

Santa Cruz County Youth Soccer League
Board Meeting
August 3, 2010
Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm.
- II. Attendance: Shawn Abernathy, Larry Biggam, Kelly Binger, Paolo Carbone, Dave Cole, Sebastian DeFrancesco, Ashley Edgar, Doug Evers, Kris Kirby, Marc Kirby, Ed Murrer, Michael Oglesby, John Pak, Jessica Perkin, Tami Rudd, Ralph Ruiz, Dan Sampson, Shari Scruton, Tony Sloss, Michele Wright
- III. Approval of June 1, 2010
Tami motioned to accept, Michele 2nds, 12 yes votes, accepted
- IV. New Business
 - A. President's Report-

Sebastian – thanks to everyone for being here, please inform me of any recordings, as a county, we need to work together to advance soccer
 - B. Registrar's Pay
Michele- from Daryl who is not here we were not asked whether or not we accepted pay rate, the budget voted on was based on registration numbers of last year, numbers have not come through
Dave – what were the numbers
Michele – 4200 budgeted, ~1400 now
Sebastian – so what does Daryl want?
Michele – the bulk of the work is at the comp level , we are just as busy this year, if not more so
John – numbers seem right
Sebastian – according to CYSA, registrars cannot be in room for discussion or vote on registrar pay
Michele leaves
Ed – what is proposal
Sebastian – they want the pay that was based on the budgeted numbers
Tami – don't clubs do the majority of the work?
Ed – I don't agree that because you have fewer people, the others should be burdened more
Kris – we voted at \$, leave it at \$4
John – according to Melinda, we pay top rate at \$4 per player, same as Redwood, but they don't have club registrars, I still don't know how much time they spend
Kris – Melinda said 25 minutes per team
Dave – we still don't know end-to-end processing, I don't care who gets paid more, let's just know
Michele returns
 - C. Releases and Notifying Parents
Michele – whenever we get a release, we call parent to ensure he/she signed the form and understands what it means to be "released," have caught around 5-8 forgeries
Larry – in past, there was abuse, a better player coming in and releasing someone, we should keep this cross-check, it's a good thing
Tony – how many releases do you get
Michele – a lot
Tony – I support continuing the cross-check
Michele – we've also caught kids playing on other teams, Daryl wanted to know if we should continue these phone calls
Kris – I think it's a waste of time, we should trust our coaches
Michele – as a league registrar, I support it
Tami – I support it
Tony – should we make a motion?
Kelly – only if we want to change it
 - D. Competitive U8 and U9 teams traveling
Michele – before we decided all U8 teams should play in-county
Sebastian – let's bring this up under Paolo

E. Division 4 players and teams not registered in CYSA

Michele – 1400 players

Dave – why are there only 1400

Tony – Geo club presidents had a meeting, we were prepared to register 100% at \$12.50, but when changed to \$18 per player, we decided to register differently

Dave – 18 is still cheaper than what you paid before

Mike – a better question would be what is the value of being under CYSA?

Dave – insurance, ODP, TOPS, trainings

Sebastian – what does NorCal offer?

Mike – this is not a NorCal discussion

Ashley – isn't this the league board's responsibility, to do something with that money? I think incremental dues are good, that for a slight cost to individuals, a group can benefit.

John – this year there is no incremental

Ashley – do all the clubs pay the same reg fee, and are they paying less?

Tony – yes, they are paying less

Kelly – No, but we are providing services such as trainers

Ashley – couldn't that be done at the league level?

Mike – if we bring value, then we can collectively work together, we are accountable to our constituents, I think we've been focused on the wrong things

Sebastian – when rec players registered, did the parents know?

Tony – yes

Ed – what did they sign up for?

Kris – rec soccer, Marc got insurance down to \$5 per player

Sebastian – does it make sense to pull all those kids out of CYSA? Does it benefit the league?

Tony – coming to terms with reality, I thought we had about \$10,000, so I was surprised that we had ~\$200,000, and past issues

Sebastian – but you didn't give this administration a chance

F. Approval of competitive coaches (Tim Martin MC, Roland Hedgpath PV, and Lance Pardue Aptos)

Michele – as long as they have required licenses

Tami 1st, Shawn 2nd, 11 yes votes, approved

G. PCA courses –

Shawn – PCA contract up, usually a year at a time, do we want to do it again

Kris – we've been doing it online, we love it

Shawn - \$330 cost per club per year, \$1975, you get 3 2-hour workshops, books are \$4 each

John – who goes to the classes?

Kris – comp coaches

Sebastian – why aren't these mandatory?

Shawn – in the past, they were, we signed up as partners

Sebastian – what if a coach gets a red card? Shouldn't he have to go?

Tony – that is the reactive, we should be proactive, I've been a big proponent since the beginning, the culture in Santa Cruz supports it

Dan – it has also shown up in other sports

Sebastian – what about SV?

Mike – we missed it last year, it is a good thing

Ed – I think it would be good for rec coaches, Breakers have our own policing

Shawn – we can do parent/player courses also

Tony – leagues can offer value to clubs

Kris – comp do online, rec take the classes

Kelly – D3 most parents/rec, free pizza dinner

Ralphy – never done one

John - \$1975 for 3 workshops and online discount, \$15 vs. \$30

Sebastian – Shawn, your proposal is?

Shawn – do we continue it and who is going to pay for it? motion that we continue for another 3 years to be paid for by clubs, Michele 2nds

Tami – do we have money in the budget?

John – we don't have it in the budget, but we have it in the bank

Ed – amend motion that league pay from the field fund

Tony – in past, league has paid the \$1975, clubs have rented the facilities and paid workbook fees
Shawn – last year, we decided the fee to be split between the clubs
John – divided by five, \$370 per club, no PV
Tony – league should pay course and arrange facility
Kris – who pays for workbooks?
Michele – I agree that it is a benefit, but rec coaches, who are not in CYSA, should pay
Tami – I agree, but could be a gesture of goodwill
Larry – I agree with Tony that league should pay, but clubs facilitate the courses
Shawn – amend motion, league pays PCA and facility fee, clubs arrange for classes and pay workbook fee, Shari 2nds, 12 yes votes, approved

H. Breakers' Cup

Tami – disappointed that Breakers' Cup allowed D3 teams, not brought to Board for a vote
Paolo – we didn't go D3, we held a US Club tourney
Tami – it clearly stated D# in the rules, I spoke to Carson, he apologized, I usually turn down lots of applications, didn't get that this year, I have 2 openings left, U16 Boys, would like to see both tournaments working together
Paolo – how many teams do you have from Santa Cruz?
Tami – 6
Paolo – there are 93 teams in Santa Cruz, I want to be clear that we are not competing, it is not our intention
Ed – Kelly brought his team to breaker's Cup, what was your motivation
Kelly – Carson called and asked me, different level of competition, it was fun
Ed – I just don't feel that we are competing
Dave – how many local teams last year?
Tami – double
Sebastian – just keep in mind that we work together
Mike – this highlights club vs. league, I do like local options

I. CAL Soccer league update

Paolo – thanks for getting money to me, we were the first to turn in all dues, 15 Aptos and Mid County teams, 7 PV teams, 21 Breakers teams, 17 SV/SLV, 10 teams from Fresno, working with Rodney trying to bring top clubs in state back into CYSA
Tony – Fresno? Political difference with home league?
Paolo – their home league collapsed
Mike – geography seems strange
Paolo – some went to redwood, some to us
Dave – they are paying league fees?
Paolo – Yes, there are 103 teams in our league, seedings – you will most likely get what you requested, U9 and U10 only bronze and copper, start relegation at U12 when they play 11-a-side, player flexibility, any player, U11 and under, can move around, U12 and up, 3 guest players per game, will send out all finalized rules when available
Doug – can you have more than 18 players
Paolo – U16 and up, maximum is 22 players, a lot of good changes, a new era to CYSA
Doug – is there a limit to number of times a guest player can play?
Mike – why no silver/gold?
Paolo – new teams forming, better for development, less traveling

J. U9 Jamboree

Kelly – Bob not here, MC willing to host Jamboree, weekend before Thanksgiving, asking if league is willing to help with refs
Paolo- are you doing U9 in NorCal?
Kelly yes, charging \$100 per team
Tami – classic pays for refs
Larry – why don't you bring a budget?
Dave – these players are not registered in league, but you want us to pay?

K. D2 Field Fund

Tony – looking at John's worksheet dated March 17, field fund of \$102,000, ~\$55,000 is D2 Field Fund, \$5 per player collected over years, as club president, I was under the impression

that this was mandatory, only this year did I discover that this money was not passed on but held onto

Ed – we did discuss this in January to not send money to D2

John – we have made partial payments

Tony – since we are not forwarding it to the District, our clubs would like to put those funds to use to better our players, another question is the remaining \$86,000, is it designated for something?

John - \$43,000 in main operating account, \$31,000 for the Classis, \$166,165 in Field Fund, \$19,000 liability for CYSA

Tony – so \$55,000 of \$166,165 is not being forwarded to D2, should be returned to clubs

Kris – John, how much do you feel comfortable leaving in the checking account and giving back to the clubs? In the past, Larry has kept \$30-40, 000

Mike – I've put something together (passes out handout)

Larry – status of San Benito, we have collected and put it aside just in case we were called on it, the property is up for sale, but they are looking into buying a new property in South San Jose, they will probably come back to us looking for this money, I would like to keep it in the field fund, maybe even for something local, I don't want to give it back to clubs for operating expenses, if you really need the money, make the case

Ashley – there has been a reaction by pulling out D4 players, if you pull back this, then we will have even less opportunity to do something good with it

Sebastian – how much in field fund?

Tony – about \$50,000

Mike – why are you asking? We need to be accountable for all monies paid

Sebastian – what are you doing with your field fund that you need another \$34,000?

Mike – we've collected money that is not earmarked, in a fashion that is not for exempt purposes, we need to rectify that and disperse some funds, Larry has some good points, things we have done in the past have not had value, if the public knew that we were sitting on this much money, they would be pissed

Larry – D2 thinks we owe them \$100,000 and Sebastian may be asked to write a check at anytime, I'll tell your constituents where this money is going

Heated discussion over field access in county and financial statements of league.

John – the liability for the field fund is not closed yet.

More discussion over club's financial statements.

L. Newsletter

Jessica – in addition to our website, I've already started work on the newsletter, would like to include a letter from the President, board activities, something from each club, send it out electronically (shows examples on computer)

Sebastian – 80% of my team doesn't use email, you'll need money to print out hard copies

Tony – I think it's a great idea, but will Aptos people be interested in Santa Cruz players?

Sebastian – I think it's important to engage the entire community

Jessica – send out once a month, get info to me by the 3rd of the month

V. Reports

A. President

Sebastian- Congrats to Breakers for successful tournament, lots of good things going on, I'll send out recommendations for committees to present at AGM

B. Vice-President

Larry – CYSA will not allow us to get insurance until August

C. Treasurer

John – passed out latest balance sheet and p&l, working with a firm filing extension for taxes, "starting balance" are the issues, overhanging issue of RF1, may or may not have been done since 2002, I don't anticipate a fine from IRS, threat of a penalty on non-filing of RF1 by State Attorney General, the firm in San Jose does 5013 work, quote for services was comparable to our current services, Sebastian recommended them, I am only a volunteer and 5013 laws are changing this year, any fines cannot be paid by charitable assets, but by board members

D. Secretary

- Shari – nothing to report
- E. Registrar
Michele – brought CYSA manual for everyone, please pick up
 - F. CAL Soccer Representative
Paolo – final seedings by Monday, schedule out by the 16th
 - G. Coaching Director
Shawn – will touch base with club presidents for PCA, 3 weeks notice preferred, but if schedule is open, then maybe they can fill it, will need a PCA budget for next year, F course in SC for 8/6 will not happen, will try to get one this month, 2 coaches were required to go elsewhere for E courses, cost of \$50 each, Shari motions to reimburse coaches, John 2nds, Michele would like to readdress Paolo's expenses for A s Paolo thanks Michele for consideration but declines, 14 yes votes, approved
 - H. Communications Director
Jessica – nothing more
 - I. District 2 Cup Coordinator
Ashley – Hosted games at Cabrillo, went well
 - J. Tournament Director
Tami – 86 teams accepted, need 2 more teams in U16 boys, only 7 local teams, I've tried waiving fees, will need lots of help from board, Dan – curious as to why reduced local participation, to much work by the teams, offer discounts to registration fee, Tami – Ive done that, I've also offered revenue sharing from advertisements, I've put out a proposal of dispersement, Tony – get it out there how much the club's cut is, John – a model that might work well is scholarships at league level, a U13 kid had to leave ODP due to lack of money, another kid in ODP from PV took ref class in SC and has been working relentlessly refereeing games
 - K. Referee Coordinator
Not in attendance
 - L. Spring Coordinator
Marc – nothing to report
 - M. Santa Cruz City
Tony – hosted a coerver camp, great training, should look at it as a league offering, working on rec U14 and U19 scheduling
 - N. Mid County
Kelly – Kids did coerver clinic, loved it
 - O. Aptos
Kris – Coerver coach training on August 27, \$30 per coach
 - P. SV/SLV
Mike – still registering, consolidated purchasing for advanced teams, worked out nicely, local supplier for balls, Eurosport for uniforms
 - Q. Pajaro
Ralphy – nothing to report
 - R. Breakers
Ed – Breakers' Cup, 170 teams, most successful tournament to date
 - S. TOP Soccer
Dave – gearing up in August, will need your teams to support us, 3:30-5:00 every Saturday

Meeting adjourned 9:45 pm