



South San Jose Youth Soccer League Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2005

Meeting Type: Regular Monthly Board Meeting

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

Board Member Role Call:

Toby Bell	President	Present
Paul Villarreal	Vice President	Present
Arlette Zimmermann	Treasurer	Present
Bruce Bacon	Secretary	Present
Rosemary Alvarez	Registrar	Present
David Serrano	Referee Director	Present
Paul Nishimatsu	Fields Director	Present
Susan DePrima	Assistant Fields Director	Absent
Mike Klis	Competitive Teams Director	Present
Rima Mohajerani	Tournaments Coordinator	Present
Nicole Gallizioli	Communication, Activity & Promotions Director	Present
Don Crawford	U8 Director	Present
John Dickinson	Equipment Director	Present
Stephen Ting	Coaches and Safety Director	Present
Bruce Yost	Recreational Director	Present
Tanya Mohajerani	Youth Representative	Present

Guests Present:

Donna Serrano	Referee Scheduler
Nick Harrison	UK Soccer
David Flores	Coach - GU14 Spirit
J.D. Higginbotham	Parent – GU12 Hotshots
Jim Read	Parent – GU11 Storm
Debra Read	Parent – GU11 Storm
Matt Gallizioli	Coach – GU11 Storm
Dawn Gerdt	Manager – GU11 Storm

- A. Toby Bell called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm.
- B. Role call was taken of and a quorum was verified. 15 board members were present and 1 was absent.

C. Guest Business:

1. Nick Harrison from U.K. Soccer gave the board an overview of what features and focus U.K. Soccer has added to their camp programs this year. They will be offering both recreational level camp programs as well as advanced programs and are adding more emphasis this year on specific player position play.

Nick also outlined UK Soccer's fundraising program, joint marketing program, scholarship program and coaches family housing discount.

In addition, UK soccer will be available to conduct the coaching clinics the board has proposed for new and returning recreational coaches. U.K. Soccer can provide 2 coaches working 3 hours a night for multiple nights for this program. Stephen Ting will work with Nick on the planning and details of the clinics.

2. Jim Read and Debra Read requested that the board allow their 8 year old daughter to play up on the GU11 Storm. They explained that their daughter will be turning 9 next month and has been playing Futsal with the Storm now for about 3 months. Storm players are currently either in 3rd grade or 4th grade and their daughter is currently in 3rd.

The Storm coaches Matt Gallizioli and Nicole Gallizioli as well as the team manager, Dawn Gerdt, also offered support for the request and made themselves available for questions from the board.

The board asked questions about the player's size and ability and were assured she is not the smallest player on the roster and has abilities that would be an asset to the team. Nicole also confirmed that she intends for the team to play class 1 at least through spring.

A number of board members voiced concerns about the general issue of playing up, the motivations for playing up, the longer term effect on the child, the extent to which it occurs in our league, and in this specific case, the fairness with regard to the two class 3 teams that are in the league playing at the GU10 age. Other board members voiced the opinion that as long as the board continues to review each request on a case by case basis to insure the motivation for the request is not in conflict with the players best interests, and that the players interest is properly taken into account that it should be ok for some players to play up. There was a lot of general discussion about the issue and no clear consensus. Toby advised Jim and Debra that the board would table further discussion and a vote until later near the end of the meeting.

- 3 J.D. Higginbotham addressed the board with a request that his daughter who currently plays on the GU12 Hotshots be allowed to play up on the class 1 GU13 Tornados. He explained that they had a very good experience while on the Hotshots but her abilities had reached a point

where they felt she would be a better fit playing on the Tornados. Toby advised J.D. the board would vote near the end of the meeting.

D. Agenda approval: Mike Klis moved that we accept the Agenda. Arlette seconded the motion. Motion carried

E. Minutes approval: Mike Klis moved that we accept the January 10 minutes. Arlette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

F. Correspondence:

1. Rosemary passed some information from See's Candy and Wells Fargo concerning fundraising to Nicole.
2. Arlette advised the board that we received a \$320.00 fundraising check from Albertson's. She reminded the board that this fundraiser is very easy to do and just requires passing out the cards for membership to use when shopping. Rosemary suggested that we could include them with registration packets again this year if she can get the cards in time.

G. Board Member Reports:

1. President: Toby Bell:

- a. Toby asked Rosemary if either Sports Team Accommodations or Action Shooters had sent the leagues checks yet and she reported that they had not.
- b. Toby advised that the Districts efforts to raise money for the new soccer complex to replace the Morgan Hill complex are not going well. The District is now looking for alternate ideas and Toby has volunteered to look into the status of the Shady Oaks Complex that was proposed several years ago using County bond funds.
- c. Toby reported that Donna Serrano, the Referee Scheduler for the league will be needed during spring season and that this was not taken into account when the Referee Scheduler pay was last approved. Don Crawford moved that we pay the Referee Scheduler a Stipend of \$400.00 for the spring season. Nicole seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- d. Toby asked for a volunteer to organize a spring coaches meeting for the purpose of organizing and establishing a spring schedule. David Flores volunteered to take care of this.

2. Vice President: Paul Villarreal:

- a. Paul has received a quote for First Aid classes for coaches. The classes would result in a two-year certification for the coach in First Aid, CPR and use of a defibrillator. Classes would have two instructors and be limited to 8 coaches per class in order to insure each coach receives thorough instruction. Several board members commented that the price seemed on the high side. Paul said he would try to get more quotes for the board. Stephen Ting volunteered to help also.
- b. Paul passed along information about a team photographer that he has some experience with and said he highly recommends them. There was some discussion about what is included and the pricing of the packages. Nicole said she would review the information but commented that she was very pleased with the photographer we used last year and was most likely going to use them again this year.
- c. Paul reported that Starbucks has some grants available for local organizations. He will look into it a bit further to see if SSJYSL may qualify.
- d. Paul checked into registration advertising

3. Treasurer: Arlette Zimmermann:

- a. The leagues fiscal year ended on February 28.
- b. There is \$6100.00 currently in the 2005 budget that is not allocated anywhere. Arlette recommends we do not rush to allocate it since unforeseen expenses are likely to arise during the year. Toby reminded the board about the "Student of the Game" program that the San Jose Earthquakes are offering for \$8000.00 and said that he has negotiated with the Earthquakes to include a SSJYSL banner at all home games that would be on the side seen by the TV cameras.
- c. Arlette said that the 2005 budget needs to be approved right away or she cannot pay bills. She reminded the board that we could adjust the budget later if needed. Bruce Bacon moved that we approve the 2005 budget dated January 31, 2005. Mike Klis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Secretary: Bruce Bacon:

- a. Nothing to report

5. Registrar: Rosemary Alvarez:

- a. Rosemary reported that she is waiting for the CYSA registration forms to arrive so she can begin sending them out. She said that she believes the holdup is with Melinda at District and she asked Toby to look into it at the District II meeting.
- b. Rosemary would like to receive spring player ad forms by April 1 if the player has never played in CYSA before and by April 15 if they are a returning CYSA player.
- c. Rosemary confirmed to Nicole that it is now OK to take down the tryout signs and put up the registration signs.

6. Referee Director: David Serrano:

- a. The referee refresher meeting is targeted for March 18 at the Los Paseos Community Center.
- b. The first Referee class for the year is targeted for mid-April.
- c. David and Donna Serrano attended the Referee coordinator meeting about three weeks ago and one topic that was stressed is that referees are to strictly enforce the "no player pass / no play rule".
- d. David reported that he is working with Brad Kinne on setting up a Referee Mentor program this year.

7. Fields Director: Paul Nishimatsu:

- a. The window of opportunity for field improvements will be in the mid - June through mid-July timeframe.
- b. Toby asked about the possibility of renting the equipment needed for field repairs and Paul said he would look into it.
- c. The seed is coming through at Bernal but there are two sprinklers damaged. In addition, there was some vandalism at Bernal recently. Someone drove a car onto the field and was spinning donuts.
- d. Toby asked Paul about how we could take care of the gopher problem and Paul advised it would cost about \$150.00 per month to get an exterminator to deal with the problem.
- e. Toby asked Paul to work on grate covers for the Bernal oval.

8. Assistant Fields Director: Susan DePrima:

- a. No report.

9. Competitive Teams Director: Mike Klis:

- a. Mike contacted Ary Afsari about the board's decision and he has since moved his team to a different league.
- b. The league tryouts went very well. Mike felt all coaches did a good job but said that one coach in particular, Webjorn Bergmann, had about 40 players show up and Webjorn did a great job of organizing and holding his tryout.
- c. Now that the official league tryouts are over individual team tryouts will be held.

10. Tournaments Coordinator: Rima Mohajerani:

- a. Nothing to report.

11. Communication, Activity & Promotions Director: Nicole Gallizioli:

- a. Nicole will begin removing the Tryout Banners tomorrow and will replace them with Registration Banners.
- b. Nicole received permission from San Jose Unified School District to distribute registration flyers through the Oak Grove School District. As a result approximately 12,000 registration flyers were distributed.
- c. Toby advised that he has heard some concern from District II about our leagues registration flyers showing up within other league boundaries. There is some concern that we are trying to recruit players from other leagues. Nicole reiterated that she distributed them through the school district and had the school districts permission. She explained that she did not have control over where the students lived. Rosemary added that she refers people calling about registration who live in other league boundaries to check with the league closest to them. Several board members commented that advertisements placed in the venture section of the paper or other advertising outlets get coverage outside our boundaries but that obviously does not mean that we are trying to recruit from others. Toby advised he would explain this all to the District II board at the next meeting.

12. U8 Director, Don Crawford:

a. Nothing to report.

13. Equipment Director: John Dickinson:

a. John is beginning to get quotes for Rec uniforms.

b. John moved that we increase the Competitive team uniform reimbursement amount from the current \$15.00 per player to \$20.00 per player. Mike Klis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

14 Coaches and Safety Director: Stephen Ting:

a. Nothing to report.

15. Recreational Director: Bruce Yost

a. Nothing to report

16. Youth Representative: Tanya Mohajerani

a. Tanya would like to get a list of all coaches email addresses so that she can send a message introducing herself and asking players for feedback. Mike Klis advised that he can provide her a list but the Rec coaches list will not be final for several months.

b. Tanya is also planning to post a notice on the league website.

H. Committee reports:

1. None

I. Unfinished Business:

1. The board discussed the request made by Jim and Debra Read that their 8 year old daughter to play up on the GU11 Storm. Don Crawford moved that we allow Maya Read to play up on the U11 Storm. Nicole seconded the motion. 8 for, 3 against, 2 abstentions. Motion carried.

2. Mike Klis moved that we allow Elaine Higginbotham to play up on the class 1 GU13 Tornados. Don Crawford seconded the motion. 12 for, 1 against,

0 abstentions. Motion carried.

J. New business:

1. Toby noted the significant amount of debate on the board concerning the playing up issue and asked all board members to review the Constitution and By-Laws and consider ideas to address the playing up issue before the next board meeting.

K. Schedule of next meeting:

1. The next regular SSJYSL board meeting will be on April 11, 2005 at 7:00 at the Los Paseos Community Center.

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1. The Santa Teresa girls finished 2nd in the CCS playoffs.

M. Adjournment:

1. A motion to adjourn was made by Arlette and seconded by John at 09:40 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bruce Bacon
Secretary
South San Jose Youth Soccer League

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2005 at 7:00 at the Los Paseos Community Center, 7047 Via Ramada, San Jose, CA 95139