

Sacramento Youth Soccer League

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SYSL BOARD OF MANAGER'S MEETING

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 7:38pm

ROLL CALL:

All clubs represented except Valley Hi

VISITORS:

Robert Vidrio, new Woodland Manager

Mike Rogers, new River park mgr

Carlos Yniguez, new Guadalupe mgr

Jennifer Noeuner, Sac United Registrar

Special thanks to tonight's cooks, Lupe, Yolanda and Carmen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Tahoe Park Manager, Tony Castro, motioned to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2005 meeting as prepared, and South Florin Manager, Gabriel Gomez, seconded.

FIRST VICE REPORT:

Sarah Najarro said if you didn't get a copy of last month report to let her know and she will get you a copy, and asked that the managers please remember any carryovers for this coming year.

HEAD COACH REPORT:

Steve Martinez reported that all coaching clinics are set. E clinics will be hosted by Greenhaven (5/20-22), and Woodland (6/24-26). F clinics will be hosted by Dixon (6/10-11), South Florin (7/15-16), and Greenhaven (8/5-6). And the Goalkeeper's clinic will be hosted by Land Park (7/29-30)

The May E clinic in Greenhaven, this is the only one prior to the Metro coach's deadline. Please remind your coaches.

Also, it is recommended that all coaches get their F license, as you can only get one license per season.

HEAD REFEREE REPORT:

Don Spickelmeier reported on referee clinics. As a league we provide the opportunity for refs to take the certification clinic (16 hours, over 4 nights, either on T/Th or on M/W for 2 weeks).

SYSL pays for the clinics in the hopes that we can get refs for our games in the fall. The league provides the instructor, which costs \$270, and for those who are members of affiliated clubs and

who pass the course, SYSL pays for their \$25 registration fee and law books. We provide this with the idea that these individuals will be referable within SYSL during the season.

Lots of young people are taking the clinic, but they move on after a short time. We'd like to get more adults to take the course, and that's the idea of arranging the clinics.

The District assigns the instructors, and we ask the clubs to host the clinics; arranging for the classroom, and a representative to be at the clinic to assist the instructor. If you agree to hold a clinic, you'll need a classroom for approximately 15-25 people, dates, and a club rep. This club rep can be a person taking the course, but a person from the club needs to be there.

For last year's clinics, \$4,500 was budgeted. If we pass 100 people, at \$30 per person that's \$3,000, plus the instructor fees. If you are going to host a clinic at least 10 people need to be signed up to hold the course. We post the info on the website and it's open to whoever signs up. SYSL league members pay the \$30 fee but they get their check back if they pass the course. Those from outside the league pay \$30.

Last year's 6 clinics were held between May and mid-August. The following clubs hosted last year and had the following number of referees certified at completion:

Woodland - 25

Parkway - 9

Vally Hi - 8

Greenhaven - 14

Dixon - 10

Land Park - 25

So far this year, Dixon, Woodland and Greenhaven have picked out dates for clinics, and we need 2-3 others. Open dates include beginning the week of June 20, July 18, and any time during August. Woodland will host their clinic during May.

Please communicate with Don if you want to host a clinic.

Tony Castro, asked how many refs are in the league. Don did not know but said that the District 6 youth ref coordinator might know and could get in touch with them to find out if anyone needed to know.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Hope Anaya reported – treasurer's report handed out. The new spreadsheet is working. Also, she has the final bills now handed out which are due before March 1st.

Dixon Manager, Robert Sperry asked if the Executive Committee expense for January was for the AGM. Hope responded, yes, plus the 2 extra rooms for Robert & Tony to attend per the board's request.

The Finance Committee will meet later this month.

Woodland Manager, Robert Vidrio, would like to be a part of the Finance Committee. Hope advised that the current members are Ross Meier and Robert Sperry, herself and Michele Steiner. The Committee meets once a year to go over the books and create a budget for the coming year and said that members are appointed by the President.

Robert Sperry asked where in the bylaws does it say that the President appoints members of the Finance Committee. Marlene asked that we wait until next month's AGM to discuss any new committees or assignments.

Tony Castro asked if Hope got her new computer. She responded yes, which is why was able to produce the spreadsheet.

If you got a bill for standings fines assessed it does not include weeks 9 and 10.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

Mercy Loera said that everyone now has their final bills. If there are any questions, please ask her now or email her.

SAC UNITED REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

Tami Cholger reported that the Sac United tryouts are now posted for younger age groups – U10-U14 to be held between 2/26 and 3/6, and that there will be an open house on 2/22 for anyone who wants to find out about the competitive soccer program. They will go over Sac United's philosophy, budgets, etc. and it will take place at the Coloma Center.

Free clinics will be offered again this year at the Pannell Center for any child to come out and play, every Wednesday during February from 6-7:30pm. There's always a group of coaches there.

Information is available on the Sac United website.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Liz Lehrman reported that the next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on March 8th at the Ethel Hart Senior Center at 27th & J Streets. Check in begins at 6:30 and the meeting starts at 7:15.

Reminder - Affiliation applications are due by March 1st. Each form needs to be complete and club bylaws must be submitted with each application.

Hope adds that club must be in good standing to affiliate, so all bills must be paid prior to March 1st.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Marlene Vega reported – AGM did not have a good turnout. There were 103 voting members in attendance at the meeting and 11 of them were from SYSL. None of the proposed changes passed. Next year the AGM will be held in Sacramento in March.

The equipment show was said to be larger than last year, but it didn't seem so. Vendors were happy, there were lots of sales and a good turnout for the vendors, the clinics were good as were the meetings, roundtables for refs, managers, etc.

The District meeting is tomorrow so will report next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:*Metro:*

Sarah Najarro – Please remember that the E clinic in May is the only one before the Metro deadline. Please remind your coaches that if they don't have their license in hand before their app is due, then they may not register.

Also, SYSL is still looking for Metro Coordinator.

Standings:

Michele Steiner passed out the final standings that are being mailed to all coaches along with the proposed bylaw changes.

Winner and runner up pins will be based on these standings, and should be available in a couple of weeks.

Credentials, Rules & Revisions:

Michele Steiner stated that there were 2 bylaw change proposals that were inadvertently left out of the document emailed to the managers, but they are included in the document being handed out, the mailing of which will go tomorrow by 3rd Class mail to all registered adults in the league.

For a bylaw to change it must receive 2/3 of the votes cast. Abstentions do not count. Rules and regulations need a majority vote.

Each 2004/05 team may cast one vote and it may be made by a parent or the coach. Each club also has a vote but it must be someone listed on that club's 2004/05 affiliation form. If you are a new manager, and not listed on your club's 2004/05 affiliation, you will need to vote as a team rep.

Nominations for elections may come from the floor at the AGM on March 8th. The candidates for open positions are the current incumbents, except for Registrar. The candidate for that position is not known for sure yet. It may be Jennifer Noeuner, or Kathy Valenzuela from Fruitridge. Mercy hasn't heard for sure yet.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:*Standings/Registration software:*

Tony Castro – handed out a document from a software company that was at the AGM. He and Robert Sperry are going to get together next week to get an online demonstration of the program to test them out before making a formal proposal to the board. They looked at three different vendors at the AGM.

Robert Sperry asked what kind of money we are looking to spend. MySoccerLeague.com is the cheapest at \$1 per player, or \$10 per team to register. He asked if Marlene could ask the Placer Club about their use of this new program, and advised that though there are currently no standings capabilities in their program, they would work with us in the future.

AGM Attendance:

Tony Castro pointed out that for those of you who didn't attend the AGM you missed out on a great experience. He left the equipment show with two bags full of info for the club, and strongly recommends attending next year, especially since it will be here in Sacramento.

*Sac United Coaches:***SACRAMENTO UNITED/SYSL PROPOSED COACHING ASSIGNMENTS 05/06**

U10B-1 (TBA) Andres Olmedo	U10G-1 (TBA) Meagan Pachecano
U10B-2 (TBA) Jacob Hunley	U10G-2 (TBA) Melissa Leone
U10B-3 (TBA) Shawn Blakeman	U10G-3 (TBA) Robert Juler
U11B-1 (America) Chris Mann	U11G (Extreme) Karen Hanks
U12B (Arsenal) Ato Leone	U12G (Extreme) Dave Rubio
U13B-1 (Extreme) Jason Drury	U13G (Extreme) Nate Novelo
U13B-2* (Halcones) Pedro Cejas	
U14B (Spartans) Randi Dedini	U14G (TBA) Chris Alcala
U15B-1 (Clippers) Jason Drury	U15G (Spitfire) Tami Cholger
U15B-2* (Mexico) Jaime Cervantes	
U16B (Extreme) Shawn Blakeman	U16G (Starfire) Jeff Alcala
U17B (Scorpions) Chris Alcala	U17G (Storm) River Blough
U18B (Force) Randy Dedini	U18G (Velocity) Jairo Camargo

*Woodland

Questions: Can someone coach two teams? – yes.

Greenhaven Manager, Ross Meier – What about financial statements? What were the coaches paid last year and what this year? When will we receive a financial statement? Tami advised that they come out in February and August and are given to the SYSL Treasurer.

Some coaches are paid on a per player basis. Ross - ballpark amount? Tami - Shawn is close to \$40,000/year. Ross is concerned that underprivileged kids not being able to play. Tami said there are lots of scholarships given; approximately 2 per team. They are also looking at a monthly dues system instead of a registration fee.

Wayne Novoa asked who designates members of the scholarship committee. Tami said they are appointed by her.

Ross Meier asked how the coach's contracts work. If we approve them tonight, do they enter into a contract. Tami advised that there isn't a contract until they get a team together. Parents also have to sign a contract, and all monies are disclosed to parents. No one gets paid until teams are formed.

There were 364 players last year, and one coach wasn't paid.

Gabriel Gomez – what is the player's cost? Tami - under \$1,000 per year (playing 11 months), and \$600+ (9-10 months). The cost include three camps, position training, lights, refs; everything except tournaments and uniforms.

Ross – Do coaches also get travel expenses? Tami - It depends on the team. In general, the team pays for the coach's travel expenses.

Our Lady of Guadalupe guest, Wayne Novoa, complimented Tami for being the only unpaid coach.

Ross Meier motioned to approve the Sac United coaches as presented. Hope Anaya seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote: 2 abstentions – MOTION CARRIES

GOOD OF GAME:

Hope Anaya sends a special thank you to Sam Steiner. He worked with her on the spreadsheet over the weekend. He helped by phone, over the computer, etc. We are very fortunate to have Michele and her husband, Sam help with SYSL. She could not have done it without him. Mercy Loera agrees, particularly with registration issues whenever we had problems.

Tami – there was no State Cup for U10, but State Cup was organized and the U10B "America" team, coached by Chris Mann, won Northern California.

Dixon Manager, Robert Sperry reported that their U12 team, "Ajax" coached by John Rotteveel, won the Association Cup.

Woodland Manager, Robert Vidrio reported that work will soon begin on new field construction in Woodland.

Hope Anaya announced with sadness that Georgette Brown, Valley Hi's Past President, lost her 19-year-old son in an auto accident last week, and advised that Valley Hi is thinking of starting a scholarship in his name.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Mercy Loera, and seconded by Tami Cholger.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm

NEXT MEETING:

SYSL Annual General Meeting

March 8, 2005

Ethel Hart Senior Center - Redwood Room West

915 27th Street (27th & J Streets) - Sacramento, CA

Check in begins at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7:15

*Respectfully submitted,
Liz Lehrman, SYSL Secretary*