was made by Steve and seconded by John at 9:53 pm.
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bruce Bacon
Secretary
South San Jose Youth Soccer League

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2003 at 7:00 at the Los Paseos Community Center, 7047 Via Ramada, San Jose, CA 95139