

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Board of Directors Meeting for _____ Tuesday, October 7, 2003

I. Call to order: 7:40PM

Members Present:

Greg Hill, John Hope, Mary South, Larry Biggam, Eddie Hurtado, Robin Ove, Michele Wright, Art Munoz, Kirk Adams, Dale Hume, Paul Holocher, Bob Poser

II. Guests: Kathy Gleaton, Aptos Club Board

III. Approval of Minutes: September minutes approved as corrected. Motion to approve by John Hope; Larry Busch second, all approved.

IV. Oral and Written Communication: Handout to Club Presidents – List of Delgado Playing League teams. SCCYSL Fall 2003 Newsletter

V. Board Member Reports

President: Larry complimented the success of the SC Classic Tournament; praised hard work of Susan Walker, John Hope and referees. Kirk Adams and German Plaza were recognized for their great work at the District II Cup. Thanks to Robin for the newsletter. Copies given to club presidents to take back to their club members. \$7200 bill for our Class 3 teams. Money comes from clubs who support their class 3 teams. \$150 per team. Clubs need to figure out how many teams they owe for. Send money to Kirk.

John Hope and Larry are to attend meeting on Depot Field site tomorrow night. The field will happen. Meeting will discuss/decide on access to fields and fees for use.

Larry attended the District II meeting 1 month ago. At that time, discussion centered on planning for the District II Cup. Have received bad reports from teams playing in Salinas. District II is to be held accountable for failings at all tournament sites. Anyone having a negative experience in Salinas get specifics to Larry so he can pass them on. Question – Isn't there some way to preview fields prior to a tournament to see if they're regulation size? Often there is little notice about which fields are being used and the time of games.

The U9 Developmental League is a new venture. All the logistics have not been worked out. How do we finance field prep and referees? One month ago we said that the host team will pay for refs. Larry Biggam would like all participating clubs to pay the League up front for field and ref costs. Suggestion that Todd serve as "commissioner" who will assign referees. He gets the info to Kirk who is to write the checks to the individual referee. Todd is to bill each Club president for monies due based on the number of U9 teams and the games played. Paul estimates about \$300 per club is due to finish out the season. The advantage of the Good Shepard location has been one central site to oversee the games played. The original intent was to have the first few weeks at Good Shepard and then begin going to other clubs fields.

Motion by John Hope to request that Todd schedule referees for the U9 Developmental League games and to send a statement of cost to each club. Each club will then send payment to Kirk Adams, League Treasurer, who will then pay the referees. Second given by Dale Hume. All approved,

Vice-President: Not present.

Registrar: Computer has crashed. 4714 players registered at this time. Numbers are down about 900 from last year. Most clubs are down except for Santa Cruz. SV/SLV club is down the most players.

There has been some confusion with payment of the Sentinel Ad to announce tryout dates etc. Clubs 1, 2, 3, and 4 each owe \$118.80. Send checks to Kirk.

The U9 Developmental League check-in is almost done. Question? Will the U9Dev. League coaches (since considered Class 3) need to have the required F license next year? Is this year considered a year's grace period?

Issues to address as a League: 1. Players playing with red cards. 2. Players intentionally throwing a game. Larry points out that these are very rare circumstances. Bob Poser states that the clubs message should be not to win at all costs but to learn how to compete in life.

Treasurer:

\$30,000 - \$32,000 in account. We will have commitments to pay out. Re: paying referees: Paid out refs directly at District Cup this past weekend. Kirk reminded us that all clubs and the League are non-profit. Amounts over \$600 need a 1099 form to be filed. We need to protect our non-profit exemption status. Must be careful when we pay out large amounts. Question as to how often we pay them out. Standard appears to be about every 2 weeks.

Tournament Director: The Classic went well as said earlier. We have brought in lots of people to our county over the past 4 months (112 teams). We need to get more recognition from the community as to what we do. Larry Busch suggests reminding businesses of what our tournaments bring into SC County. Get articles in the Sentinel; notify the Chamber of Commerce and the Visitors Bureau.

Delgado League Representative: Not present. Clubs get money to Kirk.

Communication Director: Our website peaked the week of Sept. 9 with around 9200 hits. 6500 to 8000 per week is the average. The U19 Rec program has 55-58 players out on Sundays. More people playing each week. The season is for 10 weeks. Will begin playing coed soon.

Coaches Representative:

The U9 Development program is going very well. Paul is getting around to each team for training. There will be an F license course in January at Aptos Academy. Will need for Kirk to write check for \$500. Now is the time to get the word out to U8 coaches regarding the upcoming U9 coaching program in the spring. Paul to get word out to clubs and the clubs are to pass it on to their U8 coaches.

Referee Coordinator:

Suzanne is being challenged to get enough refs to cover the games. Greg doesn't know why it is so difficult to find refs. Need for more ref clinics discussed. Suggestion by S.C. Board member to hold referee clinics at UCSC. Advertise through the UCSC and Cabrillo career centers. Suggestion by Robin to contact OPERS and get info into the winter/spring course catalog.

District II Cup Director: Not present. Good job German on the tournament!!

Secretary: December Board Meeting will be at Café Cruz for our annual holiday dinner.

CLUB REPORTS:

Club 1: Santa Cruz Will be attending the meeting for Depot Park field. There are rumors that there may be an all weather field installed at Mission Hill.

Club 2 – Mid-County Dale Hume, Vice President, attending for Dave Downey. Currently there are 907 players registered. Numbers are down from last year. Dave Downey will not be returning as President next year. His wife, Melanie, will continue as club registrar.

Club 3 - Aptos Season is going smoothly. Question as to how Paolo is doing? He has worked with SC and SV/SLV and the response has been positive. There is more demand for skill building clinics

rather than coaching. Larry Busch would like to hear from him. Get word out that good stuff is happening. Coach clinics are held every Sunday, 4:30 pm at Cabrillo. Larry Busch will not be returning as President next year.

Club 4 – SV/SLV Art Munoz will not be returning as Club President next year. Michele Lee will be the new president. Re: Class 3 play. Our By-Laws read that Class 3 remains a developmental league. Class 3 players get 50% playing time. Larry states that we will enforce that. Presidents remind your coaches, “You pick ‘em, you play ‘em.”

Club 5 – Pajaro

Eddie reported a recent Class 3 game score of 17 – 0. The team’s coach got called by Todd. Announcement that all Class 1 teams based out of Watsonville will be leaving SCCPFC to play in either the Y League or with the Gavilan league. Teams involved: the Inter, Assault, Chivitas, Breakers, Atlas, Chivas. Why? There is a lot of mistrust of Club 6 and the fees continue to increase. Want to be recognized as Watsonville teams; have local pride. Will feel more comfortable playing in Gavilan since relatives play in that league. Michele asked if teams would be able to register within a Watsonville Class 1 Club but stay within the SCC league? Larry suggests that the issue be taken to the SCCPFC Board.

Club 6 – Select Club

Bob Poser suggests that part of mistrust of Class 1 club is lack of awareness of just what the Class 1 program provides. Word needs to get out to parents and players about what the SCCPFC does for its players. There’s never enough time at Board meetings to discuss these issues as they relate to the entire county program. Bob cited that 4 SCC teams participated in District II Cup. The U18G Magic, U13G Catalyst, the U15B Phantom and the U15B Bobcats. The U18G SCC Magic and U15B SCC bobcats won the DII Cup Championships in their respective age groups. SCCPFC has been battling the Ambrozino league to get the SCC Chivas moved up to the Div. I level of play. Bob Evans will write a check to Kirk. There will likely be new SCCPFC Board members at the December AGM.

October 29th is College Night to be held at the Aptos Academy. Will start at 7:30 PM. Great opportunity for players and families to learn about playing soccer in college.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS: None

VIII. Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 4, 2003, 7:00 PM at Tony and Alba’s in Scotts Valley.
**Board members agreed to starting meeting a half hour earlier to allow more time for discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Minutes prepared by Mary South

