

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Annual General Meeting Monday, January 7, 2002

I. Call to order at 8:00 PM. Tony & Alba's 41st Ave., Capitola

II. Introduction of members and guests.

Members Present: Todd Tsukusi, Kathy Parenti, Debbie Pereira, , Robin Ove, Mike Corman, Michele Wright, Doug Evers, Mary South, Dave DeMartini, Mike Converse, David Downey, Paul Holocher, Paul Lester, John Hope

Guests: Refer to Check-In list. 68 people in attendance. 64 with voting privilege.

III. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the Annual General Meeting of January 7, 2001, were distributed for review.

IV. Board Member Reports:

President: Larry Biggam not present. Distribution of written report briefly reviewed by Kathy Parenti. Copy included in minutes.

Vice-President: Kathy Parenti District II Cup scheduled for Jan. 26 and 27 at the Morgan Hill Complex. To be hosted by our league. We need help with field marshalls and referees. 1st planning meeting will be Jan. 14th at 41st Ave. ,Tony and Alba's at 7:30 PM. Brett will be coordinating referees for this weekend.

Kathy presented procedures to be followed for tonights vote on proposed By-Law changes. Ballots are to be written and secret. Speakers for and opposed to proposed by-law change will each have 3 minutes speaking time. Each club president will be given 1 minute speaking time. 10 minutes allowed for discussion to follow. Ballot card for each by-law proposal: Write measure number, date and yes/no/abstain. Cards will be included as part of minutes. No proxys. Should person leave prior to voting, notify Board member so total number of possible votes can be adjusted.

Treasurer: Kirk Adams not present.

Referee Coordinator: Brett Hall not present.

Coach Coordinator: Mike Corman No report.

Registrar: Debbie Pereira No report

Tournament Director: Dyanne Hartwig and Larry Biggam Not present.

C3PL Coordinator: Todd Tsukushi Written annual report distributed. Copy included in the minutes.

Communications Director: Robin Ove No report.

Secretary: Mary South No report.

V. Proposals for change of Constitution, By-Laws and Rules & Regulations

Proposal #1

Class I teams will be allowed to register in whatever geographical club that they would like to register in. Club 6 would be allowed to continue operating in the manner in which the Club 6 Board chooses.

This could be accomplished by amending Article 2:02:01, #14 of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations to read:

Existing: Club #06 Select Youth Soccer Club: Comprised of all Santa Cruz Teams registered as Class I teams. All players who play on Class I teams in the League are registered through this club.

Proposed: Club #06 Select Youth Soccer Club: Comprised of those Santa Cruz County Class I team who choose to register through this club.

Pro Comments by Michelle Wright: Club 6 Board member for seven years. This past year on the board there has been much talk about the Club's "vision" and input from throughout the state on payment of coaches as a means to develop the program. Concern that a paid program needs to work with all coaches. All coaches need to be present to vote on such a question. Coaches need to be given the choice.

Con Comments by Bob Poser: Vice President of Club 6 and representative of Positive Coaching Alliance for SC County. Praised and thanked Michele for her commitment to youth soccer in SC county throughout the many years she has served. The focus of Club 6 is on the 12 month program of Class I soccer vs. the 5 month recreation program. Class I at the Club 6 level serves all players. We should not overwhelm the geographical clubs with the issues of Class I ball. Their energies should be spent on the rec program. Class I has never denied participation to players based on finances. Club 6 is committed to hosting Class I tournaments. This responsibility would be too much to pass on to the geographical clubs. Voting "no" allows comp coaches to provide the Class I programs and not dilute the rec program.

Club Presidents:

Aptos - Opposed. NO vote on all 3 proposals. Creates more work for volunteers. Shortchanges the Rec and Class 3 programs. Class I should remain under one umbrella to maintain the program's integrity.

Mid-County - David Downey, Club president polled Board members. Recommend a NO vote. View existing Class I as a successful program. It would very difficult for a club to provide a quality Class I program.

Watsonville – Doug Evers, president, Club 5 Votes NO.

Santa Cruz City - John Hope, president, not able to discuss with his Board. As Class I parent he cannot support the proposal. Club is not willing to take on administrative duties of a Class I program. Club 6 has been successful. Do not weaken the Class 3 program. Does not see professional coaching as a bad idea. NO vote

Scotts Valley/San Lorenzo Valley - Brett Gillis, president. Board members are in consensus with Bob Poser. NO vote.

Club 6 – Paul Lester, Girls Coach Director. Board is committed to what's best for the County League in the future. NO vote.

Discussion:

Don Betterly with Mid-County club: CYSA limits class I teams in any one area. Creates real problem for who decides where players are to come from. Too much of a burden on the clubs.

Greg Hill, Class I coach and Referee: A Rec coach and or parent, has a vested interest in Class I play. Based on how the Club 6 AGM vote went, it was not acceptable. Concern that parents need to become aware of how Class I works. Suggests a District II rep sits in on Club 6 Board meetings.

Tim Maximoff, Ambrozino rep for Club 6 Board. Do not damn an organization based on individual issues. Club 6 organization is in tact and able to do the job.

German Plaza, Class I coach, U11 Chivitas. We need to keep kids as #1 and work together. Stresses unity of parents and kids who make up the soccer community.

Vote: Measure #1 – Yes/ 9 NO/ 65 Abstain/1 Total votes: 75

Proposal #2

Club 6 to be dissolved and all Class 1 teams play where they want. This could be accomplished by eliminating from our Constitution, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations the following portion of Article 2:02:01, #14:

Existing: Club #06 Select Youth Soccer Club: Comprised of all Santa Cruz teams registered as Class 1

teams. All players who play on Class 1 teams in the League are registered through this club.

Discussion:

David Wright: Michele was asked to present proposals for discussion by Larry Biggam because he knew that she was unhappy with how the Club 6 AGM was handled.

Bob Poser : Thanks Michele for taking the time to step up and say maybe we could do things better and thanks for your hard work over the years. Suggests that we change the title of Club 6 to Santa Cruz County Premier Futbol Club (SCCPFC).

Mike Martinez: Everyone who came to the Club 6 AGM came with a positive attitude. The way the meeting was run was wrong. Everyone needs a voice. It was not given at that meeting. Michele's proposal was an option. There needs to be equality throughout the county.

Gary Masamori: Club 6 needs to educate coaches throughout the county about Club 6 and its role. Coaching is teaching players how to play soccer. Takes place at all levels. It's about developing players and working together.

Lino Hulen: Pajaro, Club 5, PAL team: Fully support Club 6 in its administering of Class I soccer. It maintains diversity throughout the county.

Vote: Measure #2 – Yes/ 0 NO/74 Abstain/ 0 Total Votes:74

One person had voted for Measure #1 **and** #2 on their first ballot. Vote for #2 was not included in total count.

Proposal #3

Add the Abronzino Representative position back on to the League Board. This would mean changing Article 2:02:01 to include Abronzino Representative, as #15, to the governing Board positions.

Motion made to withdraw ballot measure #3 by .. Second by Kevin McCloskey. All in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

Proposal #4

Amend Article 3:03:01 to adopt CYSA and District II's coach licensing requirements as our own.

Existing: All Class 1, 2 and 3 coaches shall have prior to the beginning of the first season minimum of an "F" license. All second year coaches shall have a minimum of an "E" license.

Proposed: All coaches shall obtain the minimum license required by CYSA and District II.

Discussion -

Effective 2002-03 season, all Class I coaches are to have their ED license,
Assistant coaches are to have their F license. Upgrades take place by 2003.
Clarify at District II website: U16 and above Class I coaches are to hold a D license.
One week course will be held in Stockton in July.
Under 16 and above Class 3 coaches are required to hold an ED license.

Gary Massamori – A District wide ED course will be held over 2 weekends, for total of 32 hours.

Need AB licensed coaches. Limited to 15, first come, first served. The ED course is a prerequisite for the State D license.

Question about impact this will have on rec coaches. None given.

Vote: All approve, no oppose. Motion carried.

At this time 21 people left the meeting.

VI. Election of Officers -- The following officers were nominated and approved for the 2002 SCCYSL Board of Directors.

Larry Biggam – President
Kathy Parenti – Vice-President
Mary South – Secretary,
Kirk Adams - Treasurer
Greg Hill - Referee Coordinator
Paul Holocher - Boys Coaches Director

Paul Lester - Girls Coaches Director
Debbie Pereira - Registrar
Tournament Director – Dyanne Hartwig and Larry Biggam
C3PL Coordinator - Todd Tsukushi
Communications Director – Robin Ove
District II Tournament Coordinator – German Plaza

VII. New Business: Monday, Jan. 14 at 7:30, Tony and Alba's District II meeting. Presidents go back to your clubs and get volunteers. Debbie Pereira reminded board of State AGM , February 9 in Fresno.

VIII. Good of the Game and Adjournment

Next Annual General Meeting for Santa Cruz County Youth Soccer League will be held the first Monday of January 2003, January

Next Meeting for SCCYSL: Tuesday, February 5, 2002 at
Tony & Alba's, 41st Ave., 7:30 PM.

Adjournment: 9:30 PM

Minutes prepared by Mary South

