



# South San Jose Youth Soccer League Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2007

**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	Fields Director	----
Rick Simons	Assistant Fields Director	Present
Alan Chase	Assistant Fields Director	Present
Anh Nguyen	Competitive Teams and Coaching Director	Present
Claudio Fleiner	Recreational Director	Present
Ghassan Khadder	U8 Director	Present
Paul Nishimatsu	Tournaments Coordinator	Present
Laura Lewis	Equipment Director	Present
Vacant	Communication, Activity & Promotions Director	----
Bill Mayne	Abronzino Rep	Present
Vacant	Delgado Rep	----
Vacant	Youth Representative	----

**Guests Present:**

Kurt Kanaval	Guest
Jessica Chase	Guest
Mannie Brahman	Guest
Janet Kulig	Team Manager for USA 17
John Cleveland	Guest
Karen Nolan	Guest

- A. Bruce Yost called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.
- B. Role call was taken and a quorum was verified. 14 board members were present and 0 were absent.

C. Guest Business:

1. *Bruce Bacon nominated Kurt Kanaval for Fields Director. Alan Chase seconded the motion. Motion Carried.*
2. *Alan Chase nominated Jessica Chase to be the Youth Representative. Bruce Bacon seconded the motion. Motion Carried.*
3. *Rosemary Alvarez nominated Karen Nolan for the Communication, Activity & Promotions Director. Bruce Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

D. Agenda approval: *Rosemary moved that we accept the Agenda. Ahn seconded the motion.* Rick Simons pointed out several items that he requested in the agenda were not there. *Motion carried*

E. Minutes approval: *Don moved that we accept the November 6, 2006 minutes. Alan seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

F. Correspondence:

1. None.

G. Board Member Reports:

1. President: Bruce Yost:
  - a. There is a new league in District II called Marina which will be in the Monterey area. Field availability is an issue for this league.
  - b. Bruce provided an update on the Silicon Valley Sports Complex in Hollister: The business plan is drafted and being reviewed. The next step is fundraising. The Foundation is paying the first note on the land. Many of the people on that board are the same people trying to get the Earthquakes back, and they are also talking about some youth fields near Spartan Stadium tied into the plan to get the Earthquakes back.
  - c. It is now confirmed that the Morgan Hill complex will be open for 5 more years, but it will be reduced to nine fields. They may also develop two turf fields, possibly with lights.
  - d. There was a lot of positive feedback on the referee recognition program. One question that was raised was why we had not nominated an adult referee.
  - e. The CYSA North AGM is in Santa Clara next month at the Santa Clara Convention Center on Feb 10<sup>th</sup>.

2. Vice President: Don Crawford:

- a. Don advised that the person who had previously been our Delgado rep is now going to be a District rep so the position is open.
- b. Don raised the issue of Norcal and Super Y teams playing on our fields and using our refs. Discussion followed.

3. Treasurer: Arlette Zimmermann:

- a. Arlette would like all board members to turn in receipts by the next meeting.
- b. Arlette has been working on the budget and has some of the "budget versus actual" numbers worked out. Currently we need \$130,000 for our budget but the average player fee is \$119.00. Based on 2006 registration numbers, this will not be enough. Arlette recommended that in order to meet the anticipated budget for 2007 we should consider raising the player fees. After some discussion it was agreed that the board needs to address this by next months meeting.
- c. Arlette would like all board members to submit 2007 budget requests within the next two weeks.
- d. Janet Kulig advised the board that Santa Clara charges a \$40.00 volunteer fee per family over and above player fees which can be worked off and refunded at a rate of \$10.00 per hour for volunteer services performed. Bruce Yost advised Almaden does a program like this also. The board discussed considering a similar program for South San Jose.
- e.

4. Secretary: Bruce Bacon:

- a. Bruce advised the board that he has fallen behind on Secretary responsibilities due to other obligations and he hopes to catch up in the next month or so.

5. Registrar: Rosemary Alvarez:

- a. Nothing to report

6. Referee Director: David Serrano:

- a. David passed around a table showing referee pay rates for various leagues. After some discussion it was suggested that the budget committee review this information. *Rick Simons moved that the pay for referees in the fall and spring be made identical. Alan seconded. Motion carried.*
- b. David is working on setting up referee classes and is planning on holding them March 12-14 and March 19-22 with a referee refresher class to be held on March 28. David would like class sizes larger than 20 since that is the break even point. The cost per referee candidate is \$55.00 and the uniform is approximately \$35.00 to \$55.00. After the referee has worked three games the league will reimburse the class fee.
- c. In 2006, there were problems with the lack of proper uniforms, socks, etc and David advised this will not be allowed this year.

7. Fields Director: Kurt Kanaval :

- a. Several months ago Kurt proposed to the school district that they use the company Hydrotech for watering issues. Bruce Murphy also supported this option and the School district has now selected Hydrotech. The cost to the league is not yet determined. We may need to pay for parts. SSJYSL will be allowed to contact Hydrotech directly. There was a discussion about cost to the league and other leagues that use the fields.
- b. We have signed Gunderson and Santa Teresa for spring and fall. Gunderson is getting lights and this will open up Saturday during the day since most of their games will be held on Saturday night.
- c. Kurt is proposing that for 2007 we get new nets and goals. He would like to have the league get the new plastic goals that are light weight, with automatic goal stakes and nets that are always on the goal. The cost for the league is about \$19,000 dollars.
- d. Alan Chase is the FC at Gunderson and we are now striping all their fields. Kurt would like another container at Gunderson to hold paint supplies, etc. The cost is \$1700.00.
- e. Kurt is planning to work with Paul to plan to keep Martin Murphy. This will possibly cost the league money.
- f. Almaden is using Steinbeck and Randall fields.

- g. Kurt explained an FC program idea to encourage every team's participation. If an FC schedules for a team to work the field, and the team does not, the league would then suspend the coach for one game. If it occurs a second time, the league would then pull the coaches pass. *Rick moved that we put in place a rule that if a team is scheduled to work the field, and they do not, the league pull the coach's pass for one game and, after the second offence league pull the coach's pass pulled for season. Don seconded.* After some discussion about the leagues ability to pull passes the motion was retracted. It was decided that Ahn will need to inform the coaches that the league is considering this issue and a policy will be coming.
  - h. *Rick moved that we charge every family \$40.00 volunteer fee that can be worked off at a rate of \$10.00 per hour for volunteer work performed. Alan seconded. Motion failed.* Janet Kulig will be looking at existing programs and report back to the league.
  - i. *Kurt moved that we adopt a volunteer program in February. Rick seconded. Discussion followed. Kurt retracted his motion.* Bruce Yost suggested that the budget committee consider the issue.
8. Assistant Fields Director: Rick Simons:
- a. Nothing to report
9. Assistant Fields Director: Alan Chase:
- a. Nothing to report.
10. Competitive Teams Director: Anh Nguyen:
- a. Anh asked the board to discuss a proposal from Rick Simons to mandate that all coaches also be licensed referees. The board discussed this at some length but no action was taken.
  - b. There was discussion about the following issues:
    - 1. Pre F class.
    - 2. Coach application status
    - 3. Tryout guidelines and an outlined of tryout dates. Discussion about number of teams in class age / group. Ahn proposed that in cases of multiple teams in an age group he will watch closely.
    - 4. Abronzino new rules and affected SSJ teams
  - c. Janet Kulig outlined the USA club system to the board and also provided some background on the Super Y club structure.

11. Tournaments Coordinator: Paul Nishimatsu:
  - a. There are two tournaments on the Schedule, The Tom Radesic Class 3 for both boys and girls and the Thanksgiving Tournament which is a Class 1 and Class 3 Girls only tournament.
12. Communication, Activity & Promotions Director: Karen Nolan
  - a. Nothing to report
13. U8 Director – Ghassan Khadder:
  - a. Nothing to report
14. Equipment Director: Laura Lewis:
  - a. Laura passed around an Onore jersey and a Nike book. She outlined some of the uniform costs related to the sample. Laura moved that we select the Onore Jersey style with the Campo shorts, Copa socks, Royal and White colors as the official league uniform style. The motion was seconded by Alan. The vote was 8 for, 5 against, 1 abstention Motion Carried
16. Recreational Director – Claudio Fleiner
  - a. Nothing to report.
17. Abronzino Rep: Bill Mayne:
  - a. Bill brought copies of the new Abronzino rules. SSJ had no relegations but had 3 teams that are on the bubble: SSJ Tornados GU15, SSJ Earthquakes BU13, and the U12 United. These teams will need to re-apply. Bill outlined the idea system of relegation for the board. Class 3 teams that win their division are automatically advanced.
18. Delgado Rep: Vacant:
  - b. Ahn will be the voting rep for Delgado
19. Youth Representative: Jessica Chase
  - c. Nothing to report.

#### H. Formation of committees:

1. The Budget Committee was organized and includes: Bruce Yost, Arlette, Don, Laura, Alan, and Paul. The Budget committee will meet within one week.

I. Unfinished Business:

1. None

J. New business:

1. The Board dinner will be on Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The location will be Chevy's on Almaden Expressway.

K. Schedule of next meeting:

1. The next SSJYSL board meeting will be the AGM on February 12, 2007 at 7:00 in the Los Paseos Community Center.

L. Good of the game

1. None

M. Adjournment:

1. A motion to adjourn was made by Rosemary and seconded by Don at 9:14 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bruce Bacon  
Secretary  
South San Jose Youth Soccer League