

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Board of Directors Meeting for

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

I. Call to order 7:30 PM Tony & Alba's in Scotts Valley

Members Present: Kirk Adams, Rich Rhode, Keith Ullah, John Hope, Dale Hume, Debbie Pereira, Robin Ove, Bob Poser, Michelle Lee, Larry Biggam, Paul Holocher

II. Guests: Paolo Carbone, Tom Morano, Matt McDowell

Approval of Minutes: November 2003 minutes approved, John Hope: Motion, Bob Poser, 2nd.

III. Oral and Written Communication:

Discussion of 2004 AGM (Annual General Meeting) held January 5, 2004. Only 6 people attended. The goal of the meeting was to propose by-law changes that reflected more "housekeeping" and rid the document of outdated language. With that few in attendance Larry felt we were out of compliance with 30% quorum and a 20-90 written notice to all members of the organization. It was suggested that for all by-law changes written notice needs to be given in individual letters – not just webpage notification as in the past. Debbie asked why we change procedures now when we handled it differently in the past. Larry wants better compliance with existing State Non-Profit laws. Motion to postpone by-law changes until Jan 2005 by Dale Hume, 2nd by John Hope. Ayes passed, 2 opposed.

Vacant positions filled: Rich Rhode, Referee Coordinator, Paul Holocher, Coaching Director, Todd Tsukushi, Delgado Representative. All positions Nominated, 2nd and approved.

Still needed are the critical roles of Vice President, Class 3 Tournament Director, D2 Tournament Director and Secretary.

Larry indicated that there would be NO interleague play if we can't find a VP/good scheduler. Other concerns about scheduling are field use and referee coordination. This is a critical role for Class 3 and Class 1 game schedules as well as U12 and up interleague play.

Larry indicated that there will not be a Class 3 "Santa Cruz Classic" if a tournament director could not be found to take this responsibility for this year. Peter Putt is willing to be a field coordinator, but we need a reliable person for the paperwork, logistics and follow thru with CYSA-N.

V. Board Member Reports

President:

Action Item:

Need list of Board of Directors and By-laws from all Clubs

Need list of all fields for Insurance Certificates (6 week turnaround) Need by next mtg.

Need to submit League Affiliation papers.

Mid-county owes \$250.00, make payment to Kirk Adams, Treasurer (Dale Hume agreed)

Tournament Status: We're on probation for the Class 3 tournament. After tournament documents were not submitted on time. Larry mentioned that dealing with CYSA-N was like dealing "with the Kremlin" with no opportunity to be heard prior to decisions. We cannot be on probation a 2nd year.

The Class 1 Tournament is also on probation and CYSA-N has reduced the number of teams to 48 instead of the 64 proposed. There were allegations that the accept/reject information was not given in sufficient time. CYSA dropped our postings frequently and there supposedly a red-card that was not served. According to CYSA-N you can't reduce a tournament without having been on probation first. Wendy Campbell/District 2 Tournament will go to "bat" for us and we will see if we can resolve at the Equipment Show or AGM.

D2 and CYSA North Coach of the Year: Doug Garcia from the Santa Cruz City Club has won these honors and will be celebrated at a luncheon at the Equipment Show in Feb.

Larry urges the Registrar, Referee Coordinator, and Presidents to hold "job alike" meetings to better communicate common problems, best practices and engagement amongst the club representatives.

Vice-President – No report

Registrar:

ACTION ITEM:

All Clubs need to get their registration dates/times/locations to Debbie.
All Clubs still owe SCCYSL money for registration fees.

Spring 2004 registration deadline is March 1, 2004. An additional \$10.00 per team mailing/handling fee in addition to the CYSA fees must accompany registration documents given to Debbie. End of March and beginning of April will be handling a lot of Spring League paperwork and communications with coaches. Debbie will be holding a Registrar's Meeting soon. The Ad for Registration will go in the SC Sentinel at the end of March

Michelle Lee SV/SLV asked if there would be any CYSA_N or League fee hikes to be absorbed by the geographic clubs. Debbie indicated that we don't know until March 14 CYSA-N AGM a lot of discussion regarding the politics of moving the AGM to March instead of holding during the Feb Equipment show. Bob Poser asked Larry to make a motion to the state organization regarding any fee increases. Larry will oppose any further field fee increases, \$4-\$5 MILLION dollars will be needed soon to move the Morgan Hill complex to the Coyote area. D2 is hoping do handle with grants.

Debbie asked if "we have a Watsonville (Pajaro Valley) Club this year?" Larry will investigate.

Treasurer:

Kirk wanted to know if D2 has contacted us regarding payment of field funds? Jane Gates, D2 moves on and we owe \$20,000.00 we currently have \$28,000.00 in our funds, so budgeting is guesswork until we receive adequate billing from D2 – we were promised this in December. Our 1099 didn't go out and we may be penalized (\$50.00)

Tournament Director: - no report

Communication Director:

Small report, website up to date with current calendar info. Need ref and licensing clinics to post.

Coaches Director:

Paul will contact D2 about our coaching license clinics. Each club will need to have a representative/contact to handle the "hosting" duties. Paul will get back to us with a list and asked in general "how many do we need?"

Referee Coordinator:

Rich has schedule a March 8 Referee clinic at Shoreline Middle school, details will be posted on the website calendar. Motion to charge fees to cover the cost of the clinic (\$15.00 per person) by Robin Ove, 2nd by Michelle Lee. Motion passes.

Delgado League Representative: (by email)

Delgado: There was a little talk of starting Delgado in August so there would be more weekends for high school age teams to finish before Nov 15 and ALL teams would finish before Thanksgiving. Currently Delgado schedules to the 2nd weekend in December for some ages. Many, if not most, school districts now start in August. FEEDBACK?

Under-9 Developmental: Please report club coordinators - time to start finding coaches.

Spring League: I received 5 emails from players looking for D2 Spring League teams. I bet there would be more. We really need to acknowledge the increased interest in spring league and get this organized- maybe PFC? For 2005, If I can pass on my share of U9Dev to someone, I might be able to do it when the Depot Park field is available.

We should have a list of county teams in D2SL on the website for players to find or at least the following instructions so they can find the teams on their own:

Currently the SCCYSL and it's geographic clubs do not offer support for the District 2 Spring League. However, there are local teams participating.

To find them:

1) Go to <http://cysa.eapps.com/cysa/D2SL.nsf/Main>

- 2) click on "Teams/Scores"
- 3) click on the appropriate age division (note: there may be separate Class 3 or Class 1 divisions)
- 4) The league of registration is in the far right column - look for "Santa Cruz"
- 5) Click on the team to get the contact information of the coach or manager.

example: <picture of web page>

OH!

Did you all see the SC Club players in the Sentinel?

1) Depot Park ground breaking and

2) Soccer Central story

Instant Identity because of the common uniforms!

2nd OH!

Vote Yes on Measure F. Harvey West Park maintenance has been cut back and will become non-existent with a \$3.5 million cut coming up. The 0.25% sales tax in F will reduce the cut to "only" \$1 million. VOTE VOTE VOTE and that's my soccer time for today.
Todd Tsukushi

District II Cup Coordinator: not present

Larry will ask German Plaza if he will serve again.

Secretary: no report

CLUB REPORTS:

Club 1 Santa Cruz (John Hope)

Attended Depot site meeting. If good weather might be open by end of year. Larry asked about what brand of artificial turf will be used. John will get back to him. SC City considering having U6 teams (Excel does currently) and "We don't like to play before Labor Day." John also noted that CYAS is now requiring Tournament Referee Assignors to be licensed. John has taken the class if we need him.

Club 2 – Mid-County (Dale Hume)

Gave his three minutes to John Hope...But asked advise about opening the season before Labor Day.

Club 3 - Aptos (Keith Ullal)

Next BOD meeting is Thursday at the Aptos Academy. Actively recruiting new positions. Have set Class 3 tryout dates (see website: aptossoccer.com)

Club 4 – SV/SLV (Michelle Lee)

SV/SLV is rolling along. Looking for publicity board member and fundraiser. Issues currently with the development of the Skypark Skatepark and the size of the venue. Projected it will take 1/3 of the parking lot. Looking for support of balance use of the facilities. Michelle urged us to show up at meeting and sign petitions. See svslvsoccer.org for more info.

Club 5 – Pajaro Valley – not present

Club 6 – SCCYPFC (Bob Poser)

The U13B Chivitas are in the quarterfinals State Cup Tournament, 2nd year in a row. Great achievement! Mid-March – through May is the older State Cup run.

Club tryouts will be held a little earlier than last year. It was noted that we lose a lot of players over the hill due to our late tryout dates. Paolo Carbone has joined SCCYPFC from the DeAnza Club as our Girl's Coaching Director. He has worked very hard to develop the girl's side and there are now ~10 girls teams and 13 boys teams. See our website scsocc.org

The boys tryout will be early, but not "as early" Feb 28, 29, March 6, 7 for U10-U13 We will be adding U10 Boys team. Tryouts at Del Mar School and EA Hall in Watsonville

U14-U18 tryouts will be held April 5, 9 at Aptos Polo.

We have a new Class 3 Coordinator as a liaison to the geographic clubs: Matt McDowell. Bob would like to visit each club board with Paul, Paolo and Matt to better communication connections between the clubs and the Class 1 program. SCCYPFC offers services, coaching clinics, perhaps joint practices with Class 3 teams. Opportunities to interact.

Scheduling issues with referees need to be recognized. We owe our Class 1 players a commitment. Field scheduling request proposed scheduling fields on a county-wide basis, and block class 3 and class 1 games. Allow the assigner to put quality, experienced referees in same location. Hard to assign if the referees have to travel distances between games. Maybe we can work out a creative solution.

Larry commented we NEED a VP/Scheduler who can schedule and assign a committee to work out the details.

Bob also asked the geographic clubs to consider looking for a 1 Vendor/manufacturer for all jerseys, uniforms and build some leverage for our tournaments – a “Nike Premiere Club or Addidas League” could provide special benefits. Asked the clubs to provide “this is what it costs us for uniforms, and this is what we get.” So he can tabulate cost benefits.

Proposed that the C1 Santa Cruz Classic tournament director might manage the Class 3 SC Classic if we cannot find a tournament director. Cost, exchanges etc to be determined.

Introduced Matt McDowell, SCCYPFC Class 3 Coordinator. Matt has coached locally and in the Almaden areas for a number of years. Class 1 envisions the position as a liaison to the clubs and will do a monthly email and meetings with the Class 3 club coordinators. He wants to help out the C3 programs with clinics, co-training teams and more overall communication. Wants to share player info for those who tryout but don't make a class 1 team. He will be defining his role as we go along.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

Tom Morano asked how do we come up organizationally countywide for Class 3 and Class 1 to be more cooperative. He thinks the early C1 tryouts as a good thing.

VIII. Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 2, 2004 7:00 PM at Tony and Alba's in Scotts Valley.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM. Minutes prepared by (reluctantly, Robin Ove)