

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

**June 15, 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	Present
vacant	Assistant Fields Director	
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	Not Present
Anh Nguyen	Abrozino Rep	Present
Don Crawford	Delgado Rep	Present
Vacant	Youth Representative	
Vacant	Coaching Director	

**Guests Present**

Andy Dorian, OVYSL GU11 coach and team parents.

Rob Lee, U8 parent

Steve Lum and Rigoberto Rangel, coaches

Chris Dibble, U16 reco coach

Randy Palisoc, BU11 coach (Fall)

Rob Lee, parent

A. Bruce Yost called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

B. Role call was taken and a quorum was verified.

C. Guest Business:

Andy Dorian coaches a boys team within SSJYSL and a girls team within OVYSL. He and a couple of his girls' team parents came to address an issue they faced with a SSJYSL team, the Electric Blue Attitude. Andy reported that during a recent tournament his team was playing another team and the outcome of the game would affect team advancement in the bracket. He and the accompanying parents reported that girls from the SSJYSL team cheered for the opposing team during the game and even came onto the field at half time to cheer for the other team. The OVYSL and SSJYSL teams have previously played each other and there are apparently some hard feelings between the teams. Andy asked the board to address what he felt was poor sportsmanship on the part of the SSJYSL team.

Rob Lee, wants to request that his daughter play up from U8 to the U10 so she. [A motion was approved to allow Jordan Franco-Lee to play up in the U10 division.](#)

Steve Lum and Rigoberto Rangel came to discuss a team they'd like to bring into the league. Rigo currently coaches a BU12 (Fall) team in a Mexican league that played Norcal last year and they'd like play Delgado in SSJYSL. They currently have 14 players. Bruce stated that a coaches' application must be completed and approved to be a coach in the league, but there should be no issue.

Chris Dibble, Rec U16 coach, requested the league waive the \$40 volunteer fee for his team, many of which are financially challenged. The team had already done a significant amount of fundraising in order to cover the registration fees. The families would still work the volunteer hours requested. [A motion was passed to waive the pre-payment of the \\$40 volunteer fee per family.](#) Chris will work with Claudio Fleiner to identify volunteer opportunities.

Randy Palisoc, Fall BU11, has coached a rec team for the past 6 years. He wants to take the team to comp in the Fall. Again, Bruce stated the coaches' application must be completed and turned into Anh quickly and must be approved to be a coach in the league. It was noted that Delgado registration closes July 6, for the Fall season.

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

E. Minutes Approval. [A motion was passed to approve the minutes for May.](#)

F. Correspondence: No correspondence of note.

G. Board Member Reports.

1. President: Bruce Yost.

- a. Bruce met with Christ Jew at OGSD to discuss partnering on field maintenance. Chris indicated he wants to see mutually beneficial solution. They also discussed the possibility of partnering with city to put turf onto some of the middle schools. Chris would welcome a discussion and will meet with Councilmember Ash Kalyra to follow up.
  - b. Rosemary attended the District II meeting for Bruce and reported:
    - A new referee director has replaced Phillippe Dore.
    - The developer for the housing near the Hollister complex has pulled out of the housing development.
    - District II looking for a new bookkeeper. They moved funds from CYSA to the mortgage.
    - A new coaching license policy was adopted: U8-10 requires an F, U11-U12 requires an E, U13-15 requires an E/D. Delgado U16-U19 requires an E/D. Class 1 U16-U19 must have state D. All assistant coaches must have an F license. Recommended that rec coaches have an F license, but not mandatory. Licenses from other coaching programs will be accepted.
  - c. Rick asked about guest players rules and said that some teams brought class I guest players into the Spring District Cup. He does not think it is right and he will not play in the Spring cup again if it will be permitted. Rosemary said that there is some discussion about doing this in the Fall.
2. Vice President: Don Crawford
    - a. One team apparently had a team party on the Herman field with a barbecue that was perhaps too close to one of the neighbors fences. There was no damage, but the neighbors did complain. Teams are reminded to use appropriate facilities for their functions.
    - b. Don completed the financial audit and was satisfied with the books.
  3. Treasurer: Chantal Moser
    - a. Chantal will be gone for 6-weeks.
  4. Secretary: Laura Lewis
    - a. No report.
  5. Registrar: Rosemary Alvarez:
    - a. Registrations are currently being submitted. Registrations are lower than last year. We have a lot of requests for financial assistance. The league generally provides partial support and asks each family to pay a portion. [A motion was passed to allocate \\$3,000 toward financial assistance toward registration fees.](#)
  6. Referee Director: David Serrano

- a. David tried to find some Norcal playing rules to provide the refs. Needs more detail. Bruce suggested Toby Bell may be able to help.
  - b. There were a couple of scheduling issues, but otherwise went well for Spring.
  - c. The arbiter will be changing its name to arbitersports.com
  - d. Referee classes will be scheduled August 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 20.
  - e. There have been several complaints about the BU15 Puma team behavior on the part of the coach and parents. The board agreed to have the coaching staff come to a board meeting to hear from the board and issue a warning. Their player passes for Fall will be held until they attend the meeting.
7. Fields Director: Alan Chase
- a. Not present, no report.
8. Assistant Fields Director: Rick Simons:
- a. no report
9. Assistant Fields Director: Vacant. John Cleveland resigned.
10. Competitive Teams Director: Anh Nguyen
- a. 18-20 teams in Abrozino. FC Independent was not moved to Abrozino (may play Fall Norcal). July 6 is the seeding meeting.
  - b. Fees \$250/team for Abrozino and the league pays \$725 for U17 referees. U17 teams will play at Morgan Hill in the Fall
11. Tournaments Coordinator: Paul Nishimatsu
- a. Our tournament registration applications are very slow. We don't have any full brackets. [The board approved a motion to cancel the August 8-9 tournament due to lack of registrations.](#)
  - b. [A motion was passed to add single age group brackets in the Delgado bracket for the Thanksgiving tournament.](#)
12. Communication, Activity & Promotions Director: Karen Nolan
- a. not present; no report.
13. U8 Director: Ghassan Khadder
- a. Left early so was unable to give his report. He did note that Spring went well.
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14. Equipment Director: Jeff Semone
- a. There a meeting with coaches on Thursday May 14 to discuss business opportunities with uniform providers. Coaches were polled on their

preferences. The majority of coaches agreed to go with league standard when the kick back opportunities for the league were presented. The kick back opportunities/level varied with the provider. The board discussed extensively, but ultimately agreed to continue to allow teams to purchase uniforms consistent with the current uniform guidelines published on the web. Bruce thank Jeff for his work to look for opportunities for the league.

15. Recreational Director: Claudio Fleiner
  - a. Fall rec play through with District II is progressing well.
  - b. Two Spring rec teams went to tournaments.
  - c. Rick asked about rec teams staying together. Claudio said that other leagues allow teams to stay together, SSJYSL will likely do this as well for teams once they reach the play through level.
  
16. Abrozino Rep: Anh Nguyen.
  - a. Report given during competitive.
  
17. Delgado Rep: Don Crawford
  - a. Fall registration for Delgado will open June 12 and will end July 6. Make sure you push the “submit” button when registering. There will be a mandatory coaches meeting August 20. All coaches must attend to hear about the red card rules.
  
18. Youth Representative: Vacant
  - a. No report.

New business.

Rick Simmons made a request to have Gabriel Abetecola play up one year so he can play on the Lions with his older brother. [A motion was approved to allow Gabriel to play up one year.](#)

The board discussed the issue raised by Andy Dorian. Rosemary reported what she heard from Hannah McKinnon (the Electric Blue Attitude coach) about this issue, and had also heard from her about concerns from a previous game that the SSJYSL and OVYSL teams had played. Rosemary reminded the board that there are two sides to every story, and Hannah’s version differed a bit from Andy’s and his parents. Jeff Semone happened to be present at the game Andy came to discuss and reported that he did see the SSJYSL girls cheering for the other team, that some of them did come onto the field at half time to kick around the ball and while there did cheer for the other team, but he did not hear any “jeering”. He did note that neither coach or parents on the SSJYSL made any comments. He also reported that coach of the Electric Blue Attitude did approach the match official during half time after hearing parents from the OVYSL team complain about the girl’s behavior. The referee reportedly saw nothing of concern in the girls’ behavior.

The board acknowledged that teams often cheer for the outcomes of other games during tournaments, particularly if it may affect their standings. However, teams should not go overboard, and parents and coaches should help their players understand sportsmanship – even in trying situations. Bruce will set up a meeting with Hannah to hear her side of the story and to stress upon her the importance of helping the players to learn sportsmanship. In addition, given the history between the two teams, the board will ask that seasoned referees be assigned to any games played between the teams in SSJYSL, and perhaps a board member be present at a game to assure proper behavior from both teams' sidelines.

Rick asked about providing pins to the players in the league. He showed several examples of pins from previous seasons.

H. Committee Reports – club committee met and have some ideas they will present at the next meeting.

1. Marketing committee – nothing to report.

J. Schedule of next meeting:

1. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday July 13, 2009, at the Los Paseos Club House, 7047 Via Ramada, San Jose, CA 95139.

K. Good of the game

a. GU14 Hurricanes won beach soccer tournament. Lions placed second in the Spring Cup.

L. Adjournment

1. [A motion to adjourn was passed at 10:40 pm](#)

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Lewis  
Secretary  
South San Jose Youth Soccer League