

**South San Jose Youth Soccer League
Meeting Minutes**

March 17, 2007

Meeting Type: Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Location: Los Paseos Club House, 7047 Via Ramada, San Jose, CA 95139

Board Member Roll Call

Bruce Yost	President	Present
Don Crawford	Vice President	Present
Chantal Moser	Treasurer	Present
Laura Lewis	Secretary	Present
Rosemary Alvarez	Registrar	Present
David Serrano	Referee Director	Present
Alan Chase	Fields Director	Present
Rick Simons	Assistant Field Director	Present
John Cleveland	Assistant Fields Director	Absent
Anh Nguyen	Competitive Teams and Coaching Director	Present
Claudio Fleiner	Recreation Director	Absent
Ghassan Khadder	U8 Director	Present
Paul Nishimatsu	Tournaments Coordinator	Present
Mike Karr	Equipment Director	Present
Karen Nolan	Communication, Activity and Promotions Director	Present
Anh Nguyen	Abrozino Rep	Present
Don Crawford	Delgado Rep	Present
Jessica Chase	Youth Representative	Present

Guests Present

Mark Wensman, GU11 coach.

- A. Bruce Yost called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm.
- B. Role call was taken and a quorum was verified.
- C. Guest Business:

Mark Wensman, GU11 coach, came to talk to the board about starting a competitive team. He will complete the coach's application process with Anh.

- D. Agenda Approval. [A motion passed to approve the agenda.](#)

- E. Minutes Approval. A motion to approve the January minutes was passed. February minutes need to be amended to reflect that the board did approve the 2008 operating budget in the February meeting. A motion passed to approve the February minutes as amended.
- F. Correspondence: No correspondence of note. The team that bounced three checks did not reply to the league's request for payment. Bruce will follow up with their home league.
- G. Board Member Reports.
 - 1. President: Bruce Yost
 - a. Dave Mann stepped down as DII Commissioner, Jasbinder Boot was elected to replace him.
 - b. The district is working with the property developer near the Hollister field complex to obtain an easement from them in order to access the fields.
 - c. The District has come to an agreement on how to deal with the money from leagues for the fields, and the District will be asking for payment of the field money from each league.
 - d. The board working the Hollister fields will establish a fundraising committee to raise funds required for the field development.
 - e. The referees want to replace the referee tent at the Morgan Hill complex.
 - f. Some leagues are having difficulty getting their player passes that were pulled for red cards back to leagues and coaches. If a coach has a problem, they should try to work it through our referee coordinator or league president. All player passes are supposed to be sent to the league presidents to be released to the coaches after the term of the suspension has been completed.
 - g. Referees indicated that sideline behavior was bad last year. Our league didn't have too many issues. Bruce reminded all that we are here for the kids to play, and we need to set an example for them of proper sportsmanship.
 - h. The D course will no longer be residential. Leagues will be asked to host the courses. Costs will increase to \$750, but the district reimburses that for coaches that complete the course.
 - i. The last day to add or drop players to rosters for Spring soccer is April 25.
 - j. We have completed our league affiliation documentation – payment and paperwork. We may still need to follow up on a few items.
 - k. There has been a new playing league created in the Monterey area.
 - l. The Sunnyvale Soccer Alliance asked for \$5,000 from the district to help upgrade their fields – and the district provided the funds. Bruce mentioned this because US Soccer provides grants to help leagues develop soccer fields. There is a planning grant available for \$10K. Mike pointed out that you need to partner with the school district and had information about other grants. Bruce has had some interactions with the district(s) and wants to apply for grants.

- m. There will be a tournament director's meeting May 17-18 in Fremont
- 2. Vice President: Don Crawford
 - a. Got a cost estimate for selling the trailer.
- 3. Treasurer: Chantal Moser
 - a. Chantal got a letter from CYSA saying you can't be "dual citizens" for US Club and CYSA. You need to be clear what insurance you are playing under.
 - b. We got a refund for the cost of the rooms that were not used for the coaches classes at Gunderson from the District.
 - c. CYSA sent a fine to the District for a league team that dropped out of the Association Cup a couple of weeks prior to the games. The team was aware that the fine would be assessed and were prepared to pay it. However, they had not been informed about where to send the money. The letter that the league got was the first correspondence on the issue, and it was a bit threatening.
 - d. Chantal is reviewing the Independent Contractor rules and asked for assistance to figure out if we are operating properly. It was noted that the league issues 1099's to Rosemary, Christine and all the employees of the board. [Don made a motion to use the league's Certified Public Accountant to review the issue and advise the board. The cost is not to exceed \\$500 without prior approval. The motion passed.](#)
- 4. Secretary: Laura Lewis
 - a. nothing to report.
- 5. Registrar: Rosemary Alvarez:
 - a. Spring registration is complete and rec passes are done (none for U6 and U8). There are 3 BU10, 2 GU10, 2 GU12, and 1 GU16 teams playing through the North Valley league play through league (Mt. Hamilton and Milpitas). It has been a good working relationship. Referees for the rec games will be paid through the league (comp teams pay cash on the field).
 - b. Spring comp teams are being finalized.
 - c. Fall registration will start April 1, comp team packets are due to Rosemary May 1. Player registration is \$150/player plus the \$40.00 per family. There are new registration forms. Birth certificates are not required for players that have played in District II, Rosemary can find them in the CYSA system. It is critical that the mother's birth month and day be provided.

There was a discussion about how to deal with the volunteer fee. The volunteer fees will be collected in the Fall and the form will be amended to reflect the new deadline of June 15 to complete the volunteer hours in order to get a refund. [Karen moved that the league reimburse the volunteer fee to families that refer two](#)

new recreational players that register and play within the league – and who have not been registered in the league for at least a year. Motion passed.

6. Referee Director: David Serrano
 - a. There was a referee mentor meeting on April 6. Mike Kliss, Ron Leedy, Jim Sherer were added to the mentoring group.
 - b. Some referees are not turning in the game cards and it delays payment. This is particularly an issue for the ARs who rely on the CR to turn the cards in. David and Alan propose making it possible for the referees to drop the cards in the equipment boxes.
 - c. A referee class was completed with 25 graduates at Bernal school. The facility was OK, but there were some issues with getting into the class. David would like to use the clubhouse for the class sessions.
 - d. A referee refresher and update on the league rules class will be held on March 27. Coaches are invited to attend, but not to comment, so they can learn about the new rules. Assume about 25-30 referees and 5 or so coaches.
3. The new referee uniform is green and socks are different. The new style gold uniforms have thicker stripes, the old uniforms are still acceptable.
7. Fields Director: Alan Chase
 - a. Alan discussed a proposal that Paul Martin sent out to seed the fields. Bruce Murphy from the Oak Grove district has said the district will apply resources to assist with our field improvements. [Alan made a motion to approve \\$300/field to reseed 2 Bernal fields, Herman, and 2 Oakridge fields. Motion passed.](#)
 - b. Alan wants to sell the commercial mower trailer back to Paul. Paul offered to pay \$500 to the league, and offered to provide it when needed. [Rick motioned to accept the offer and sell the trailer. The motion passed.](#)
 - c. There have been inquiries about why Almaden teams are playing at Gunderson. Alan pointed out that the school district can contract with whoever they want. John will check to see what teams are on the fields and then may have a conversation with Almaden about our potential need to reclaim the fields.
 - d. A question was raised if wheels will be obtained for the goals at Bernal. Alan and Mike will look into getting.
8. Assistant Fields Director: Rick Simons
 - a. no report.
9. Assistant Fields Director: John Cleveland
 - a. not presented.

10. Competitive Teams and Coaching Director: Anh Nguyen
 - a. [Anh made motion to approve Mark Weisman, Bruce Yost, and Jack Hamner as coaches for class 3 teams. The motion was passed.](#)
 - b. Anh plans to schedule the F, E and E/D classes. Rosemary recommended having the classes early so coaches can get their Fall coaching passes.
11. Tournaments Coordinator: Paul Nishimatsu
 - a. Quick reminder that the Radisic tournament is August 9-10, and the Thanksgiving Classic Nov. 29-30.
12. Communication, Activity & Promotions Director: Karen Nolan
 - a. no report.
13. U8 Director: Ghassan Khadder
 - a. There are 6 U8 teams and 2 U6 teams. Games start April 5 for 10 consecutive weeks.
 - b. New coaches have to complete the coaches form that are available on Rosemary's porch.
 - c. Spring trophies are in the budget.
 - d. Games will played on Stratford – only two fields are required. We need to get the fields set up.
14. Equipment Director: Mike Karr
 - a. Spring equipment is being distributed.
15. Recreational Director: Claudio Fleiner
 - a. Not present. An email report was submitted about the Spring league status.
16. Abrozino Rep: Anh Nguyen.
 - a. Anh reported that two of the SSJ teams that were on the bubble for relegations back into Delgado were kept in Abrozino. Currently U17 teams play in Morgan Hill. They are considering having the U16 teams play there as well in the Fall.
17. Delgado Rep: Don Crawford
 - a. There is a Delgado meeting on Thursday.
18. Youth Representative: Jessica Chase
 - a. nothing to report.
- H. Unfinished Business:
 - a. none

H. Committee Reports

1. Marketing committee – Karen Nolan and Rosemary Alvarez met. They plan to increase the number of banners to inform families that registration is open. They requested recommendations on locations – Martin Murphy, Bernal, Steinbeck, Herman and Davis were suggested. Other ideas to increase registration include:
 - b. Flyers will be distributed to the schools.
 - c. Volunteer fees will be refunded to families that refer two or more players to the league.
 - d. e-mails will be sent to past players
 - e. Live registration opportunities at schools are being considered
 - f. Advertisements may be placed in the Santa Teresa Times and Blossom Valley Times.

It was noted during this discussion that Almaden and De Anza are advertising in our boundaries. Bruce will talk to the league presidents of these teams.

2. Club Committee

- a. John Cleveland sent an email to the members of the budget committee and suggested a date for the first meeting.

I. New Business.

1. Player development – Mike Karr
Mike discussed starting a project-40-type program for recreational player development. He will bring a proposal to the next board meeting.

J. Schedule of next meeting:

1. The next board meeting will be held at 7:00 pm, Monday, 14, 2008, at the Los Paseos Club House, 7047 Via Ramada, San Jose, CA 95139

K. Good of the game

1. PSA will be sending two PSA players from South San Jose Youth Soccer League to the Sunderland Soccer Academy in England.
2. Four SSJYSL players that attend Sobrato High school were honored by BVAL
Ashley Grose, senior of the year, Katrina Olson and Kayla Nishimatsu first team all league, Lindsey Vanku Len second team all league.
3. Paul Nishimatsu was selected as the BVAL coach of the year.

L. Adjournment

1. [A motion to adjourn was passed at 9:40 pm](#)

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Lewis

Secretary

South San Jose Youth Soccer League