

# Sacramento Youth Soccer League

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## SYSL BOARD OF MANAGER'S MEETING

Tuesday, November 9, 2004

### CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 7:51pm

### ROLL CALL:

Clubs not in attendance: Clarksburg, Fruitridge, Parkway, River Park, and Valley Hi.

### Introduction of Guests:

Woodland coaches - Donna Howald, Maty Tauzer, Martha Zendejas, Sonia Garcia, Marco Mendoza, Jack Korth, Kate Seiberth, Robert Vidrio (incoming President), Peter Holmes, Al Beaird, Todd Baertsch, Robert Marin, and John Trelford.

Dixon coach - Archie Munoz.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Southgate acting manager, Peter Peckinpaugh, motioned to approve. Tahoe Park manager, Tony Castro, seconded.

### FIRST VICE REPORT:

Sarah Najarro reported that more coaches in U8 have been harassing referees, etc. Game cards are being sent in with note of protest, but without protest fee.

Have referred a number of coaches to the correct process of how to complain about a referee, since she doesn't handle it unless it's in writing.

24-hour reports are not arriving in 24 hours or in some cases, at all. Player passes aren't being turned in either. Do we need to implement fines?

Coaches are not in the coach's box.

Woodland manager, John Gerald – shouldn't the refs be enforcing that?

Sarah - We have to get the word out.

Hope Anaya – it's printed on the back of the schedules.

Marlene Vega - how can we make the process easier for the coaches and refs?

Don Spickelmeir – 24 reports – when assigning years ago, the refs that need to send off could call him and he would help complete the report. We should make the coach's box issue a

priority in the new ref courses, but managers are going to have to talk to the referees about enforcing the 10-yard limit. Parents can cheer but not coach outside the box.

There are a lot of U8/U10 coaches who don't know the protocols about stepping on the field, yelling at refs, etc., and the newer refs are not comfortable sending off a coach. We need to communicate with these coaches.

Discuss further at next meeting?

East Sac manager, Martin Brady – suggest having coaches signing a letter of conduct or understanding, asst. coaches as well.

Sarah mentioned an incident report where 2 U8 coaches were called before PAD.

Dixon manager, Robert Sperry – new ref clinics need to include on the reports. Simple ref review courses for the others.

Hope Anaya – since we pay for the ref certification, we should have the new refs sign off on their understanding of the reporting guidelines.

Land Park manager, Liz Lehrman – club managers need to take the extra step with their problem coaches, especially as a follow up to any PAD action.

South Florin manager, Tracy Smith – don't other clubs have parents sign an understanding agreement? Is there any way to not let these problem coaches go to other clubs?

Michele Steiner – be very careful about what you say about any coach you don't want coaching for you. Please tread very carefully.

Woodland guest – coaches' review? Their club president visits at a couple of practices, etc. which helps the new coaches to understand the guidelines.

Tahoe Park manager, Tony Castro – agrees with Sarah, a lot of these people don't know what the rules are and what you can and cannot do on the field. Extend the ref course a day and let them ref actual games before they finish their course.

Don Spickelmeir – that's up to each instructor.

Tony – maybe have some of the seasoned refs coach some of the younger refs.

East Sac manager, Martin Brady – any thoughts on a ref mentoring program?

Don Spickelmeir – it's been discussed at CYSA, but no action has been taken. It would be a beneficial program, but someone would have to take the lead.

Greenhaven manager, Ross Meier – there is a program for the coaches -- Positive Coaching Alliance -- which should maybe be mandatory for U6 and U8 coaches. Combine with refs?

League, district, etc. have different rules, and would be good for us to have a meeting for the head refs each year to brief them on the rules of the league. If you want the certification paid for, then they have to come to mandatory meetings each year to discuss coaching or referee issues.

**HEAD COACH REPORT:**

No report.

**HEAD REFEREE REPORT:**

Don Spickelmeir reported that that he was approached tonight by Dixon manager, Robert Sperry, who has a half-dozen or so individuals who want to take a ref certification course in January. This can be opened up to other clubs if they want to drive to Dixon. Robert will get the date and get back to us.

Sarah Najarro – February might be better.

Tony Castro – how much would it be? Should be the same cost as long as there are in our league.

Tracy Smith – can we arrange other clinics as well?

Hope Anaya – points out that the timing may be in conflict with other sports.

Michele Steiner – Parks & Rec requests that the linesmen are rutting the sidelines. Look at other options? Run opposite diagonals, etc? If this is an issue on your fields, please have your refs run at opposite diagonals.

Robert Sperry – are we overseeing CPL violations?

Sarah Najarro - Yes, if they occur here they are handled here.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Still having computer problems, but the account balances are as follows:

Checking

Beginning balance - \$35,282.33

Ending balance - \$26,341.50

Money Market

Beginning balance - \$36,227.56

Ending balance - \$36,245.98

She gets the statements just before the board meetings each month so it's tough to reconcile them before each meeting.

Robert Sperry – didn't we budget for new computers this year? Have the funds been spent?

Hope – A new printer for the Registrar is the only purchase made this year.

Robert Sperry – when will we be getting the final billings for registration?

Hope - Hopefully in the next week or two.

Mercy Loera - doesn't think they'll be out until January.

Tracy Smith – motion to replace computer and printer for Hope within this year's budget allocation.

Robert Sperry - doesn't feel we need to make a motion, but he'll second.

Marlene Vega - is it the program?

Hope - paid \$60 for service - just bought anti-virus software, and is using QuickBooks Pro.

Ross Meier – bylaws say we don't need a motion since it's already in the approved budget.

MOTION CARRIES unanimously.

Greenhaven manager, Ross Meier motions to have an outside auditor audit the SYSL books.

Tracy Smith seconds.

Discussion: Robert Sperry – isn't that expensive?

Martin Brady - \$3,000-5,000 potential cost.

Marlene Vega – league president's meeting will be discussing this issue.

Ross withdraws motion until we can get a cost.

#### **REGISTRAR'S REPORT:**

No report.

#### **SAC UNITED REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:**

Tami Cholger noted that she doesn't have a lot to report, as they are getting ready to end the season except for the older boys.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Liz Lehrman asked that anyone from the Clarksburg, Fruitridge, Parkway, River Park or Valley Hi clubs sign in if they are in attendance.

There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 11, 2005.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Marlene Vega reported that the League President's meeting is coming up, the District meeting is tomorrow tonight, and the Annual General Meeting is January 29-30 in Fresno.

Sondel is changing the website but cannot resolve until Ted is paid for balances due. Ted released us as of 10/31/04.

Robert – Soccerfest info – where can I find it?

Woodland coach – the application for District Cup doesn't include a place for the clubs to host.

Marlene – still collecting applications.

Michele Steiner – they are still looking for U12 boys teams.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Metro:

Sarah Najarro advised to please remember that Metro requires 3 certified refs per game, and that Metro pins are available – Call Sarah after Thursday.

Standings:

Michele Steiner reported that the standings will be on the Greenhaven website for the 1<sup>st</sup> three games, and that her computer has a virus so everything was wiped out. By Saturday they should be posted.

7,511 kids are currently registered.

Has Ross done the winner and runner up pins for the first half?

Ross - has the pins, but hasn't sorted them yet.

November 21<sup>st</sup> is the official playing date if we are rained out. We have the permits for that date and won't release it until next week if no rain out.

City Parks number should be called ahead of time to be sure the fields are OK to use.

Cutoff for bylaw changes is December 1<sup>st</sup> proceeding annual meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There will be no December dinner.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Dixon manager, Robert Sperry – are we going to establish a committee for bylaw review?

Michele Steiner - No proposal is ever rejected. All proposals are put before the board for vote. If two changes are proposed for the same section, then the one with the most votes wins.

Robert – bylaw changes – does the executive board meet regularly? Yes, the first Tuesday of each month.

Robert – talked to other managers– everyone in agreement with making the monthly meetings in one central location?

Ross Meier – Scheduling for next year needs to be looked at - perhaps looking at a new program for scheduling, since we cannot put the burden on Michele Steiner forever.

Michele – programs will be offered at the AGM in January. Maybe someone with computer knowledge can look into it.

Liz Lehrman – it would be nice if registration forms could be downloaded to any computer using a single part form.

Ross Meier – motioned that we establish a Standings Committee with one Executive Board member, plus two other members to attend the AGM to evaluate standings software and other options. Tony Castro seconded.

Discussion – it can't be just any manager but should be someone that is computer literate. They need to have a good understanding of computers.

Woodland coach – do we need to wait until January? No, but they'll all be in one place at that time.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 opposition, 10 abstentions - MOTION CARRIES.

Ross – we can't rely on Michele to continue to do this on her own. We need a system that any number of people can step into.

Committee members: Michele Steiner, Tony Castro and Robert Sperry.

**GOOD OF GAME:**

Sarah – wanted to congratulate Woodland Metro team "Real Madrid" and coach Jose Morales who were undefeated in the Fresno Metro Halloween tournament.

Marlene Vega – cudos to the Woodland club, refs, coaches, etc. due to their conduct during a rainy day.

Robert – fun tournament, best coaches, best players, etc.

Don – Boys high school soccer playoffs going on now. Championship will be Saturday at Folsom High School.

John Gerald and another team played during halftime at Sac State's game last weekend, and the players served as ball girls during the game.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Peter Peckinpaugh motioned to adjourn at 9:42pm

Tracy Smith seconded.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**January 11, 2005**

Host Club: West Sac

Location: Johnny's Sidewalk Pizza