

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

**November 9, 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	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	Present
Anh Nguyen	Abrozino Rep	Not Present
Don Crawford	Delgado Rep	Present
Vacant	Youth Representative	
Vacant	Coaching Director	

**Guests Present**

Toby Bell and Chris Fitzpatrick, SSJYSL coach and Elite Soccer Club. Alex Saunders, SSJYSL coach and US Soccer Coaching.

- A. Bruce Yost called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
- B. Role call was taken and a quorum was verified.
- C. Guest Business: Alex Saunders with US Soccer Coaching came and discussed the two coaches' clinics he held for the league, including the U8 clinic in October with Shea Salinas. He is looking for opportunities to work with the league in a more official capacity. He shared information about his organization's coaching

program, coach and player clinic options, camps, etc. They work with the Earthquakes and the FC pride to bring in professional players to inspire the players. Alex proposed trying a program in the Spring to see how it works for the league.

He also came to share information about a winter program that will be held at Off the Wall in Santa Clara for players. There's a free clinic at Off the Wall in December. He provided a flyer on the winter program that Ghassan asked to be forwarded to the coaches.

Ghassan stated he really appreciated Alex's contributions to the league, and would like the league to consider providing some professional assistance to the rec coaches. Ghassan asked Alex to provide a proposal to the league for consideration.

Toby Bell indicated he would discuss his item under new business.

- D. Agenda Approval. [A motion passed to approve the agenda.](#)
- E. Minutes Approval. [Motions were passed to approve the minutes for September and October, as amended.](#)
- F. Correspondence: Bruce reported that Oak Grove School District sent a letter to the league about a registered sex offender that was seen in an area near an Oak Grove school. It was a precautionary notification, and the district also notified all parents with children registered in the District whose children attend the schools in the area. The offender is an 85-year old blind man that lives in the vicinity of the school where he was seen.
- G. Board Member Reports.
  - a. President: Bruce went to the last D2 President's meeting. Dave Morton has been replaced by Bob Joyce as the Foundation director for the Hollister property. The foundation is delinquent on property taxes and owes a penalty. There is plan to pay off the \$1.2 M balloon note when it becomes due. Still not clear what will be done with the property since the housing developer has backed of the deal to build the housing and roads that would provide access.
  - b. Melinda from D2 sent out a list of the leagues that have paid into the purchase of the D2 land in Hollister. Chantal noted we have only paid those fees for which we have been invoiced.
  - c. The district is moving to all online registration, probably starting in the Spring. Apparently CYSA is feeling the competitive pressure from US Club, that some coaches feel is less cumbersome for registration. CYSA is also considering modeling some other US Club features, like larger roster sizes, inter-team guest playing within a club, etc.

- d. The D2 ref director, Tom Donlap, said he feels the need to set up referee's association to discuss issues, etc. within the D2 boundaries.
  - e. Abrozino is not seeing enough representation at the meetings
  - f. There are plans to hold a D license class in Burlingame over the Winter.
  - g. If a coach is disapproved at the District level, they cannot coach within a league until the issue has been cleared with the District.
  - h. The scholarship funds that SSJYSL requested have been approved to be reimbursed to the league.
  
2. Vice President: Don Crawford
  - a. Nothing to report
  
3. Treasurer: Chantal Moser
  - a. Chantal asked when the porta-potties should be removed from the fields. Don suggested removing them by 12/1. Alan will call the company.
  - b. The coaches' dinner will be \$100 over budget due to increased costs associated with facility rental.
  - c. The cost for the league awards was \$700 over budget.  
[A motion was passed to allocate \\$700 to cover player awards.](#)
  - d. A discussion was held about the referee pay scale for the Thanksgiving tournament. It will be the standard league pay scale.
  
4. Secretary: Laura Lewis
  - a. Attended the ST Booster club meeting, and reported on an issue that may be of interest to our high school age soccer players and their families. Due to budget issues, East Side Union School District is still struggling with keeping athletics within the schools. One aspect of retaining the program is to have athletes make \$200 donations to a district foundation if they participate in sport (per year, not per sport). The funds are used specifically for the athletic program (e.g, help pay coaches, referees, athletic directors, etc.) and cannot be diverted to other uses. The Santa Teresa school administration is actively communicating with athletes to make the donation, or as much of it as they can. However, the administration from other schools within the district are not, and thus some schools – like Independence High School – have contributed virtually nothing to the fund. This could put the sports program for the entire district at risk when the topic comes up during the next budget cycle. It was noted that “pay to play” is common in most other school districts in the area – and has been going on for several years.
  
5. Registrar: Rosemary Alvarez:
  - a. No Report
  
6. Referee Director: David Serrano

- a. There have been a couple of complaints by referees about field conditions. At RAMAC the fields are poorly marked and the nets don't fit the goals. The nets at Gunderson are pretty worn, Alan reported that those nets are Gunderson's. There are also problems with mud holes on certain fields. Alan and Rick noted that there is usually sand located at the fields that can be used to fill in mud holes.
  - b. There are some issues with sportsmanship with players and coaches, especially as the season winds down and people are concerned about placement. There was a serious issue with a team and coach from Central Valley league. Bruce will bring this issue up at the D2 meeting.
  - c. Rick asked if there was a trend on who is issuing red cards within the league? David said there wasn't really. In general, the referees who have issued the most cards are also the referees that have officiated the most games. Don reported that the number of red cards has gone down in Delgado since they started deducting points from league standings for each red card issued.
  - d. SSJYSL nominated five referee to the District referee awards program to honor their work. Awards will be announced at a recognition dinner in December.
  - e. Claudio said that there was an issue with referees not ending the games on time during the U10 jamboree, despite being asked. He asked how to prevent this from happening at the upcoming U12 jamboree.
7. Fields Director: Alan Chase
- a. No report.
8. Assistant Fields Director: Rick Simons:
- a. No report
  - b. Rosemary said she has a coach that would agree to be the field coordinator for RAMAC – Mark McIsic. Rick will check with Alan (who left the meeting early) to see if there is a person assigned to the field.
9. Assistant Fields Director: Vacant.
10. Competitive Teams Director: Anh Nguyen
- a. Not present.
11. Tournaments Coordinator: Paul Nishimatsu
- a. Paul asked if he could reduce the fee to attract teams in certain brackets. There are currently 14 registered teams and additional teams have expressed an interest in participating. Eight teams withdrew. A discussion was held about the importance of having a quality tournament for the teams that have registered, particularly given that it is too late to cancel.
  - b. A motion was made to reduce the fee to \$400.00, or lower at the discretion of the tournament director to fill brackets. Motion failed.

- c. A motion was made to reduce the fee to \$400.00, or as low as \$375 for teams that can qualify. If required, ghost teams can be invited to play for free, with no more than 1 ghost team per bracket. Motion passed.
  - e. A discussion was held regarding the desire and commitment of the league to hold tournaments. It was recommended that we only commit to one tournament a year, in August. Once we build that tournament we can consider hosting another.
  - f. It was also noted that only one SSJYSL team registered for the tournament. The board discussed the fact that participation in the league tournament should be a requirement of SSJYSL teams.
12. Communication, Activity & Promotions Director: Karen Nolan
- a. Karen discussed the coaches' appreciation dinner. Appetizers will be served at 6:00. Dinner served at 7:00.
13. U8 Director: Ghassan Khadder
- a. U8 jamboree went well. Ghassan got positive feedback about having referees at the field. It was good practice for moving up to U10. Ghassan thanked Christine for her assistance, and the board members that helped.
14. Equipment Director: Jeff Semone
- a. Bruce stated that La Colina is ready to play, but there are no goals. It was noted that since the league will not be using the Bernal 1 field in Spring, we may need to use this park more for practices and games.
  - b. Rosemary suggested doing an inventory of what fields we use and what equipment we have and what we need before purchasing additional equipment. This should be done prior to the start of Spring season.
  - c. Jeff has field paint at his house that needs to be picked up.
  - e. Rick asked about the balls that were to be made available to the comp coaches. Jeff has them and coaches that need to pick them up should contact him to make arrangements.
15. Recreational Director: Claudio Fleiner
- a. A successful U10 jamboree this past weekend. It is getting harder and harder to get help from the teams to run the jamboree. Next he year will make mandatory team assignments and require support in order for the jamboree to be held.
  - b. Claudio refereed some games and noticed that there are two boys' teams that have some very good players on them. He said they should be looked at by comp coaches.
  - c. Referees went fine, other than the issue of running late.
  - d. The U12 play-through jamboree is coming up next week with Mt. Hamilton. We do not currently have a jamboree for U14 teams, but Milpitas is holding a jamboree that the U14 teams could participate in. It would be \$300/team. A motion was passed for the league to pay the registration fee for those SSJYSL teams that want to play.

- e. Spring registration announcements went out. There was a notice sent to coaches that players won't be able to request a coach at U10 and below in the Fall season. There was discussion about letting U12 and up teams staying together.
  - f. Claudio asked about what the policy should be for mailing out information to the league mailing list. He often gets requests to from organizations to do so. It was noted that the mailing list cannot be given to other organizations. The league will mail information that is relevant to the soccer community or that is a benefit to SSJYSL and/or its teams.
16. Abrozino Rep: Anh Nguyen.
- a. Not present.
17. Delgado Rep: Don Crawford
- a. Trophies are being ordered. There will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies for all divisions in Delgado.
18. Youth Representative: Vacant
- a. No report.

H. New business.

Toby asked what progress has been made about bringing the club structure into the league so that it can develop and retain high level teams. He feels there are benefits to bringing the club structure and would like to hear what the issues and concerns are so this can move forward.

In general, the league is in support of a club structure, but still has questions regarding how it will be implemented. Toby said he had provided some information that he thought should have addressed the questions. During discussion it was noted the league must to start making progress if we expect to implement a program.

A motion was made to build a competitive program by implementing Toby's coaching proposal and structuring a Elite club program within the league. The motion was not seconded.

A motion was approved to Chris Fitzpatrick as the Coaching Director. As the Coaching Director Chris has the ability to define the coaching program.

H. Committee Reports – none.

J. Schedule of next meeting:

- a. The next meeting will be the AGM at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 14 at the Los Poseos Club.

K. Good of the game

- a. Hurricanes won the Delgado league and will move to Abrozino.
- b. The league had several teams that looked like they would be finishing first or second in their Delgado brackets.
- c. Lions finished second in the Halloween tournament.

L. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Lewis  
Secretary  
South San Jose Youth Soccer League