



# South San Jose Youth Soccer League Meeting Minutes

April 16, 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	Absent
Arlette Zimmermann	Treasurer	Present
Bruce Bacon	Secretary	Present
Rosemary Alvarez	Registrar	Present
David Serrano	Referee Director	Present
Kurt Kanaval	Fields Director	Present
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
Karan Nolan	Communication, Activity & Promotions Director	Present
Bill Mayne	Abronzino Rep	Present
Vacant	Delgado Rep	----
Jessica Chase	Youth Representative	Present

## Guests Present:

John Cleveland	BU16 USA 90
Janet Kulig	GU17 USA17 Ruckus
Larry Roger	Referee

- A. Bruce Yost called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm.
- B. Role call was taken and a quorum was verified. 16 board members were present and 1 was absent.
- C. Guest Business:
  1. None
- D. Agenda approval: *Bill moved that we accept the Agenda. Rick seconded the motion. Motion carried*
- E. Minutes approval: *Alan moved that we accept the March 2007 minutes. Ahn seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

- F. Website – Claudio updated the board on the new website and its features. He then focused on the game scheduling pages and how they relate to referees being assigned to games. Games that are not listed on the website will not get referees. Games that are cancelled but are not removed from the website will still have referees assigned to them so we need to be careful that the updates and overall process is followed correctly. Teams must provide 48 hour notice of team cancelation to the field coordinator.

The board then discussed the overall updating process for the website and various board members were given responsibility for various web pages. In general, each board member will be responsible for the pages that directly relate to their position. In addition, the following board members will be responsible for updating the following pages:

Parents – Karen  
Volunteers - Laura and Rosemary  
Laws of the game - David  
Coaches - Anh  
Abronzino - Bill  
Delgado - Anh  
Fields - Kurt  
Links - Karen

G. Correspondence:

1. Rosemary distributed mail

H. Board Member Reports:

1. President: Bruce Yost:
  - a. Morgan Hill Soccer Complex renovation has started. The plan is for nine fields with two lighted turf fields.
  - b. The Hollister complex is still in planning stages. Bruce is looking for names of companies that install fields so he can get some quotations. Several board members said they would send Bruce information on companies that do this.
  - c. The city of San Jose is doing another study to look at installing fields in various locations around the city.
  - d. There is a new President in the Almaden league. They are still having field shortage problems. Bruce talked to him and let him know that they could use Steinbeck and Turrell fields if they need to.

- e. There was a PAD action regarding one of our SSJ teams, the SSJ U16 C1 Lobitos. There was a player who was too old and using false documentation. The team was disqualified from State Cup. The player was given a 5 year suspension. The team manager was given a 5 year suspension. The assistant coach was given a 2 year suspension. As a result, the team has now apparently broken up.
  - f. District II is looking for a league to sponsor a goalkeeping coaching course. Ahn said he would try to schedule one.
  - g. Bruce would like to see the league form a tournament committee. He is looking for volunteers to help him and Paul. Bruce advised that both the Thanksgiving and Radesic tournament have been approved by CYSA. **The Tournament Committee was formed and consists of Paul, Bruce Yost, Karen, Arlette, and Alan.**
  - h. At the District II meeting it was clear that almost all leagues have liability insurance. A team in San Carlos took their board to court and sued them over field access. This case is currently in the courts. Arlette will look into the insurance.
2. Vice President: Don Crawford:
- a. No report.
3. Treasurer: Arlette Zimmermann:
- a. Nothing to report.
4. Secretary: Bruce Bacon:
- a. Bruce looked each board member in the eye as he soaked up the atmosphere in the room. He paused for a minute until all eyes were focused upon him and all ears were waiting patiently for their monthly ration of his wisdom. Then, without any hint of doubt, with a strong tone and sense of conviction in his voice, he stated: "Nothing to report". Tears could be seen welling up in the corner of several board members eyes. Some were shaking. Others simply closed their eyes and tilted their heads back as if he had touched their very soul. They had come to the meeting knowing they would not be disappointed and Bruce's words proved this once again.
5. Registrar: Rosemary Alvarez:
- a. Registration forms are mailed. There was some discussion about utilizing online registration. Rosemary seems ok with allowing the option but players will still need to mail checks and photos. Rosemary has completed four hours of training but is still learning the online portion.

- b. The volunteer form is on the website and can be returned with registration forms.
  - c. All coaches, assistant coaches, and managers are now required by Rosemary to provide copies of their drivers license. Ahn will email this requirement to all coaches.
  - d. Rosemary will provide Arlette with a spreadsheet showing payments and breakdown between volunteer fees and registration.
  - e. Bruce asked about the Kid Safe program that was discussed several months ago. Rosemary said that possibly in late May or in June she will set up a date to have coaches fingerprinted. Ahn will send out a notice to all coaches.
6. Referee Director: David Serrano:
- a. David will forward some language to Ahn about the amount of notice needed to cancel referees so Ahn can then forward the requirement to coach's. **The policy is that if a team does not provide notice of cancelation by 10:00pm Thursday night then they are responsible for referee fees.** David stated that his unofficial policy is to try to accommodate last minute notices if it is possible but cannot make any guarantees. In the event he cannot cancel the refs then the ref fees will need to be paid by the team cancelling.
  - b. David discussed a referee who is looking for games to referee in our league. He has been a referee for us in the past but David has heard some negative feedback. David is interested in the board's opinion. The board heard the feedback David has received and advised David that we would not like him to ref in the league based on the feedback.
  - c. David asked Claudio when the Arbitor.net program will be operational. Claudio said Christine is supposed to be evaluating it. Issues were discussed regarding some of the problems and Larry Rogers suggested that someone contact the Almaden league for advice since they have been using Arbitor.net for several years.
7. Fields Director: Kurt Kanaval :
- a. We have several new FC's, the **new assistant FC at Gunderson is John Cleveland, at Santa Teresa the new FC is Armondo Gonzalez.**
  - b. Working on possible new turf with Oak Grove. Should have a meeting about this in two weeks. Ahn has been very helpful with this.
  - c. Martin Murphy fielded work is so far a problem coordinating the different parties. Kurt will try discussing it with the school district.

- d. Kurt is hoping to finalize the mower issue tonight. There was some discussion about the need to sell the existing mower and Kurt explained that the smaller mowers are easy for people to learn how to operate.
  - e. We have had great success with the new goals and have heard a lot of positive comments. The only issue is that there has been some complaint about who gets to use the goals for practices. To date, the FC's and assistant FC's have been using them but no other coaches have been allowed. In addition the schools have been using the goals. Bill expressed that he feels this is unfair to coaches who are not FC's. Several board members voiced various opinions and at times the discussion became heated. ***Laura moved that the new goals be made available to all FC approved teams that practice on those fields. Bill seconded the motion. 11 for, 2 abstain. Motion carried.***
  - f. Laura raised the issue that on Bernal a team has to practice with the baseball teams also practicing there. Kurt said that the FC should be in charge of coordinating this. If that does not work then Kurt and the assistant field coordinators should be brought in to 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 and Coaching Director: Anh Nguyen:
- a. There will be an E/D class in May, an F class in June, and an E class in July. He will also try to set up the goalkeeper class in August.
11. Tournaments Coordinator: Paul Nishimatsu:
- a. Paul and Bruce Yost will be attending a workshop on tournaments.
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. Nothing to report.

16. Recreational Director – Claudio Fleiner

- a. Claudio would like to have a spring rec league in 2008. If we do this then he would like to allow the fall teams the opportunity to stay together in the spring. The board discussed the idea. The general consensus was to go ahead with the idea.

17. Abronzino Rep: Bill Mayne:

- a. Nothing to report.

18. Delgado Rep: Vacant:

- a. Nothing to report.

19. Youth Representative: Jessica Chase

- a. Jessica has been getting emails about how to find out about tryouts and other issues. She has referred some of these questions to Rosemary. There was some discussion about setting up a web page for the Youth Representative position.

I. Committees:

1. No report

J. Unfinished Business:

1. None

K. New business:

1. Claudio suggested that the league put together a newsletter. After some discussion most board members said they would be willing to contribute. It was decided that it would be a good idea and Karen will coordinate.
2. Rick said that there was a request to sublet a few of our fields. The board discussed this issue and did not feel there was enough information regarding the teams requesting this to make any decision.
3. Claudio reported on a website that has a banner advertisement and asked if we should consider advertizing. There was some discussion but no firm conclusion.

L. Schedule of next meeting:

1. The next SSJYSL board meeting will be on Monday, May 14, 2007 at 7:00 in the Los Paseos Community Center.

M. Good of the game

1. None

N. Adjournment:

1. *A motion to adjourn was made by Alan and seconded by Kurt at 10:15 pm.  
Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Bruce Bacon  
Secretary  
South San Jose Youth Soccer League