



# South San Jose Youth Soccer League Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2006

**Meeting Type:** Regular Monthly Board Meeting

**Location:** Tomato-Tyme Restaurant, 5631 Cottle Rd., San Jose, CA 95123

## 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	Absent
Nicole Gallizioli	Competitive Teams Director	Present
Vacant	Recreational Director	----
Tim Martin	U8 Director	Present
Stephen Ting	Coaches and Safety Director	Present
Rima Mohajerani	Tournaments Coordinator	Present
Laura Lewis	Equipment Director	Absent
Vacant	Communication, Activity & Promotions Director	----
Tanya Mohajerani	Youth Representative	Present

## Guests Present:

Art Burkhard                      President of the San Jose Soccer Referee Association.

- A. Don called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm.
- B. Role call was taken and a quorum was verified. 8 board members were present and 8 were absent at the start of the meeting. 6 board members arrived late at various times throughout the meeting. These board members will be running laps and will not be starting at the next board meeting.
- C. Guest Business:
1. Art Burkhard outlined the Referee Recognition Program which is a program that the San Jose Soccer Referee Association is putting together. The concept behind the Referee Recognition Program is to recognize the referees in the league who have served the league well. The program would be administered by each participating league and

each league would be responsible for identifying candidates within the league for recognition. The idea is to provide encouragement to soccer referees. To participate, each league sends a representative to two of the San Jose Soccer Referee Association meetings, one in May to discuss potential selection criteria options and one in June to finalize and reach agreement on the selection criteria.

Art outlined some of the categories: novice, youth and adult, male and female. He said that awards celebrations would be held in December. Art said he has five leagues so far interested in the program.

Board feedback was very positive and David Serrano said he would be willing to go to the meetings.

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

E. Minutes approval: Arlette moved that we accept the April 6, 2006 minutes. Rosemary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

F. Correspondence:

1. None

G. Board Member Reports:

1. President: Bruce Yost:

- a. CYSA North has now gotten involved with the Hollister fields and the President of CYSA has said that all the money District 2 has collected is CYSA North's. This will be a significant topic at the District Board Meeting tomorrow, May 9<sup>th</sup> and Bruce Yost suggested we be sure to hold on to our check until everything gets sorted out.
- b. Bruce Yost checked the minutes for the foundation working on the Hollister fields and confirmed that there was a vote among the league Presidents last year related to the donations and the District 2 League Presidents did in fact pass the motion. There was some discussion about the difference between the foundation versus the District, the validity of the motion, etc. on that basis. There was also discussion about the foundation itself, and the general sentiment was that in spite of concern about the money they are requesting, the board feels the purpose and intent of the foundation is a good one.

- c. The District is concerned about teams practicing outside league boundaries. Some teams are practicing outside their boundaries and the District is complaining to league Presidents who are allowing this. Our league needs to keep an eye out for this as we may have several teams who are doing this or considering doing it. Bruce talked with Terry Thompson at District for clarification on the issue and he said that exceptions are unlikely unless we are experiencing a severe field shortage. Bruce also read to the Board a District motion that passed which specified that teams registered within a league can only hold tryouts within their leagues boundaries. District also is stating that teams should advertise for player recruitment only within their own boundaries.
- d. District is talking about canceling Premier League.
- e. Bruce advised the District Cup dates for U14 to U18 will be Oct 7-8, U11 to 13 will be Nov 18-19, and under 10 will be Dec 2 and 3.
- f. Rima asked about the ability to use Morgan Hill fields. This was followed by a discussion regarding Tournament applications.
- g. District is doing some review of programs for online registration.

2. Vice President: Don Crawford:

- a. Big Toe was bought out by Eurosport. All new orders for Uniforms now go to Eurosport. They are a little bit more expensive than Big Toe was, however they have a points / bonus program where the league could get credits for merchandise after ordering a set amount. Other aspects, such as ordering ease, lead-time, etc, all seem to be good so there is no immediate concern. Several board members expressed reservations about Eurosport. General sentiment was to keep an eye on the issue.
- b. There was also discussion about the Adidas Cosmo style uniform being phased out at the end of the year. Laura will need to suggest an alternative for league use. Don suggested we switch to white tee shirts and use magic marker for the numbers.

3. Treasurer: Arlette Zimmermann:

- a. Arlette passed around copies of the 2005 year tax return.
- b. Arlette suggested we consider downsizing our league storage. There was some discussion about using some of the field containers. Bruce Yost will ask Laura to look into this.

4. Secretary: Bruce Bacon:
  - a. Nothing to report.
5. Registrar: Rosemary Alvarez:
  - a. Registration forms are out.
  - b. Rosemary is ready to start working on Competitive teams as soon as they start turning in paperwork.
  - c. Rosemary reiterated the rules regarding use of fall 2005 rosters for July 2006 Tournaments. She stated that adds to those rosters normally require about 6 weeks to process and she would like the word to get out regarding this.
6. Referee Director: David Serrano:
  - a. David reported that we had one mix up with a coach not notifying the Ref scheduler about a canceled game, thereby resulting in the Refs showing up and an issue with getting them paid. This also happened one other time previously this year. Although it is not considered a big problem there was a discussion about preventive steps the league can take. Arlette relayed an idea Rick Simons had about requiring a deposit for one game from each team up front. Several board members stated that this seemed unfair to those teams who do notification properly. Nicole suggested we only require a deposit from coaches who have failed to do notification. Bruce Yost stated that if a ref shows up and the team does not the league should insure that no matter what the referees get paid promptly. After further discussion, Bruce Bacon moved that: "Any team that, when a game is cancelled, fails to call the referee scheduler and cancel the referees, will be required to reimburse the league for the referee fees at full pay scale before the league will schedule any Referees or fields for that team's future games." Don seconded. The vote was 7 for, 2 abstain. Motion carried.
  - b. There has been some referee mentoring going on with some of the new referees.
  - c. David has not received any referee complaints over the internet so far this year.
  - d. Dave reported that the Bernal field is looking good and has heard compliments from a San Francisco team.

7. Referee Scheduler: Donna Serrano:

- a. Nothing to report.

8. Fields Director: Kurt Kanavel:

- a. Kurt reported that we are making some pretty good progress with the fields. He is starting to hear recognition of the field improvements.
- b. The field team met with various school Principals this week and the focus was on water issues. Kurt's main concern is keeping progress going by insuring water for the fields from the school district. He believes progress is being made regarding this issue but will know more in the coming weeks.
- c. Kurt is considering a plan to end up closing Martin Murphy as a playing field. He reported that we can start playing on Santa Teresa's artificial fields beginning this weekend. Oak Grove has committed to let us use their field for a few half days during fall and possibly a night game or two. They also committed to allow some field use for next spring. Gunderson is still in negotiation.
- d. Bruce Yost said the going rate for artificial field use is \$50.00 per hour or put another way \$100.00 per game. We need to get a plan together ASAP on how to get the word out for these fields, organize signups, schedules, money collection, etc. Nicole volunteered to help with getting the word out to coaches. Kurt and Bruce Y. will put together an email tomorrow with details so Nicole can get the word out. A short discussion followed concerning a few of the issues.
- e. Kurt outlined some additional long term issues concerning Santa Teresa field use. They need a commitment from the league to help by attending some of the school board meetings in order to help insure support for the idea.
- f. Bruce Y. asked Kurt about the field budget status, and he stated that he has about \$5000.00 left.

9. Assistant Fields Director: Paul Nishimatsu:

- a. Paul reported that Martin Murphy will wait until after school is out before they take care of broadleaf weeds. He also reported that they have hired someone to go after the gophers.

10. Assistant Fields Director: Rick Simons:

- a. No report.

11. Competitive Teams Director: Nicole Gallizioli:
  - a. Nicole reported that the Delgado League is upset about teams that do not report scores or drop out without notification. They advised her that they have the right to fine leagues whose teams drop out or do not report scores. Paul commented that he has had a lot of difficulty entering scores on the Delgado website.
  - b. Charlie Hatfield and Tim Martin have been approved as coaches. When doing her review their respective parents spoke highly of them. Shawn Medved elected to coach within the Los Gatos league.
  - c. Nicole reported that another coach from Orchard Valley wants to join our league. He coaches a U13 girl's team. The coach is Nick Hofmann. The board discussed how to properly handle this in light of recent sensitivities expressed by the District regarding league boundaries. Nicole reported that she had advised Nick of SSJYSL rules and requirements and he had agreed. After discussion it was agreed that the District should have no issues as long Nicole follows our normal process for coach approval.
12. Recreational Director: Vacant:
  - a. No report
13. U8 Director: Tim Martin:
  - a. Tim advised he will be asking Don for background on running the U8 program soon in preparation for getting the program going this year.
14. Coaches and Safety Director: Stephen Ting:
  - a. Stephen reported that Bav, who is organizing the leagues soccer camp, has talked to him about the Coach Trainer program he had discussed with the board. It provides beginning coaches mentoring at two clinics along with 10 weeks of practice sessions, as well as a hotline for advice. Bav is stating that the cost is \$17.50 per coach and he wants a commitment for a minimum of 40 coaches. Stephen suggested the league pay the fee. There was some discussion about a need for a motion but several board members were concerned about the 40 coach minimum. They suggested that Stephen go back and talk to Bav further to see if the minimum could be lowered.
15. Tournaments Coordinator: Rima Mohajerani:
  - a. Nothing to report.

16. Equipment Director: Laura Lewis:

a. No report.

17. Communication, Activity & Promotions Director: Vacant

a. No report.

18. Youth Representative: Tanya Mohajerani

a. Nothing to report.

H. Committee reports:

1. None

I. Unfinished Business:

1. None

J. New business:

1. Paul stated he has received a formal complaint about an under age driver on one of the league's mowers. There was a brief discussion and Kurt advised he will send out an email stating this is not be allowed.

K. Schedule of next meeting:

1. The next regular SSJYSL board meeting will be on June 5, 2006 at 7:00 in the Los Paseos Community Center.

L. Good of the game

1. None reported

M. Adjournment:

1. A motion to adjourn was made by Donna and seconded by Kurt at 9:30 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bruce Bacon  
Secretary  
South San Jose Youth Soccer League