



South San Jose Youth Soccer League Meeting Minutes

October 8, 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	Absent
Bruce Bacon	Secretary	Present
Rosemary Alvarez	Registrar	Present
David Serrano	Referee Director	Present
Kurt Kanavel	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
Anh Nguyen	Delgado Rep	Present
Jessica Chase	Youth Representative	Present

Guests Present:

Armondo Gonzales	Coach BU15 SSJ Lobitos
Chantel Moser	Parent BU12 Rush & BU9 Lions

- A. Bruce Yost called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.
- B. Role call was taken and a quorum was verified. 16 board members were present and 1 was absent (17 board members / 18 board positions).
- C. Guest Business:
1. Chantel Moser advised she is interested in the Treasurer position and is attending the meeting to observe.
 2. Armondo Gonzalez is here regarding the BU15 SSJ Lobitos uniform reimbursement. He explained he had some players added to his team and bought new white jerseys with the SSJ logo but his team still has older blue jerseys without the SSJ logo and because of this he was advised it would require board approval for his team to receive the uniform re-

imbursement. *Bruce Bacon moved that we allow the BU15 SSJ Lobitos to receive the uniform reimbursement. Kurt seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

D. Agenda approval: *Paul moved that we accept the Agenda amended to allow Jessica to give her report first and Anh to be listed as Delgado rep. Alan seconded the motion. Motion carried*

E. Minutes approval: *Rosemary moved that we accept the September 2007 minutes. Karen seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

F. Correspondence:

1. Rosemary shuffled papers around that looked like correspondence

G. Board Member Reports:

1. Youth Representative: Jessica Chase

- a. Nothing to report.

2. President: Bruce Yost:

- a. Bruce reported that tomorrow night is the AGM for district 2. The expectation is that a new District Commissioner will be elected.

- b. Almaden YSL has put a topic on the District agenda to re-draw league boundaries.

- c. The Hollister fields' complex development is in danger of continuing due to costs.

3. Vice President: Don Crawford:

- a. Nothing to report

4. Treasurer: Arlette Zimmermann:

- a. Arlette was not present but Don passed out the profit and loss statements that Arlette had prepared.

5. Secretary: Bruce Bacon:

- a. Bruce reported that he has been working on reviewing the Constitution and By-law for any amendments to be proposed at the AGM and would be interested to hear suggestions from other board members on any changes they would like to see.

- b. Bruce reported that he has been reviewing previous meeting minutes and has found several issues of concern. One issue is that there is a tendency by the board to forget certain motions over time. To help reduce this from happening in the future, he is putting together a summary of the Motions made during the past 3 years during regular board meetings. Bruce will distribute this via email before the next board meeting.
 - c. Last month, in the September 2007 minutes it was reported to the league by Mike Karr that the PSA teams had made a donation. After further clarifying this point with Mike, it should be clarified in the minutes that the donation was actually made directly to Gunderson High School at the request of the SSJYSL Field Director to be applied to refurbishing the Gunderson High snack shack.
 - d. Bruce advised that he had missed the May board meeting but while reviewing the May 2007 meeting minutes he noted that it was reported by the Field Director that a donation of \$2500.00 was being made by Tim Martin. It was also reported in those minutes that Toby Bell was making a donation of some kind, although the amount was not specified. It should be clarified that neither of these donations ended up taking place.
6. Registrar: Rosemary Alvarez:
- a. Nothing to report
7. Referee Director: David Serrano:
- a. David reported that there were no issues reported with referee staffing this weekend.
 - b. There were a couple issues with referees not getting paid but this was primarily due to the referees not having proper paperwork turned in.
8. Fields Director: Kurt Kanavel:
- a. Kurt reported that during the October 2 meeting regarding Calero school they basically stated that if they sell the school then play will no longer be allowed.
 - b. There will be an important meeting October 18 at 6:00 at East Side Union High School District on Capitol Avenue. During this meeting the issue of allowing lights at Santa Teresa will be addressed. Kurt is hoping to have teams show up in uniforms, and for the league to show support for approval of lights.

- c. Meeting next week with Forest Williams to discuss the possibility of turf fields and rubberized tracks built at Herman, Davis, and Bernal Middle Schools.
 - d. Gunderson should have lights installed in mid November. Kurt reported that the additional cost for 20 lighted games during the season should be around \$500.00.
9. Assistant Fields Director: Rick Simons:
- a. No report
10. Assistant Fields Director: Alan Chase:
- a. Alan reported that last Sunday at District Cup we had an issue with the last game because no team was assigned to do tear down. He suggested that next time we host District Cup one team should be assigned as a home team and required to assist in tear down.
11. Competitive Teams and Coaching Director: Anh Nguyen:
- a. Coaching classes are still taking place. The last one will be an E class that is scheduled for last weekend of October.
 - b. Anh has been working on the coaching manual he previously discussed, but would appreciate some help with some of the sections.
 - c. Anh has received ideas for revising the coach evaluations and he is currently working on a revised process for next year. One idea is to put a form on the website.
 - d. It has been reported that there is a coach who has a continuing problem with a referees and Anh is watching this coach closely to see if action is needed. He hopes to watch that team's game this weekend.
12. Tournaments Coordinator: Paul Nishimatsu:
- a. Paul reported that we had an excellent District Cup and Paul thanked everyone who pitched in to help. There were no red cards, no injuries, everything went smooth, and teams had a good time and exciting championships.
 - b. Regarding the Thanksgiving Tournament, only 16 teams have signed up and we had hoped for 28. There was some discussion about how to proceed with marketing the tournament.

13. Communication, Activity & Promotions Director: Karen Nolan
 - a. Karen reported that the coaches' appreciation dinner will be held on November 7. She also stated that Bill Mayne worked out a terrific deal for the location and thanked him for his help. Karen is looking for continued input on possible speakers. Bruce Yost said he would MC the dinner and will make some calls looking for speakers. Several board members offered further suggestions on possible speaker topics.
 - b. Karen needs the board to decide the AGM date so she can coordinate the next newsletter to coincide with the date. She would like to have a highlight on one board member, and asked David to prepare something about referee positions, pay, etc.
14. U8 Director – Ghassan Khadder:
 - a. Ghassan reported that things are running smoothly in the U8 group. The U8 Jamboree will be held this coming weekend. He thanked Don for provided information on previous Jamborees. Ghassan also reported that the U6 field is getting converted to U8 for the Jamboree and the schedule and awards are done. One note however is that he had planned to allow two comp teams per day to sell snacks and drinks as a team fundraiser, but so far no teams have signed up.
15. Equipment Director: Laura Lewis:
 - a. Laura reported that she feels that the league may need to order all new uniforms for spring because using the current jerseys will most likely result in a lot of duplicate numbers on teams during the spring Rec season. There was a discussion about the actual requirement for the numbers to be different for the spring Rec season as well as possible ways of getting around having to purchase new uniforms. No specific action was taken.
16. Recreational Director – Claudio Fleiner
 - a. Claudio reported that in general the Rec season is going well. He has heard of a couple of issues. In one case, a team seems to feel they are "picked on" and in another case, the team has an assistant coach who reportedly is very hard on the girls, allowing for no water breaks, using tough language, etc. Claudio is watching both these teams closely.
 - b. There was coaching clinic for Rec coaches held by Tim Martin. The feedback for the clinic was that it was excellent. The only drawback was that only 3 Rec coaches attended.
 - c. The U10 Jamboree will be held on Nov 10 and 11.

- d. The U12 Jamboree will be held on Nov 17 and 18 along with the Mt. Hamilton league. Some of these games may take place at Bernal.
- e. There has been more discussion and consideration regarding the idea that Rec teams be allowed to stay together in the spring. One of the main things to result from that consideration is the idea to require that we also require these teams to attend comp team tryouts. It was also discussed and agreed that there will be clear communication to these teams that they will not be allowed to stay together during the following fall season.

17. Abronzino Rep: Bill Mayne:

- a. Bill reminded everyone to be sure to enter Abronzino game scores on the Abronzino website within 48 hours of each game.

18. Delgado Rep: Anh Nguyen:

- a. Nothing to report.

H. Committees:

- 1. Club Structure Committee – Bill asked for the board to give feedback on what they are looking the committee focus to be regarding club policy as well as comments on what the league should expect to gain from club presence in the league. A number of board members offered opinions and comments. Bill expects to have the committee meet soon to begin reviewing the suggestions and developing ideas.

I. Unfinished Business:

- 1. On Friday, September 21st at 7:15 pm an emergency board meeting was called by Bruce Yost and took place via conference call to discuss and take action on a bill the league received from San Jose Unified School District for field use at Gunderson during the Spring season. The bill was for \$7884.80 and the league had only budgeted \$4000.00. The primary purpose of the meeting was for the board to approve payment. Eleven Board members attended and those members were: Bruce Yost, Don Crawford, Arlette Zimmermann, Bruce Bacon, Rosemary Alvarez, Alan Chase, Anh Nguyen, Claudio Fleiner, Laura Lewis, Karen Nolan, and Bill Mayne.

The board discussed the issue at some length and the following motions were made:

Laura moved that the league pay the bill received from SJUSD for \$7884.80 for Spring 2007 use at Gunderson. Alan seconded. The vote was 7 for, 2 against, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Claudio moved that we suspend all practices at Gunderson turf until the fee

structure is clarified. Laura seconded. The vote was 7 for, 3 against, 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

Don moved that effective immediately the League President or Vice President must review and countersign all field use agreements, contracts, or permits that the league enters into. Anh seconded. The vote was 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

2. There is a problem being reported with the rescheduling of games at certain fields. The process is currently somewhat informal and primarily involves working with the particular field's FC. The feeling is that we need to have a centralized scheduler so that rescheduling of games is not field specific but instead takes into account other fields that are available. The issue was discussed and the consensus was that the system should include the field Director. Other thoughts were to establish a hot line and to have teams that reschedule assigned to slots that include set up or tear down. Bill Mayne stated that any related to Abronzino should have valid reasons and go through Bill to insure that issues like waiting out red card penalties, etc are not the motivator for games being rescheduled. After discussion it was decided that Claudio will work with Kurt to implement the adjustments. Kurt stated he will put out an email by Wednesday.
3. Claudio asked if we have clarified the Gunderson use fees for fall. Kurt explained that the agreement for fall was originally made under the assumption that lights would be installed by August. Since this did not happen, Gunderson has acknowledged that the original plan will not reflect actual use and has agreed to review actual use with Kurt at the end of the season. The usage will then be submitted by Gunderson to the school District who will then process and issue a bill to the league. Kurt advised the cost is approximately \$400.00 per day that we book, but does not currently have a total of the use days for fall. He said that if the information is really needed at this time, a good estimate could be arrived at by reviewing our fall schedule and seeing how many days we have planned for use.

J. New business:

1. Rick Simons raised an issue from an email he received from Steve Lum's team about game and practice balls going over the fence into people's yards. Sometimes the people owning the yard will refuse to return the balls. Steve Lum has requested the league supply him replacement balls. After some brief discussion it was agreed that the league will not provide replacement balls when this happens.
2. Steve Lum's team has entered a US club soccer tournament and has been requested by US Club soccer to host one of the games by providing a field, referee's etc. He would like league help. There was a discussion about the issues that this type of situation opens up. US Club Soccer is not affiliated

with CYSA and the league is. In addition, the league insurance is through CYSA, and the equipment was purchased for CYSA use. Because of the affiliation and insurance issues, permission to use fields needs to be secured directly between the team acting on behalf of US Club soccer and school district. The team will need to prove to the school district it has insurance, etc just as any other league or organization does to secure field use rights. On the other hand, there is also some concern that if the league position is to be entirely removed from the issue, that this might open up the possibility that in the future US Club teams take action with local schools that would not be in the leagues interest. No specific action was taken regarding this issue but the consensus was that this is also something that the club affiliation committee should review and provide recommendations to the board about.

3. The date for the league AGM will be Monday, December 3rd
4. The mower trailer is currently being stored in Don Crawford's driveway and it needs to be relocated. There was some discussion about leaving it at Bernal, but there is concern that this might possibly be a safety hazard for the students so it was suggested that Don look at storage yard fees.

K. Schedule of next meeting:

1. The next SSJYSL board meeting will be held on Monday, November 12, in the Los Paseos Community Center.

L. Good of the game

1. SSJ BU18 Lions and BU17 Clash both made finals at District Cup. Both teams played each other with the Clash winning.

M. Adjournment:

1. *A motion to adjourn was made by Alan and seconded by Kurt at 10:42 pm. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Bruce Bacon
Secretary
South San Jose Youth Soccer League