

Sacramento Youth Soccer League

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SYSL BOARD OF MANAGER'S MEETING

Tuesday, October 12, 2004

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 7:43pm

ROLL CALL:

All clubs in attendance.

Announcement: Peter Peckinpaugh is the new Manager of the Southgate Club.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Change "Amy" Peckinpaugh to "Noemi"

Dixon Manager, Robert Sperry, motioned to approve as modified. Parkway Manager, Lupe Zamudio seconded.

FIRST VICE REPORT:

Sarah Najarro reported that the PAD report is available for first 4 weeks. Not the best year. Four coaches expelled for balance of the year. Biggest red card divisions are U16/U19 CPL.

She mentioned that the Greenhaven PAD rep has not shown for 2 meetings. Greenhaven manager questioned the scheduling as he believed his PAD rep had been at all meetings.

Valley Hi – no incident report – will be fined.

She handed out game cards that need to be completed, asking that they be completed and returned to her.

Some coaches are using the purple cards from last year, but they should be using the new orange cards only.

Don Spickelmier suggests that the coaches have a parent fill out their game cards, call in their scores, etc.

HEAD COACH REPORT:

Steve Martinez had nothing to report, but noted that the deadline has passed for Coach of the Year applications.

HEAD REFEREE REPORT:

Don Spickelmier reported that there have been situations with 2-3 U8 coaches being sent off, and some U8 coaches who are yelling at the refs that should have been sent off. Are these new

people? All managers should advise the U8 and U10 coaches that we need their help, but not if their going to be sent off. Have them also remind the parents as there is no need for any of this.

South Florin Manager, Tracy Smith stated that she is amazed at what she heard at a game; that the parents are unreal.

Don took this time to point out some of the laws of the game, contained in the book that all refs get.

Player equipment section says – safety is the utmost concern. Players must not wear anything dangerous, including jewelry. No jewelry, not even the yellow Armstrong Foundation rubber bracelets. New piercings. Whatever the ref requests be removed, shall be removed. Don't argue with the ref about it. Remove the article or don't play.

Keepers must wear a different color.

Ref should check in players. Several instances where players are playing though not registered with SYSL. Talk to your referable coordinators and communicate that refs should check in all players noting their jersey number, etc. Duplicate jersey numbers should be adjusted so that no two numbers are duplicated. We're going to tighten down, so warn your coaches. It's a serious issue and its just now becoming a problem.

Team manual says:

Casts – may not play at all. Neoprene wraps are OK, but other types are not.

3.08.02 Charging the goalie is not allowed.

The coaching area is 10 yards on either side of the center line. No one should be coaching outside of that area.

The coach is responsible for controlling his team's parents.

No one may use profanity. Anyone using profanity will be issued a yellow card.

No disruptive behavior.

How long do we have to make a complaint? – ASAP.

The referee's #1 job is to protect the players.

Players may be substituted on your possession, on goal kicks, after a score, or at halftime. An injured player may be substituted at any time. If stopped for a caution, the cautioned player can be substituted. The number of substitutions is not limited. Players are supposed to play 50% of the game if they have come to practice and are in good standing.

The referee will keep the pass of any player sent off and send it to PAD. If the coaches get the pass back while a player is under suspension they still should not play. The card should be returned to PAD.

You will get an inexperienced ref occasionally.

Fruitridge Manager, Dave Mendoza asked, "Can either team can sub on an injured player stoppage?"

Don: It depends on the referee. - Page 44 – (d) stops play – subs for either team.

Refs are not responsible to explain the call.

Please communicate with your coaches and have fun.

Clarksburg Manager, Linda Updegraff points out that shoes of bright colors are distracting and asked, "are they allowed?"

Don: Yes, the color does not matter as long as they are soccer cleats. Tennis shoes are allowed as well, but baseball cleats are not.

Valley Hi Manager, Jimmy Gomez, asked, "must a yellow carded person leave the field?"

Don: No, not with a yellow card, but whatever the ref says goes, so if the referee asks them to leave the field the person must comply. The ref is in charge of the game.

Write Don Spickelmier if you see something out of line. His address is P.O. Box 162847, Sacramento, CA 95816.

Jimmy Gomez pointed out that he is having problems getting the ref complaint form from the website.

Tahoe Park Manager, Tony Castro, has been noticing more and more that parents are entering the field when their child is injured. Coaches should be the only one allowed to enter the field and should wait for the referee's permission to do so. Also, in follow up to Jimmy's note regarding leaving the field on a yellow card, he encountered the same issue where the ref issued the yellow and asked coach to leave the field to stop him from yelling and acting out. Tony instructed the ref to issue a red card the next time. Issuing a red card would have stopped the game and the ref wanted the game to continue as no one else was a problem.

Don refereed an U14G game last weekend between East Sac and Woodland teams in the D Division. The East Sac team was clearly in the wrong division, but the Dixon team did not take advantage. Don thanked the Dixon team for making the game fun, and for respecting their opponents.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Hope Anaya handed out her financial report, and questions were raised as to why the amounts don't jive. She responded that a big check had just cleared.

Robert Sperry pointed out that the amounts just don't make sense. Greenhaven Manager, Ross Meier, said that in the past we visited the subject of changing the format of the reports to make better sense. Hope said that first the computer was down, and she couldn't make any adjustments, and now her printer is going haywire so she had to type up the report.

Ross volunteered to re-do the reports so they make sense.

Robert pointed out that maybe there's an issue we need to address in replacing Hope's computer equipment, which is now 5-6 years old.

The miscellaneous expense is for 1 year's storage, plus flowers.

Ross Meier motioned to change format, and Jimmy Gomez seconded.

Discussion: Hope thinks we should wait until we can print it next month.

Jimmy Gomez motioned to table motion, and Alan Whisenand seconded.

Discussion: Hope will bring both formats to the next meeting.

Vote: With 1 abstention, the MOTION TO TABLE CARRIES.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

Mercy Loera reported that the rec registration is closed, but she is still accepting metro and comp players, and coaches as necessary.

Woodland Manager, John Gerald said he still hasn't received info. Mercy will get it to him.

Fruitridge Manager, Dave Mendoza asked about the district cup deadline, "when does registration end for district cup?" Mercy: Nothing after 10/18.

When are the club's checks due for final registration. Mercy: The clubs should be getting bills soon.

SAC UNITED REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

Tami Cholger reported on the U8 indoor tournament on 10/16-17. Though it was advertised as a one-day tournament, it has been stretched to two since we have so many teams registered, including 2 from East Sac, 3 Land Park, 3 Greenhaven, 1 Fruitridge, 3 Tahoe Park, 1 West Sac plus 1 from El Dorado Hills, 1 Fair Oaks, 2 Elk Grove, and 1 Eureka team.

Overall, Sac United is going well.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

No report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Metro:

Sarah Najarro pointed out that there were some changes made, but don't have new schedules yet. They play this weekend, and are trying to get schedules out now.

Standings:

Michele Steiner reported that standings through 5 games are available, and that the computer has re-ranked everyone for the 2nd half. Until this week, score calls in have been good. Overall, it's been great this year. Melissa is doing a great job. Please don't fax scores after 9pm.

She is running the second 1/2 schedules and hopes to have them ready this weekend. If necessary, she can fax the home field schedules for purposes of scheduling referees. Tuesday latest for the hand out of all schedules. She will "try" to modify the back of the schedule, but makes no guarantee.

This mid-season adjustment should take care of those teams that have been losing. No scores are kept on U6 games, but if they are being killed in their divisions, Michele will move them.

Michele further reported that the 5th week is the first week with no scores in double digits, and no letters were sent for high scoring games.

U8 & U10 are interested in having a seeding tournament. Fine if someone steps up to help with putting together the tournament and getting volunteers.

Craig Bradford at Greenhaven has been great taking information from us getting it posted on Greenhaven's website.

Winners will be issued pins. Ross Meier asked about teams numbers, etc. to put together winner pins.

Fields:

Michele Steiner reported that one South Florin team was scheduled for the wrong field. If there are any other issues regarding fields, please let Michele know tonight or by tomorrow a.m.

Other than Metro or CPL, if the fields are not being used this Saturday, please advise Michele.

Hope Anaya asked how it went with Guadalupe using Maple School. Father Lotero advised that they used the St. Pat's fields instead, which were fine.

Michele thanked everyone for the cards and wishes she received, and is now available if you have a problem.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tami Cholger introduced invited guest, Sondel Fermer, who is Sac United's web designer. Sondel is the Owner/Designer of ePaiges Design Group, phone: 916/363-5170 work – fax: 916/855-5698, email: sondel@epaiges.com, and her website is at www.epaiges.com. She recommends new web design, and if she can help, great.

Hope Anaya asked how much a month for the league?
League expense: \$200 to redesign – \$400 maintenance – \$120 to host site per year – and the pricing freezes at beginning of contract, never subject to increase.
Domain registration included, and unlimited emails.

This is a sideline business for her and she guarantees updates in 48 hours. One week to start up once contract is signed, etc. with downtime of approximately 24 hours.

Questions as to how a separate site could be maintained for each club. She would create a template for basic look with pictures, etc., and would discount the club's costs at just \$200 maintenance per year.

SYSL's current costs are \$20.83 month, plus \$208.83 for yearly fee (\$458.79/year).

She uses GoDaddy.com for hosting, who she feels is the best. Her other clients include real estate firms, interior design firms, industrial insurance, soccer, Land Park Little League, etc.

Ross Meier motioned to change the SYSL webmaster to Sondel's firm at a cost of \$720 for the first year, and \$520 per year thereafter. Jimmy Gomez seconded.

18 yes, no opposition, 2 abstentions.

MOTION CARRIES

John Gerald announced that the port-a-potties have been installed again at Douglas Park in Woodland.

Jimmy Gomez – visitor: Coach April Bonner, who was invited to the Executive Committee meeting last week to appeal issues.

Ross Meier read sections from the SYSL Bylaws wondering by what authority the Executive Committee heard the issue and took action.

Marlene Vega stated that this meeting is not the appropriate venue to discuss this matter.

PAD Committee rulings can be overturned by the board of managers.

This introduction was made to bring up the issues discussed at the appeal. Jimmy called Wednesday and Friday to be put on the agenda, but received no return calls.

Question asked as to why we don't have meeting agendas.

Alan Whisenand motioned to gather information in writing, distribute it to members, and discuss at the next meeting. Ross Meier seconded.

Discussion: Land Park Manager, Liz Lehrman, stated that the decision shouldn't be made on this current motion without some basic information being given tonight.

Alan withdrew his motion.

Robert Sperry motioned to allow each side 5 minutes to present their side of the story, which was duly seconded.

Vote: 1 opposition

MOTION CARRIES

April Bonner is the Valley Hi U19 Stunners coach. She had a problem with members of the Executive Committee coming to her game. If they had a problem they should have come to her at halftime. They spoke to the referee, who indicated that the player in question did not play, and has a written statement that all three players did not play. On Tuesday morning she was told she had to be at the Tuesday evening meeting. She went to the meeting and had to leave after 20 minutes. She advised Sharon and Jimmy.

She was advised by John Hanks, an opposing coach, that she and her player were suspended for the balance of the season. The player is devastated. There has been no communication. She could have found a coach for last week's game. Had to forfeit last game because no player passes. Came to plead her case tonight. Has gotten the run around, and Jimmy nor Sharon has been able to get her player passes back.

Ashley should not be suspended for something she didn't do. The Vacaville ref said there were problems. All I want to do is coach my team, or get my player to play until a decision is made.

John Gerald: Were the players serving red card suspensions? Yes.

John Gerald: Red card form was not mailed in by the coach? Picked up by board member instead?

Marlene: Coach is given a form. Last year Janet mailed forms but none sent this year.

Sarah Najarro reported that during a Valley Hi/Vacaville game in Vacaville, one player (Belan) was red carded, and after the game an incident occurred where another player (Ashley) was called before SYSL PAD, where she was issued a 3-game suspension. Belan's red card was heard by the Vacaville club.

The District asked that members of the Board oversee the next game between Valley Hi and another Vacaville team because of previous incidents, and complaints from other individuals.

SYSL members, Sofia Savala, Hope Anaya, Sarah Najarro, and another West Sac coach arrived after the game started, and sat on the sidelines. It was noted by them that the #1 uniform was on the field, and was being called Ashley. They introduced themselves to the ref at half-time, and the ref showed them the game card. When advised that one suspended player is playing, he asked how it happened. Player #1 was approached and asked her name, for which she said "Jazzie." When the game restarted player #1 no longer entered the field. After the game the coach was asked for her player passes, and the one missing was that of Jazzie, who player #1 identified herself as. When they asked to meet each of the suspended players they were not present.

Upon returning home, Ashley's identity was verified by her player pass.

Jimmy Gomez pointed out that her team has two #1 jerseys. Player identified after game? How can that be done?

April: wasn't against team, against the ref that made racial comments, etc.

Marlene: John Haines, who is on the District Board, asked the District Commissioner who should go to the game.

Ross Meier: This should be discussed in closed session.

Jimmy: Question for Don. Does the ref have the overall authority on the field?

Point of order – no further discussion on this matter in open session.

CPL Problems:

Tony Castro voice some problems with CPL uniformity. They were at the field set up for a 1:45 game, with 3 refs. At 1:15 a team parent from the opposing team called to advise that they accidentally went to the wrong field, and wanted to reschedule the game. Tony advised the coach that he still had 30 minutes to get to the correct field. They refused and wanted to reschedule. Again Tony told them they would wait for them. This should have been a forfeit.

Liz Lehrman: This CPL thing isn't working. There's no communication between clubs, the Elk Grove club doesn't have a PAD process, etc. CPL needs to have a governing body to hear all red cards, etc. so that the process is the same throughout.

Sarah Najarro: We've had a number of problems, and feels they need a governing board to oversee other aspects as well. Two teams were playing, and the coach was carded, who advised that the center ref was the opposing coach's brother.

April or Jimmy – do you have any additional player passes?

Marlene: Managers need to understand they should not be carrying old player passes. Remind registrars to collect old player passes, which was voted on last year. Player passes are supposed to be collected.

No club is collecting them. Ross: Don't remember a vote ever being taken. It's a referee issue to check for the current season stamp.

GOOD OF GAME:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dave Mendoza motioned to adjourn, and John Gerald seconded. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 10:18pm.

NEXT MEETING:

November 9, 2004

Host Club: Woodland

Location: Woodland High School, 21 North West Street, in the "commons" area.

Directions:

Take I-5 North to Woodland.

Take the West Street Exit (4th Woodland exit)

Turn Left at the stop sign and go over the freeway.

Go through the stoplights at Kentucky and Woodland Avenues.

Woodland High School will be on the right side.

Please park in the faculty parking lot, which is located off West Street. There is an entrance facing that parking lot that will bring you directly into the commons.