

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Board of Directors Meeting for Tuesday, September 3, 2002
Tony and Alba's in Scotts Valley

I. Call to order at 7:40PM by Board President, Larry Biggam.

Members Present: Larry Busch, John Hope, Todd Tsukushi, Larry Bigtam, Greg Hill, Debbie Peirera, Michele Wright, Robin Ove, David Downey, Mary South, Mike Corman, Paul Holocher, Kirk Adams, German Plaza.

II. Guests: John Schumacher for SV/SLV

III. Approval of Minutes: Board Meeting minutes of August 6, 2002 approved once typos and spelling errors corrected. Motion by Larry Busch, second by John Hope, All approved.

IV. Oral and Written Communication: Written reports from Kathy Parenti and Paul Lester distributed.

V. Board Member Reports

President: Larry was unable to attend the past month's District II meeting. There is a new district registrar. Neighbors of the Depot site fields are supportive of the fields but not of the use of artificial turf. Larry stressed it will have 12 months of access with the artificial turf. The SC City Council is likely to approve. We will need to help with funds.

Approximately \$2,000 has been received from District II for hardship cases. Requests from clubs are much greater than this amount. Larry open to suggestions on how to divide the monies we have among the requesting clubs. Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley and Aptos made no requests. Requests came in from Pajaro, Mid-County and Premier. David Downey, Mid-County president, states his club ok financially if funds needed more by Pajaro or Premier. John Hope moved that monies received from District II be divided equally between Pajaro and Club 6/Premier. Second by Greg Hill. All approved.

Larry contacted by Phil Wright, a coach from the Sacramento area, who is interested in forming a Y-League program in Santa Cruz County. It would give us an opportunity to expand exposure of our players to ODP. Teams roster 26 players and 18 players are rostered for a game. It has a spring and summer season. Cost is \$1500 per team. Age divisions are U14 and U15 for girls; U14, U15, U16 & U17 for boys.

Vice-President: Written report from Kathy Parenti reviewing game schedules and fields. Suggestion made that next year we have a Field Schedulers meeting prior to the season to improve communication.

Registrar: Debbie informed us that the District II Registrar resigned last week. Bob Joyce is serving as the interim registrar. Debbie is still working on coach licensing. September 15 is the next export due date. Registrars are aware. 4606 players are now registered. Each club's numbers are up to what they had last year.

Many coaches are in need of licenses. Club presidents and registrars are responsible for getting this information to Debbie. Debbie would like to see the coach coordinator of each club be responsible for getting this information to their club's registrar. She will be doing a spreadsheet presenting all the gathered information and sending it to the presidents.

Treasurer: Present funds are \$9500. Major expenses are done for the year. Debbie has a total of \$20,000 from registration to turn over. Larry has some monies from the sale of T-shirts that is outstanding.

Tournament Director: 48 teams accepted to the SC Classic. 120 teams were turned away. Larry urges Club presidents to get volunteers to work the tournament; especially from U10 and U12 age divisions.

Delgado League Representative: Todd explained that for the first time when there are enough teams in an age group for two divisions they will be seeded by anticipated strength. 1st Division is called "Blue and 2nd Division is called "Red."

Communication Director: Web is busy with 9868 hits over the last 2 weeks. PCA Leadership and Youth workshop will be October 15. This is for our board and all clubs boards to attend. Location to be announced. Robin is working on Countywide PCA workshop for parents.

Coaches Representative: Paul Holocher is working on an U9 Developmental League which will provide an introduction into the competitive soccer experience for the younger players. He plans to enlist U9 coaches from each club for boys and girls. Desire is to start promoting the Developmental concept of learning the game without the emphasis on competition. John Hope states that the Santa Cruz Board is "cautiously interested"; concern over cost of program. Paul does not see cost as a major factor. German would like to see coaches attain a Y license through the U.S. Soccer Federation. Stresses need to pay attention to the developmental needs of the player. Paul Lester is attending a Class I meeting. Written report submitted updating success of his coaching clinics and upcoming licensing clinics.

Referee Coordinator: Greg reviewed need for league policy to deal with inappropriate field behavior of adults which turns away young referees from officiating games. If the League gets a policy in line which will regulate adult behavior then fees for referees won't need to be continually increased.

Review of fees set in Sept. 2000:

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| 1. All lines, all classes | \$20 |
| 2. CL 4, U10 Center Ref | \$15 |
| 3. CL3 U10, all U12 Center Ref | \$25 |
| 4. U14 & up, all classes | \$30 |

Mike Corman states only way to enforce behavior policy is to make coach responsible for behavior of his parents. Instruct youth referees to write the team name and describe problem with adult on the game card.

John Hope moved for all Class 3, U15 and up Center Refs be paid \$30 ; Lines/Asst. Refs be paid \$20.

Second by Todd Tsukushi. Discussion: Larry Busch questioned why not \$25 for each official?

John Hope revised initial motion to now state that each official of Class 3, U15 and up, will be paid \$25. Second by Todd Tsukushi. All approved and motion carried.

Question of fees for all other classes must be addressed. Greg is to write up a proposal. Referee schedules are 90% complete. Greg wants to encourage coaches to evaluate referee performance.

This will give feedback , both positive and negative, to Greg and coach coordinators of each club.

Robin volunteered to create a web form to be used for this purpose.

District II Cup Coordinator: No report.

Secretary: No report.

CLUB REPORTS:

Club 1: Santa Cruz Thank you Aptos for the help with the U12 Girls' scheduling. Every team has a sponsor and field issues are being resolved.

Todd would like to see our League Board formally proclaim our collective support for the defeat of the Santa Cruz City Utility Tax Measure P. Mike Corman informed us that as a non-profit organization we are not to be involved in lobbying. Our support/non-support should be made as individuals. Suggests that we write a letter to the Sentinel as "a concerned soccer parent."

Club 2 – Mid-County PCA Coaches Workshop to be held Sept. 18 at Simpkins Swim Center. Open to other club coaches for \$5.00 charge. Dave will be getting out information.

Club 3 - Aptos Santa Cruz and Aptos worked out U12 girls scheduling.

Club 4 – SV/SLV Attendance was light at the U8 & U10 Jamboree probably due to the Labor Day weekend. Would like to expand to U12 & U14 in the future. Would other clubs be interested in participating? There would be a minimum charge.

Club 5 – Pajaro Not present. Per Debbie: Numbers are greater than ever. Problems getting insurance certificate.

Club 6 – Select Club This is the second year dealing with Fila uniforms for \$180.00. Troy Dayak claims he can get us a better deal, especially with Kappa. Fundraising profit of \$10,000 from the Class I Tournament. E-script program is in place. Meeting to plan fundraising will be held; to sell Sees candy and Poinsettias. Need new registrar. Current registrar is doing fundraising.

Fields: Good Shepard will cost \$9,000 the first year. Games will be played at Pinto Lake fields.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Robin asked if there will be a League wide Positive Play Day? Santa Cruz has one scheduled for Sept. 7; SV/SLV has one on Sept. 14.

VII. NEW BUSINESS: Todd presented his written proposal regarding: players registered with a team who show an interest in an other team. “Procedures for looking at potential players after the spring tryouts” Debbie stated that technically a player is registered with a team through August. Suggests we create a period where players are free to check out other teams. Larry wants the issue to be discussed by Club boards at their next meeting and bring back responses to our October meeting.

September 21, there will be a memorial at the Polo Grounds for Doug Austin, a deceased Aptos parent who significantly contributed to the community.

VIII. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 1st , 7:30 PM at Tony and Alba’s in Scotts Valley.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32.

Minutes prepared by Mary South

