

**South San Jose Youth Soccer League
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2010
7:30 pm**

Meeting Type: Regular Monthly Board Meeting

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

A. Called to order at 7:39 pm

B. Board Member Roll Call:

Bruce Yost, President – Not Present
Paul Nishimatsu, Vice President – Present
Chantal Moser, Treasurer - Present
Donna Tellgren, Secretary - Present
Rosemary Alvarez, Registrar - Present
David Serrano, Referee Director - Present
Rick Simons, Fields Director - Present
Toby Bell, Assistant Fields Director – Present
Steve Lum, Assistant Fields Director - Present
Jorge Prado, Competitive Teams Director – Present
Claudio Fleiner, Recreation Director - Present
Ghassan Khadder, U8 Rec Director – Present
Laura Lewis, Tournaments Coordinator – Not Present
Jeff Semone, Equipment Director - Present
Tracy Williams, Communication, Activity and Promotions Director - Present
Anh Nguyen, Abronzino Rep - Present
Hannah MacKinnon, Delgado Rep –Not Present
Youth Representative - Vacant
Chris Fitzpatrick, Coaching Director - Present

C. Introduction of Guest(s):

Guest #1 - Simon Cook, National Technical Director, UK Soccer –Team Camp Program Development

Staffed by 350 worldwide with many coaching staff servicing leagues in NorCal. They will handle registration for their services on line and let us know of the numbers. They will be present at opening day to market their services. They will deal with mailings to the players, etc. Accommodates players that walk on to a camp. They quantify data about the players progress through the skills that are being taught from beginning to end. They offer coaches clinics on Saturdays as well. If players register before June 4, they will also receive a world cup goodie bag—early bird freebies. The camps are standardized so all the players have the same experience. The coaches are also trained at the same high skill level so there is no need to request a specific coach. Cost: \$102/player for 3 hrs a day for 5 days a week; all day is \$152/day. Camps for teams are \$1000 (based on 3 hrs a day for 5 days a week). They have already partnered with S.J. Earthquakes (and 3 other organizations, etc). Ahn had a question: How do you distinguish the different levels of players? Team camps are generally for comp teams, individual signups are generally for rec teams. Timing: needs to have an answer before next board meeting; once they have a commitment from us, they can have fliers out within two weeks at their expense.

Guest #2 – Peter Reed, U8 Rec Coach

Peter feels the U8 teams have been stacked with older players on some rec teams. Peter's concern was that there are 6 year olds playing against 8 year olds. He asked us to explain how the league forms the teams. Rosemary, Ghassan , and Jeff explained the process to him. The rest of the board encouraged him as he had a difficult time understanding the league's process. He compared our calendar to Blossom Valley's league, however, Rick explained that Blossom Valley had changed their calendaring 10 years prior. The board explained that within the CYSA guidelines of age brackets for rec leagues, it is possible that a 6 year old will play against an 8 year old, depending on when the child has a birthday. We also explained that within the age brackets, the skill level of each individual player varies from team to team, and that teams are formed first by birthday (to make teams even), then by request to play with friends, then by school attendance and zip codes, so that children are playing with other kids they go to school with and may be from the same neighborhood. The board closed out the conversation by assuring Peter that there was no stacking of older players within the league:

D. Agenda Approval: Agenda approved

E. Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes from the 03/8/10 meeting were signed off via e-mail

F. Correspondence: None

G. Board Member Reports:

1. President: Absent – Vice President to chair meeting
2. Vice President: Note e-mail from Bruce: There is some concern with CYSA's ability to lease Morgan Hill for tournaments and the olders (Class 1). Right now, we have no access to Morgan Hill. However, CYSA is going back to the city with a higher bid. So stay tuned. Update today (4/12/10): It looks like the District will lose its lease at the Morgan Hill complex because other organizations (Upper V and MHYSA) has offered \$50-75K more/year. In addition, the complex needs a new sprinkler system (more \$\$ ~\$100K+). This would be effective starting in May. They want to know if the leagues want to try to keep the complex - and if so, will need to discuss how to come up with the funds. There was discussion about the hotels that benefit from out of town guests for tournaments, and perhaps tapping into resources there. The city may wait for the highest bidder. There was a suggestion about CYSA attending the meeting to discuss this subject. If CYSA bids on it, the impact for SSJYSL could be ~\$3-5/player. SSJYSL should have representation at this meeting.
3. Treasurer: Statement updates – Not having heard from Laura with tournament updates, Chantal made a motion to cancel tournaments this year; the motion was seconded. The motion sparked further discussion to try to get a tournament going. Suggestions included keeping it to U10 and U11 only; another suggestion to possibly add in U12, U13, U14, etc. Further discussion about supporting the league during our own tournament at least, in addition to going outside the league for tournaments. If we add more age levels, there may be an issue about field availability. Suggestion about a committee to get together to discuss further if there is any interested in moving forward (dependent on Laura's participation in setting it up). In the meantime, a vote was taken on the motion and the motion passed.
4. Secretary: Board web page has now been updated to reflect current monthly minutes. This should remain updated throughout the year. In process of reconstructing the already revised Constitution from several months ago. Electronic changes made at the time of original revision meeting have been lost—need to reconstruct. Will update at next meeting.

5. Registrar: None
6. Referee Director: They had refresher class with 40 refs. They had them out on the field for 3 weeks and all necessary adjustments have been made. Rick has an issue with Terrell being paid for weekend even though it was rained out. There was some miscommunication about whether the game would be rained out or not. According to Rick's instructions the game was not rained out and the refs were available. However the other team's coach canceled the game on their end and so the refs were not needed after all; so he sent the refs home. In this situation, we'll incur the cost of the refs even though they canceled on us.

There was discussion about the refs for NorCal league. Claudio says the teams that have scheduled games with NorCal will schedule their games outside of our own league times. If there are any other NorCal games that need to be scheduled going forward, Claudio needs to know so he can put them on the website.

7. Fields Director: Application form was sent to the Morgan Hill School District; we got all the fields we wanted at \$15/day. Mower situations: The Oakridge Little League--they have not been able to get the \$500 down check to Rick. Their league doesn't have the money. They were bankrupt recently; the other mower at Stratford will be sold for \$1000. Toby asked about a mower to be moved to Gunderson. We will move it only if we get permission to use it there. Blossom Valley Pony League may want one. Goals: Please lock the goals up when done. Practices are canceled for the next couple of days due to rain.
8. Assistant Fields Directors: None
9. Competitive Teams Director: There will be tryouts the first week of December.
10. Recreation Director: Spring season is going well; we're about the size of Mt. Hamilton; nothing else special to report.
11. U8 Rec Director: Lots of positive feedback for the SSJ Academy Program. Two training sessions so far. There is not as much participation as anticipated. The coaches should have an F License. The trainers will have more flex hours for coaches that want to participate. This will give the coaches more flexibility. It should only be \$3K in Fall and \$2K in spring. In the fall, the academy will be opened up to all ages. For now, some of their hours will be cut; there will be more hours for them in the Fall, with the possibility of two more young adults added in the Fall. There was a suggestion to provide the rec coaches (for older levels) with the curriculum before the Fall to get started at looking at what the Academy offers.
12. Tournaments Coordinator: Absent - None
13. Equipment Director: None
14. Communication, Activity and Promotions Director: Tracy's been investigating advertising on the transit buses. Not a good option because the geographic radius is too large and because of rotating buses on different lines, you never know where your advertising will end up. Opening day is tentatively on the books at Oakridge, but can't be officially schedule because we need to have the insurance (avail in August). Rick suggested getting a flier printed for the value pak coupons. Tracy will investigate.
15. Abronzino Rep: Regarding the new Cal League- for our area it is called the Metro Division. This includes all of District 1 and 2 leagues. The board has now replaced the president. The ex-president for Abronzino is now the board's new president. Applications will be on

the website from Apr 15-May 15. It will include the ex-Abronzino and ex-Delgado teams by division: Gold, silver, bronze and copper. There was a question about rec teams. Yes—in the by laws it includes both rec and comp. There was further discussion about the timing of our league's rec teams and the levels of play. There was a suggestion for Claudio to call other rec directors from other leagues to find out what they are doing. All of Dist 2 is participating with different levels of play. So do we still have a Delgado rep? Hannah will still be a league rep for those ex-Delgado teams and can step up and vote for the league if Ahn is unable to make it to a meeting.

16. Delgado Rep: None (See Abronzino rep report)

17. Coaching Director: None

H. Committee Reports: None

I. Unfinished Business: Tracy will check with Bruce to see if he had ordered the banner to be put up at earthquakes games.

J. New Business: None

K. For the Good of the Game: None

L. Next Meeting: Monday, May 10 at 7:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Tellgren, Secretary