



# South San Jose Youth Soccer League Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2006

**Meeting Type:** Regular Monthly Board Meeting

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

## Board Member Role Call:

Bruce Yost	President	Present
Don Crawford	Vice President	Present
Arlette Zimmermann	Treasurer	Present
Bruce Bacon	Secretary	Present
Rosemary Alvarez	Registrar	Present
David Serrano	Referee Director	Present
Donna Serrano	Referee Scheduler	Present
Kurt Kanavel	Fields Director	Present
Paul Nishimatsu	Assistant Fields Director	Present
Rick Simons	Assistant Fields Director	Present
Nicole Gallizioli	Competitive Teams Director	Present
Vacant	Recreational Director	----
Vacant	U8 Director	----
Stephen Ting	Coaches and Safety Director	Present
Rima Mohajerani	Tournaments Coordinator	Present
Laura Lewis	Equipment Director	Present
Rebecca Hernandez	Communication, Activity & Promotions Director	Absent
Tanya Mohajerani	Youth Representative	Absent

## Guests Present:

Matt Watkins                      Challenger British Soccer

- A. Bruce Yost called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
- B. Role call was taken of and a quorum was verified. 14 board members were present and 2 were absent.

## C. Guest Business:

1. Matt Watkins gave the board a presentation about Challenger British Soccer. They are now the largest soccer camp organization in the U.S. and work with over 1300 leagues nationwide. He advised that Challenger British Soccer has grown from just offering Camps and now offers uniforms, etc. They have a tour division, team trainers, etc. Matt explained that his feeling is that what sets them apart is the high quality of the staff Challenger British Soccer has. He said that they have many

more applicants than positions and are able to select only the best staff. All staff go through a full background check. Level 2 FA certification is a minimum. Matt also passed around brochures and other handouts detailing curriculum, etc. Each camper would receive a ball, camp tee shirt, written evaluation, and end of camp gift. They have online registration and each child who signs up 45 days or more ahead of time also would receive a jersey. Matt also outlined several logistics and marketing issues. They can also provide a coaches clinic for rec coaches and team camp services.

Matt would need a league coordinator. Camp costs are as follows: 3-4 year olds are \$57.00, 4-6 year olds are \$72, 6-16 year olds are \$98.00, and 10-18 year olds for a full day is \$145.00. The league can add an additional amount to the costs as a fund raising mechanism. July 31<sup>st</sup> is currently booked. Matt would like our decision following the February board meeting.

D. Agenda approval: Bruce Bacon moved that we accept the Agenda. Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried

E. Minutes approval: Bruce Bacon moved that we accept the November 14, 2005 minutes. Rosemary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

F. Correspondence:

1. None

G. Board Member Reports:

1. President: Bruce Yost:

- a. Bruce said he is looking forward to a good year for our league.
- b. Bruce also asked board members to keep an eye out for anyone interested to be the U8 director.

2. Vice President: Don Crawford:

- a. Nothing to report

3. Treasurer: Arlette Zimmermann:

- a. Arlette advised we need to set up a budget committee right away to meet in February so the 2006 budget can be up for approval at the March meeting. President, VP, Treasurer will be on the committee. Kurt, Paul, and Rick will also be on the committee.
- b. Fiscal Year end is Feb 28 and all bills must be turned in by then.

4. Secretary: Bruce Bacon:
  - a. Bruce distributed a Board Member contact list to all board members. Bruce asked the board for any corrections. Several were provided.
  - b. Bruce will ask Charlie to post the new board contact information on the web later this week.
  - c. Bruce reported that the AGM minutes and the updated Constitution have been completed and are now on the league website.
  - d. Bruce stated that he feels we should focus extra attention on attracting U8 players this year in order to league membership. He proposed that the board consider an add in Bay Area Parent magazine to run for 3 or 4 months targeted at U8 players. Monthly cost for quarter pages add would be around \$600.00. For an eighth page around \$380. The board discussed the issue as well as several other board members offering suggestions. No action was taken at this time.
  - e. Bruce suggested that league rules concerning try-outs, uniforms, and other issues that fall under the oversight of various board members be consolidated, organized and published on the web to help eliminate confusion. He asked each Board member to forward electronic copies of the various rules to him so he can work on putting together a consolidated document for league rules.
5. Registrar: Rosemary Alvarez:
  - a. Rosemary will need tryout information when available.
6. Referee Director: David Serrano:
  - a. David will plan on scheduling a March 14-6 and 21-23 class 8 referee class. We already have 10-15 people asking about classes. Usually class size will get up to around 30. David expects cost to increase to about \$30.00.
  - b. David is planning a referee refresher course on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March.
  - c. David is also working on a uniform package for the referees.
7. Referee Scheduler: Donna Serrano:
  - a. Nothing to report.

8. Fields Director: Kurt Kanavel:

- a. Paul, Rick and Kurt have been discussing field priorities for this year. They are trying to think a little outside the box. One goal is to secure one artificial field for this year.
- b. Kurt would like to get a top 3 "wish list" from each board member within the next two weeks. He explained this could be about anything field related. field boxes, etc. Once he received this feedback Paul, Rick and Kurt will get together and review the feedback.
- c. They will be going through all field boxes to inventory the items we currently have.
- d. Regarding the Lawn mower insurance issue, Kurt has checked with OSHA and they advised that being a non-profit we can arrange for Paul to train all those who want use the mower and get those people certified.
- e. Bruce Yost advised the board some of the feedback that he has heard regarding the use of the Santa Teresa fields. Donna suggested we get players to sign a petition during registration.

9. Assistant Fields Director: Paul Nishimatsu:

- a. Paul confirmed that he went to a Santa Teresa board meeting last year regarding field use and the main issue was noise concern by neighbors.

10. Assistant Fields Director: Rick Simons:

- a. Nothing to report.

11. Competitive Teams Director: Nicole Gallizioli:

- a. Coach's applications were due this past Friday but Nicole will be extending the deadline until January 20 because a lot of the emails announcing the deadline got bounced back. She would like to make sure the information gets out to all coaches. This should still allow for application reviews to begin about 8 days prior to tryouts.
- b. League tryout dates will be January 28-29 with staggered times, followed by another round on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> and 12. Rainout dates would be March 4-5.
- c. Nicole asked Kurt to confirm the fields for tryouts and commented she would like to arrange it on the same fields as last year to avoid any confusion for players and teams.

- d. The Coach Selection Committee needs to be formed immediately and Nicole outlined some of the attributes she is looking for in the people on the committee. Coaching experience, referee experience, etc. A discussion followed concerning the types of questions that should be asked, possible background checks, and who would be appropriate for the committee. Bruce Yost, Stephen Ting and Rima Mohajerani volunteered and were confirmed to be on the committee. Nicole may add one or two more prior to the work getting started.
- e. The Competitive Coaches meeting will probably be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March, most likely on March 8. Nicole asked Stephen to attend and prepare to present on the Positive Coaching Alliance.
- f. Nicole would like to get the 5 tryout banners up asap. Rosemary has them.
- g. There are 6 registration banners.

12. Recreational Director: *Vacant*:

- a. No report

13. U8 Director: *Vacant*:

- a. No report.

14. Coaches and Safety Director: Stephen Ting:

- a. Stephen is planning for an F Class in March.
- b. Stephen is still considering how he will approach the Positive Coaching Alliance program this year.
- c. Stephen would like to run Livescan background checks. Cost per check would be around \$80.00 to \$90.00 per person. The board discussed this but no immediate action was taken.
- d. Kurt advised he is a certified instructor for CPR and would offer instruction and certification from the American Heart Association to any board member for \$15.00.

15. Tournaments Coordinator: Rima Mohajerani:

- a. Rima advised Bruce Yost that District Cup trophies were not ordered in time by the District and she is concerned that some teams that did not get them will think it is the league's fault. She would like Bruce to address this issue when he is at the District meeting.

16. Equipment Director: Laura Lewis:

- a. Nothing to report

17. Communication, Activity & Promotions Director: Rebecca Hernandez:

- a. No report.

18. Youth Representative: Tanya Mohajerani

- a. No report

H. Committee reports:

1. None

I. Unfinished Business:

1. None

J. New business:

1. Paul advised that we had two porta potties burn down this year. One was at Bernal and one was at Oakridge. This cost the league about \$1000.00 Paul is working with ACME to get a damage waiver this year.
2. The board dinner will be on Thursday Feb 2 at Chevy's at 7:00pm. Nicole will call and reserve space. Bruce Bacon will send an email to past and present board members confirming the dinner.

K. Schedule of next meeting:

1. The next regular SSJYSL board meeting will be on February 6, 2006 at 7:00 in the Los Paseos Community Center.

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1. None

M. Adjournment:

1. A motion to adjourn was made by Stephen and seconded by Nicole at 09:26 pm.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bruce Bacon  
Secretary  
South San Jose Youth Soccer League

*The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 6 , 2006 at 7:00 in the Los Paseos  
Community Center, 7047 Via Ramada, San Jose, CA 95139*