

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Annual General Meeting

Monday, January 6, 2003

- I. Call to order** at 7:30 PM. Shoreline Middle School Multi-Purpose Room
- II. Introduction of members and guests:**
Todd Tsukushi, David Downey, Peter Putt, Debbie Pereira, Robin Ove, Paul Holocher, Kathy Parenti, David Wright, Julie McGaha, Larry Busch, Mary South, German Plaza, Francisco Bernal, Bob Poser, Mike Corman, Doug Evers, Art Munoz, Kirk Adams
- III. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the Annual General Meeting of January 7, 2002, were distributed for review. Motion by Kathy Parenti to approve as written. Second by David Wright. All approved. 1 abstain.

IV. Board Member Reports:

President: Larry Biggam Review of the Leagues' success the past year. Terrific job by Robin Ove in developing the League's web page. We had 2 successful tournaments. We need to expand our volunteer base. German Plaza did a great job coordinating our District II Tournament. Fields – Anna Jean Cummings fields opened. Good Shepard fields for Class I club use. Depot Site was approved and we will be asked to lend financial support. Referees: SCCRA partnership has provided us more refs throughout the county. Need to increase our referee pool in English and Spanish. Coaching – More clinics than ever. Skill builder clinics at Good Shepard have been successful. Providing better training for players at the grassroots level and systemic training of fundamental skills at a young age will keep kids in the game longer. Positive Coaching Alliance: Leadership conferences have helped improve adult and player behavior throughout the county. Competitively our players have grown.

Treasurer: Kirk Adams 9 month report from March 31st, 2002. Our league has consistently been supportive of requests from coaches, teams and players. The League will be requiring a \$4.00 fee per player for field fund this year; next year it will be increased to \$5.00/player, to cover the \$20,000 to 25,000 field contributions. We will be needing to charge our players more which will limit the amount we can raise our club fees. Comments by Larry: District II wants to develop its own fields to retain control of their use. Morgan Hill fields will be moving to an alternate sight north, off Hwy. 101. It's 3 to 4 years away and several million dollars but the need for these fields is real and not only beneficial to the comp teams. Larry offered to attend Club Board meetings to explain the need for these fields.

Registrar: Debbie Pereira has sent report to club presidents regarding outstanding balances. Would like list of Board of Directors from each club and a copy of their by-laws.

District II Cup Director: German Plaza expressed thanks to helpers at the District II Cup. It was a good beginning and shows us that there is more to do next year. Thinks using our volunteers at field sites where our county teams are playing will be helpful. Makes folks feel more connected to the teams playing and the players more connected to the officials. We need to educate parents about the game and its rules so they can better understand and their behavior will improve. This job belongs to all of us.

V. Unfinished Business - None

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

- A. Play-up Rules: Debbie presented a draft of a proposal for establishing standards for clubs to use for "playing up". Its purpose is to create some stability throughout the league in handling players' requests to play up. It would be an additional item within **Registration, Article 3:02** of the current By-Laws.

Text reads: It is the goal of the League to maintain age purity. The League will automatically allow up to 3 players playing up one year. No team may register more than 3 players playing up one year, or any player playing up more than one year without prior approval of the Club Board in which the team is registered.

Discussion: Question of “release” of a player was raised. Need to address a time frame within which a player can change teams. Although related to the above proposal this issue is a new and separate item. Larry suggested this issue be addressed at the club or league level. Can not be addressed at this time since not previously noticed as a formal proposal for change of By-Laws.

Call for the vote: 15 Yes 0 Abstain 0 Oppose

Proposal passes as read.

VI. Election of Officers -- The following officers were nominated and approved as the 2003 SCCYSL Board of Directors.

Larry Biggam – President
Kathy Parenti – Vice-President
Mary South – Secretary,
Kirk Adams - Treasurer
- Referee Coordinator
Paul Holocher - Boys Coaches Director
Paul Lester - Girls Coaches Director
Debbie Pereira - Registrar
- Tournament Director
Delgado League Representative - Todd Tsukushi
Communications Director – Robin Ove
District II Tournament Coordinator – German Plaza

VII. New Business: Peter Putt inquired about the availability of a handbook for parents distributed by the Santa Cruz Club which addressed the basics for parents and players. Debbie is to ask at the AGM. Soccer Learning Systems prints a brochure, “Soccer Rules Made Simple”. Art Munoz asked if the Sentinel or any media will have coverage of the upcoming trial of abusive behavior towards one of our referees. Robin recommends doing an annual report citing number of red cards and abusive actions toward officials. Target the U8 parents for educating on rules and codes of conduct. Bob Poser stated that we need to get out information throughout the county at one time. Coaches Meetings and Parent Meetings at the start of the season are a great time to bring in speakers from PCA and the Referee association.

Club presidents were asked to bring any of their club’s “educational” materials to the League’s board meeting in February to share. Robin reminded us of the League newsletter that Dan Pereira edited and mailed out. Approximate cost was \$3500 at the time.

David Wright asked us to think about the number of players throughout our county who really avail themselves to the fields at Morgan Hill or the coaching clinics. When we discuss money, how many players really benefit from Morgan Hill fields? Are we giving money to District II at the expense of 80% of our players? Larry pointed out that if we don’t have access to Morgan Hill fields then our local fields become impacted. Suggestion of possibly charging Class I and Delgado league players more. Above discussion reinforces need for getting information out to parents about where their registration money goes.

Bob Poser informed us that the Premiere Club has elected their new Board. Inform clubs to look at their new website www.sccsoccer.org. They welcome information and contact. Website will announce meetings. They are held the first Wednesday of each month, 7:30PM at Tony and Alba’s in Scotts Valley. Change in Premier Club By-Laws no longer requires the Club presidents to be a Board Member. If not the club president then a representative from the club. A new position on the board is for a Class 3 county-wide representative.

Good of the Game and Adjournment:

Next Annual General Meeting for Santa Cruz County Youth Soccer League will be held the first Monday in January 2004. January 5th, 2004

Next Meeting for SCCYSL: Tuesday, February 4, 2003 at 7:30PM
Tony & Alba's, Scotts Valley

Adjournment: 9:27 PM

Minutes prepared by Mary South