

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

May 11, 2009

Meeting Type: Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Location: Los Passes 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	Not Present
Rick Simons	Assistant Field Director	Not Present
John Cleveland	Assistant Fields Director	Present
Anh Nguyen	Competitive Teams Director	Not Present
Claudio Fleiner	Recreation Director	Present
Ghassan Khadder	U8 Director	Present
Paul Nishimatsu	Tournaments Coordinator	Present
Jeff Semone	Equipment Director	Present
Karen Nolan	Communication, Activity and Promotions Director	Present
Anh Nguyen	Abrozino Rep	Not Present
Don Crawford	Delgado Rep	Present
Vacant	Youth Representative	
Vacant	Coaching Director	

Guests Present

Janet Kulig, SSJ Ruckus team manager.

Tiffany Hawthorne, PSA coach.

- A. Bruce Yost called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.
- B. Role call was taken and a quorum was verified.
- C. Guest Business:

Janet came to discuss having the Ruckus, now a GU21 team play Norcal through SSJYSL. They would like game fields for 5 or six games between June 1 through mid-July. All games are finished by July 31. Games would be on weekends and during the week, preferably Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Norcal would provide referees.

During the discussion it was noted that SSJYSL needed to get copies of the insurance that all team playing NorCal must have. CYSA does not cover teams during NorCal activities. The insurance must cover each of the schools at which these teams are practicing and playing.

Tiffany Hawethorne came to discuss an issue that her GU13 team had over the weekend. She had been the assistant coach with the team, but after the head coach had to leave she became the defacto coach. She had a couple of issues to discuss. 1) Her game had been rescheduled to a later time and the game time she was told was incorrect. When her team arrived at the field the other team was already warmed up and the referees told her that the start time was earlier than what her team thought. The league will look into this. 2) She did not have her coaching credentials and the referees did not allow her to be on the sideline with the team. The team manager was the only official with a pass and he was allowed to stay. The board noted that the referees were correct and only team officials with the correct passes are allowed on the sideline. Tiffany was instructed to complete the paperwork required for her to be a coach. Rosemary had been in touch with the team several times attempting to get this done. Tiffany was informed the paperwork needs to be completed every year. In addition, if she will become the head coach for the team, she needs to submit a coaching application to get approved as a SSJYSL coach for the Fall. 3) After the game Tiffany disagreed with the referee about the capabilities of one of the assistant referees. The matter apparently escalated and the referee ejected the manager, pulling his player pass (he was the only official with the pass). Tiffany asked if this could be done. Bruce Yost confirmed that the referee does have the authority to card players and send off officials before, during and after a match. In addition, he strongly stated that SSJYSL will always back the actions of its referees. If coaches have an issue with the conduct of a referee, they should raise those issues with David Serrano, the referee director.

Tiffany also indicated that she had been made aware of the uniform requirements for SSJYSL. The current uniform does not meet the requirements and Jeff Semone informed her that the team will have to purchase uniforms that comply with the standard to be allowed to play in the Fall. Uniform requirements are clearly posted on the SSJYSL website under the coaches section.

- D. Agenda Approval. [A motion passed to approve the agenda.](#)
- E. Minutes Approval. [A motion was passed to approve the minutes for March and April.](#)
- F. Correspondence: No correspondence of note.

G. Board Member Reports.

1. President: Bruce Yost.
 - a. Did not attend the District President's meeting, but will attend on May 12.
2. Vice President: Don Crawford
 - a. The "Got Soccer" website will not be used in the Fall. It did not work out well.
 - b. Delgado has noticed that SSJYSL has sent off three SSJYSL team officials (coaches, assistant coaches, managers) during matches. It was noted that points are deducted from team standings when red cards are issued.

The board noted that the only reason a coach is sent off is because of either their conduct or the conduct of their parents on the sideline. Coaches were sent an email earlier in the season reminding them that they are responsible for both. It was noted that District II was automatically doubling suspensions for dissent to referees – and the SSJYSL board also the authority to add additional suspensions to team officials who are sent off.

3. Treasurer: Chantal Moser
 - a. Chantal reported that the Indios have still not paid their correct Spring fees. Don will follow up with them.
 - b. Chantal transferred \$60K to a 9-month CD to get better interest. We have \$47K on another CD.
 - c. Current balance is \$222,722.65.
 - d. Don will conduct the audit this month.
4. Secretary: Laura Lewis
 - a. No report.
5. Registrar: Rosemary Alvarez:
 - a. Registrations are in the mail. They can also be completed online and printed. Comp players should turn their applications into their coaches to be submitted as a team.
 - b. Soccer camp is coming and there is a lot of communication taking place. There have been a few issues.
 - c. Camp will be held the week of July 13 at Bernal. There are part time and full time camps available. Bruce asked Rosemary to coordinate with
 - d. Tournament applications are now sent directly to the tournament – not to Rosemary.
6. Referee Director: David Serrano
 - a. Need to get playing rules for Norcal, they are slightly different than CYSA (e.g., game lengths). Norcalpremier.org should have the playing rules.

- b. All team officials have to have proper credentials to be on the coaching sideline. They MUST be consistent with the league they are playing in.
- c. There have been several issues with coaches' behavior this season. After one game a coach yelled at a youth AR about their calls. They did this after the CR had left the field. The board will not tolerate such behavior and told David to be sure to have referees report such incidences to him so that the board can take action.
- d. Bernal grass fields are getting very dry and starting to get dangerous.
- e. David Amori has been doing a great job mentoring the younger referees.

During the discussion Laura Lewis reported that a referee had reported to her an incident he had with an assistant coach of the BU11 Club America team. The assistant coach did not have their coaches' pass because they had been ejected from an earlier game. The coach assumed he had a two game suspension, but his card had not yet been returned. The referee did not allow the assistant coach to be on the coaching sideline, and the assistant coach became angry. The referee indicated he would eject the coach if the assistant coach did not leave, which resolved the issue. This team is playing both CYSA and NorCal.

The board confirmed that the referee followed the proper course of action. The following were noted.

- 1. If a suspension is given in CYSA or Norcal, the games served must be in the same playing league (e.g., just because the team played two games, they had to be two CYSA or two NorCal games).
 - 2. The board can add game suspensions to any action taken by the District.
 - 3. It has taken District II a long time to return passes. The lesson to coaches is don't get a red card. Keeping your mouth shut and behaving respectfully and with sportsmanship can easily prevent ejections of coaches.
 - 4. Coaches must have the proper credentials for the playing league in which they are playing.
7. Fields Director: Alan Chase
- a. Not present, no report.
 - b. We still need to get a lock box at Santa Teresa.
 - c. Bernal and Herman are in bad shape. Oakridge also has some bare patches.
8. Assistant Fields Director: Rick Simons:
- a. Not present, no report.
9. Assistant Fields Director: John Cleveland
- a. no report

10. Competitive Teams Director: Anh Nguyen
 - a. Not present. no report.
11. Tournaments Coordinator: Paul Nishimatsu
 - a. Our tournaments will use the turf field from 12-6:00 on Sundays for both tournaments. There are no Saturday games on Turf. We will get a refund for our payment.
 - b. There was a mix up on the CYSA website for tournament dates, it is listed as August 15-16. The actual dates are August 8-9. This needs to be corrected on the SSJYSL website as well.
12. Communication, Activity & Promotions Director: Karen Nolan
 - a. Registration flyers have been distributed to the schools.
 - b. Banners will be picked up and placed in prominent locations this month.
 - c. Opening day is Sept. 13, and photographers are scheduled.
13. U8 Director: Ghassan Khadder
 - a. Spring is running smoothly.

A request was made to post the U8 game schedule on the website. Ghassan will post the information he sends the coaches.

14. Equipment Director: Jeff Semone
 - a. There will be a coaches meeting on Thursday May 14. Two companies that either provide or resell uniforms will make presentations. Fall registration information will be shared.
15. Recreational Director: Claudio Fleiner
 - a. The league still has field issues for the Fall – we don't have enough.
 - b. Rec is going well. All games are finished by June 6.
 - c. Medals will be provided for Spring.
 - d. Play through U12 league for the Fall is set with Mount Hamilton. Jasbinder Boot wants to have an official District II play through league for U14-16. SSJYSL has offered to run the U14 play through.
 - e. Jazz would like to have a U14-U16 rec District Cup.
16. Abrozino Rep: Anh Nguyen.
 - a. Not present no report.
17. Delgado Rep: Don Crawford
 - a. Fall registration for Delgado will open the end of May and will end July 7.
18. Youth Representative: Vacant
 - a. Not report.

New business.

The board discussed the request of Janet Kulig GU20 Norcal Ruckus. [A motion was passed for the team to play and use turf fields at actual costs of \\$50/hour.](#)

The board discussed the proposal brought by Alex Saunders at the last meeting. The league has an interest, but is not yet ready to commit to a course.

The club committee will meet to discuss how to proceed with club and player development proposals.

H. Committee Reports – no meetings held

1. Marketing committee – nothing to report.

J. Schedule of next meeting:

1. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday June 15, 2009, at the Los Paseos Club House, 7047 Via Ramada, San Jose, CA 95139.

K. Good of the game

a. no report

L. Adjournment

1. [A motion to adjourn was passed at 9:50 pm](#)

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Lewis

Secretary

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