

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Board of Directors Meeting for Tuesday, May 6, 2003

I. Call to order 7:34 PM

Members Present: Kathy Parenti, Paul Holocher, Larry Busch, John Hope, Mary South, Eddie Hurtado, Michele Wright, Robin Ove, Greg Hill, Debbie Pereira, Kirk Adams, German Plaza, Dave Downey

II. Guests: Sharon Caiocca, Fred Caiocca & Dave Getchell with U17G Panthers; Mona Lynch for PFC Club; Geoff Ward for SV/SLV Club 5

III. Approval of Minutes: April 1, 2003 minutes approved as corrected. Move to approve by Robin Ove; second by Michele Wright.

IV. Oral and Written Communication:

Handouts: PCA Proposal for 2003 Activities
Letter from U17G Panthers Class I team
CYSA Memo from John Murphy re: Boundary decision at AGM

V. Guest Presentation

Larry requested introduction of board members be made for our guests from the U17G Panthers team. Sharon Caiocca, Panthers team manager to present team concerns and request for resolution by our board this evening if possible. Larry asked Sharon "What do you want from this Board?" Sharon outlined 3 options considered viable by her team.

1. The Panthers register with the SCC Select Club but be governed by a different Club within our League.
2. The Select Club register our team and Coach "as is" and the team abide by the Club By-Laws.
3. The SCC League let us go and register with Salinas/Marina League with no future retaliation to the team's players.

Larry stated the "Open Borders" is a new phenomena from the January AGM which allows individual players to register anywhere in District II. The receiving league does not have to accept the player and it is not mandated to do so by District II. Our league will not impede the efforts of the Panthers to go elsewhere. It is not the decision of our board. Recommends that options 1 and 2 be taken to the SCCPFC board meeting tomorrow night at Tony and Alba's for their review and decision.

Discussion: Larry sees the challenge in finding a receiving League which will take an entire team. Debbie feels better if these players were to stay in our county's League. Question: If decide to leave our league and go to Marina won't that open the team to other players?

Continue to be part of SCCPFC but governed by another club. Robin asked if a mediator would help resolve concerns. We should do all we can to keep this team in the county.

There are 2 sides to consider; no coach or team is above the rules and we do whatever can be done for the players. They can choose to leave if they play within PFC Club but they are still obligated to abide by the same regs. John Hope recommends not to consider Option #1. Larry sees Options #2 & #3 as realistic. Paul states that no efforts are being made to disband the Panthers. It is a great time to work it out with the PFC Board. Questioned how many players on the team are "playing up"? Answer: currently 9.

Mona encouraged Sharon to come see how other teams issues are to be resolved at tomorrow night's (PFC) board meeting. German stated that we need to be sensitive to the special needs inherent in girls' soccer. Larry explained that if concerns are not resolved at tomorrow

night's SCCPFC board meeting then the Panthers can bring it back to us (the County League Board). A special meeting will be called if necessary. Debbie added that if the PFC board denies their request, our Board can overturn their decision. Larry clarified only if abuse of discretion is apparent in the PFC Board's action.

Kathy reviewed need to follow established process that applies to all teams before withdrawing – tryouts being held, coaching applications filed. Dave Getchell spoke as a Panthers parent referring to years of inequitable treatment by Club 6 and describing the team's decision as a difficult one. Larry Busch questioned if they had submitted everything to the PFC registrar. Mona said that teams with more than 3 players requesting to "play-up" will be reviewed by the club registrar, Lisa Holmsley, at tomorrow night's PFC meeting. Michele asked if there will be League reps at that meeting. Larry said he planned to attend. Discussion of team's move as precedent setting. Either remain here under our League or move to another. Not practicing as a Salinas team at AJC. Michele brought up example of Lobitos team. Larry explained that Lobitos literally moved to Salinas. Team is returning to Santa Cruz and merging with other teams.

VI. Reports of Board Members

President: District II Update: The District is in need of a secretary. Premiership deadline is Friday, May 9 at 5 PM to Dave Mann. Presidents refer your comp coaches to the DII website. Follow the guidelines. Website provides a perfect Tournament package. Debbie distributed a copy of information. State website has the current application not the DII form. The U15 Atlas and U14 Bobcats win State Cup. Both teams received the Fair Play Award. District II has authorized \$2,000 be given to each team for cost of going to Regionals. Larry recommends that we give each team \$500. Teams will do fundraising then can come back to the League in June if in need of more funds. Kirk informed us that we have \$14,000 in the bank. John Hope moved to give each team \$500 as an initial grant. Second by Kathy Parenti. Larry Busch abstained as a Bobcat parent. Michele Wright abstained as wanted a greater amount allocated. All remaining members approved.

Larry reminded presidents to get the message out to their Class 3 and Class 4 coaches that all players must play one half of the game.

Coaching and Player Development Program Status: Given Paul Lester's departure, Larry requests authorization to contract with Paolo Carbone to get the needed work done. Kathy Parenti moved that we hire Paolo Carbone to do Coach and Player Development. Second by John Hope. All approved. Robin questioned at what point do we want to consider a person for a Board position. UCSC is to do a national search for a women's coach to replace Paul Lester. This person may/may not be available to us. German is qualified to teach courses and taking care of courses previously arranged by Paul. An F License course will be offered June 13 & 14th.

Vice-President: 1. Kathy asks presidents to remind all parties to work on **fields**. Let her know by next month what fields each club has and those fields they don't have. Need information by our June meeting. 2. Needs **listing of Class 3 teams**. List by age, coach and name of team. Larry reminds us that the board approves all Class 3 coaches.

Registrar: 1. 5275 players last year. Debbie has list of coaches for Spring teams. 2. Has packages to distribute. Player conduct cards, game cards, parent guides (Eng. and Span.) 3. Player fees: Asks Larry to please check amount at the next District II meeting. (\$11.25 to \$11.75?) Field fees are going up to \$5.00. Our league's field fund is \$2.00. Debbie needs to know what to collect from each player. Last amount was figured to be \$26.50.

Treasurer: Kirk reports \$14,200 in checking. Last year, ending March 31, has not been closed out yet.

Tournament Director: Class 3 Tournament Director, Susan Walker is not required to attend our board meetings. Meetings are at her house, second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM. 3288 O'Neill Ct., Soquel. Across from Soquel High School. Class I Tournament needs to get going especially since going from 48 to

64 teams Greg questions where are we getting the extra refs needed for a larger tournament. Please address that at the next PFC meeting.

Delgado League Representative: Todd not present. He will be the scheduler for the League.

Communication Director: 1. U19 Rec League - Looking for initial numbers registered in each club. Wants to mail out a postcard to all registered players to determine interest in getting full teams formed. Will need to pay full amount. Needs assigned coach & sponsor. Set up a walk-in registration time. These players will be registered under “Club 9” title where Debbie has been registering Spring players.
Number of visits to our website: For month of April – 6675; total through April 28th – 27,576.

2. PCA – Activities Proposal . Refer to handout. Focus is on educating parents. We have 4 workshops coming to our League. First will be “Culture Keepers” for Class I and Class 3. When do we want a Leadership workshop? Robin recommends we accept the PCA proposal. John Hope moved that we accept the PCA Proposal as presented. Second by Eddie Huratdo. All approved.
3. By-Laws language. Larry suggests that we deal with this issue at the AGM. Todd is the comp team coordinator rep to the PFC. Language of Article 2: 02:01 needs to be cleaned up to conform to SCCPFC by-laws. Question to Club Presidents: How do your clubs feel about **not** having assigned representation to the PFC board? Do they want to be on the board as a voting member? There does need to be a link with each club and the PFC board. Also question relevancy of SCCYSL by-laws articles 3:09 – 3:12 re: standings, tie games, reporting scores, disbandment of team. Table this item for next month.

Coaches Representative: Paul Holocher. U9 Playdays this past weekend went well. 9 out the 10 coaches attended the coaches clinic. Very proud of the State Cup champ teams.

Interim coaching contact is to be German Plaza. F License course to be June 13 & 14th at Aptos Academy 7-9PM Fri. and 8am – 3pm Sat.

F License course: July 18 & 19th. Location to be determined.

ED course: Gary Massamori to post on website. German to set up another E course in August. Can do these clinics year round on week nights in Nov., Dec., and Jan. Should encourage coaches to get their license in advance to apply towards the season. Need not wait a full year. Goal for us as a league is to get our coaches a D License.

Referee Coordinator: 1. Where are we getting refs for U9 program? Suggest hrough clubs. Have presidents think about using youth refs. Educate parents and coaches on how to support them.

2. **May 15th, 6 – 9 PM at Shoreline.**
3. For the record, we will have problems staffing refs for larger Class I tournament.
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District II Cup Director: No report

Secretary: No report.

CLUB REPORTS:

Club 1: Santa Cruz Over 800 registered. Gus Ibarra has an U15G team which needs a club. Wants to register with Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz City School District passed a resolution to charge for fields. Fees could total \$46,000 plus additional amount for parking.

Club 2 – Mid-County About 650 registered. Re: “Open Borders” ...Parents don’t automatically look at their local club but where it’s most attractive. Not aware of options

Club 3 - Aptos 550 registered as of last Friday. Class 3 tryouts have gone well. U19G needs players. Will talk with Todd. AJHS field closed for a rest through 2nd week of August.

Club 4 – SV/SLV Registration going slowly. 580 at this point. Think numbers will be down. Quail Hollow and Redwood closures. Club Board meeting tomorrow night.

Club 5 – Pajaro Registration is going very slowly; at 300 now. Plan to do a advertising blitz. City League going is now going Spring and Fall. Getting stronger players and playing against Salinas teams. \$25 registration fee for PAL and City League. No insurance, no uniforms and weak refs. Pajaro registration is \$55. Next Board meeting will set a calendar. May 17 is 2nd walk-in registration; mail-in for returning players.

SCCPFC – Very excited about the Bobcats and Atlas. Sportsmanship awards are really great. Younger teams are set. Older teams are scrambling to get registration done. Numbers approximately 310 – 330. Excited about the new young coaches with the younger teams.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Debbie informed clubs that cost for Sentinel ad is \$142.30 per club. Also, pick up roster paperwork on way out.

VII. NEW BUSINESS: By-Laws language - Addressed by Robin in her report.

VIII. Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 3rd, 7:30 PM Tony and Alba's

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM

Minutes prepared by Mary South