



South San Jose Youth Soccer League Meeting Minutes

October 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
Vacant	Referee Scheduler	----
Kurt Kanavel	Fields Director	Absent
Paul Nishimatsu	Assistant Fields Director	Present
Rick Simons	Assistant Fields Director	Present
Nicole Gallizioli	Competitive Teams Director	Absent
Vacant	Recreational Director	----
Vacant	U8 Director	----
Vacant	Coaches and Safety Director	----
Rima Mohajerani	Tournaments Coordinator	Present
Laura Lewis	Equipment Director	Present
Vacant	Communication, Activity & Promotions Director	----
Tanya Mohajerani	Youth Representative	Present

Guests Present:

Christine Alves Referee Scheduler

- A. Bruce Yost called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm.
- B. Role call was taken and a quorum was verified. 9 board members were present and 4 were absent at the start of the meeting. 2 board members arrived late.
- C. Guest Business:
 1. Christine said that she firmly believes that if the league is hosting District Cup games then league games should not be played at the same time. This causes a severe shortage of quality referees. Abronzino and Delgado leagues schedule games at the same time. Bruce Yost will bring up this issue at the District meeting tomorrow.
 2. Christine advised that there was an issue with out of control parents at Bernal this past weekend. Christine brought player passes for entire U16 Boys Santa Cruz Breakers team with her to the meeting. She reported

that parents of the Breakers were so vocally out of control during the game that they were finally directed to leave by the center referee. After the game, the parents came back and cornered the referees. The referee reported that although one of the Santa Cruz players was red carded during the game, the game itself was not out of control, just the parents. She said that the Referees had no initial intention to keep all the player passes but when the parents surrounded the referees after the game they ended up leaving as quickly as possible and keeping the passes. After some discussion it was decided that we would send the card for the player who was red carded through normal red card channels and Bruce Yost will take the other player passes to the District meeting tomorrow and explain what happened.

- D. Agenda approval: *Rick moved that we accept the Agenda. Rima seconded the motion. Motion carried*
- E. Minutes approval: *Rosemary moved that we accept the August 7, 2006 minutes. Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rick moved that we accept the September 11, 2006 minutes with one amendment because his name was spelled incorrectly. Rosemary seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

F. Correspondence:

1. None.

G. Board Member Reports:

1. President: Bruce Yost:
 - a. Bruce reported that he sent out the email to all coaches about the league uniform compliance issue. Rick advised he also sent it out to all coaches. In spite of the warnings no coaches who were in violation had come to the meeting. There was a discussion about which teams are in violation of the league requirements.
 - b. Bruce reported that the San Jose Soccer Fields foundation had a civil engineering company do a cost estimate for the 26 fields and accessories and came up with \$86 million. Several gasps of amazement were heard.
 - c. Bruce also advised that there has been some preliminary work started on funding possibilities and it is expected that private part donations will play a major role in raising the funds. Several more gasps of amazement were heard.
2. Vice President: Don Crawford:
 - a. Nothing to report.

3. Treasurer: Arlette Zimmermann:
 - a. Arlette advised she is going to enforce the requirement of getting completed W9 forms from referees. They will need to provide them to her in order to receive payment.
4. Secretary: Bruce Bacon:
 - a. Bruce reported that he is noting in the minutes that on September 11th Stephen Ting resigned as the Coaching and Safety Director from the SSJYSL Board via email. Among other comments in his resignation email, Stephen stated that “it’s been a great learning and growing experience for me, and thank you all for sharing the good time and the bad time with me.”
5. Registrar: Rosemary Alvarez:
 - a. Nothing to report.
6. Referee Director: David Serrano:
 - a. There are serious referee shortages all around. This affected District Cup and also league games. We have been also having some problems with new referees who cannot speak any English at all. A very long discussion followed on how we can attract referee’s for the balance of the season as well as improvements we can make in 2007. One point that was made is that we currently are paying less then most leagues. *Bruce Bacon moved that we raise referee fees by \$5.00 immediately for U11 and older Class 1 and Class 3 games. Don Crawford seconded. The vote was 8 for, 0 against, 1 abstention. Motion carried.*
 - b. In addition, we do not have online postings of league games. Christine provided some information on a service called TheArbiter.net which shows all kinds of ref information concerning the referee, the field schedules, etc, and is very helpful to the referees and the scheduler. It is felt that if we sign up for this service it will help with the referee shortage issue. After some discussion it was generally felt that we should start this in 2007.
7. Referee Scheduler: Vacant
 - a. No report.
8. Fields Director: Kurt Kanavel:
 - a. No report.

9. Assistant Fields Director: Paul Nishimatsu:
 - a. Nothing to report
10. Assistant Fields Director: Rick Simons:
 - a. The games that took place at Gunderson this past weekend went really well. We had four games in total that took place there this weekend.
 - b. There is some confusion about fees for Gunderson grass fields and Rick will discuss with Kurt to sort it out.
 - c. Santa Teresa goals are not secured this past weekend. Rick reported that Kurt advised him previously that he is getting sand bags to secure the Santa Teresa goals. Rick is not sure if he has got the sand bags yet or not.
11. Competitive Teams Director: Nicole Gallizioli:
 - a. No report.
12. Recreational Director: Vacant:
 - a. No report
13. U8 Director: Vacant:
 - a. No Report
14. Coaches and Safety Director: Vacant:
 - a. No Report
15. Tournaments Coordinator: Rima Mohajerani:
 - a. Nothing to report.
16. Equipment Director: Laura Lewis:
 - a. Laura has paid for the logo set up fee at Asby's so any SSJ team can get the logo put on their uniform. Charlie is also posting information regarding this on the league website.
 - b. We need to plan for the new league approved uniform since the Adidas Cosmo uniform is being discontinued.
17. Communication, Activity & Promotions Director: Vacant
 - a. No report.

18. Youth Representative: Tanya Mohajerani

- a. Tanya advised that she intends to send out a coach survey again this year. She needs an updated list of coaches. Rosemary said she can supply one.

H. Committee reports:

1. None

I. Unfinished Business:

1. David explained about a survey idea that was intended to ultimately form a fields committee. He sent out an email to a large number of people asking for feedback on fields. He only received three responses. Some board members commented that the email was a bit confusing and it's purpose was unclear. Bruce Yost asked David to report to the board about feedback he receives regarding the fields at the next meeting.

J. New business:

1. Rick sent out an email to U6 and U8 coaches asking for interest in, and a coordinator for a jamboree. He has received very limited feedback and so it appears only U8 boys will have a jamboree since that is the only group that he received responses from.
2. The issue of how we deal with the teams who are not complying with the league uniform requirements was again discussed at some length. *Arlette moved that teams that don't comply with SSJYSL league uniform requirements will not be allowed to register in our league beginning in the Spring season 2007 and beyond. The vote was: 5 for, 2 against, and 1 abstention. Motion carried.* The three board members who did not vote for the motion all stated that they did so because they felt even stronger action should be taken.
3. Rosemary suggested that we prepare a packet of information for teams that includes league rules. A number of board members thought this is an excellent idea.
4. Rosemary will try to reserve the Elks Lodge for November 9 for the coach's dinner.
5. The AGM will be December 4.

K. Schedule of next meeting:

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

L. Good of the game

1. The U17 SSJ Lions had a excellent District Cup winning three of their four games to finish 2nd.
2. The U14 boys SSJ Lobitos team took first place in the red division at District Cup defeating Juventus Monarcas 2-1, Salinas Select 1-0, De Anza Force 1-0, and the SC Breakers on pk's in the final.
3. The U16 Girls SSJ Fire placed second in District Cup in their division. They won two games and tied a third.
4. The Boys U12 SSJ Skyhawks are currently in first place in league.

M. Adjournment:

1. A motion to adjourn was made by Rosemary and seconded by Don at 9:36 pm.
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bruce Bacon
Secretary
South San Jose Youth Soccer League