

Sacramento Youth Soccer League

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SYSL BOARD OF MANAGER'S MEETING

Tuesday, January 11, 2005

CALL TO ORDER:

President Marlene Vega called to order at 7:37pm, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

ROLL CALL:

All clubs present except Woodland.

GUEST/NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS:

West Sac: Dale Davis, new manager

South Florin: Gabriel Gomez, new manager

Parkway: Mario Ordon, new manager, and Celia Garcia, VP

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

East Sac manager, Martin Brady, motioned to approve minutes as prepared, Alan Whisenand seconded.

FIRST VICE REPORT:

Sarah Najarro handed out the final PAD report, which includes a breakdown by club, age group, etc.

HEAD COACH REPORT:

Steve Martinez reported that we will hold F, E & Goalkeeper coaching clinics again this year, and asked that clubs interested in hosting clinics please email him at kidselite@usa.com. The venue must provide for seating for 20-30 coaches, a chalk or whiteboard, and bathrooms. The F & Goalkeeper clinics are Friday evening & Saturday, and the E clinics includes Sunday as well.

We will hold the first E clinic prior to the Metro deadline, probably the second to last weekend in May, since June 1st is the deadline. Metro assistant coaches need an F license, and only one clinic may be taken each year.

HEAD REFEREE REPORT:

Don Spickelmeier talked about referee clinics. SYSL pays the instructor's fee and District 6 assigns them. When we host a clinic we hope to get participation from all clubs and then ask that those who pass help out when the season begins.

We welcome potential youth referees to take course as well. It's a 16-hour clinic, held on 4 separate evenings, either on M/W or T/Th evenings from 6-10pm. An individual must pass the test with at least 70% (100 questions) to obtain Grade 8 certification. Clinics will finish up by the end of August so that new refs are ready for the beginning of the season.

Please call Don at 457-7969 if your club is interested in hosting. Schools, churches, any type of classroom environment are fine.

Dixon manager, Bob Sperry has arranged to host a referee clinic February 7, 9, 14, and 16, which will be held at the Dixon Medical Center. Further info can be found at www.sysl.com. This clinic is open to all clubs, and SYSL will pay the \$25 if they are with an affiliated club and are willing to ref for that club during the season. To register for the February clinic, contact Bob at 707/678-2301.

Based on the head referee information on your affiliation papers, all the head refs will be invited to a pre-season meeting to discuss a variety of issues.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Hope Anaya distributed the reports for October, November and December as well as budget information current through 12/31/04, pointing out there is still outstanding income, etc. She has not been able to create the spreadsheet format requested by the board, but hopes to have next month.

Bob Sperry asked what program is used. Hope responded, QuickBooks Pro.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

Mercy Loera reported that there were 7527 players this year, which is down from former years.

She e-mailed club registrars for their final registration numbers, but still needs responses from South Florin, East Sac, West Sac, Fruitridge, Greenhaven, Land Park and Southgate to issue their final invoices. Managers from these clubs should contact their registrars and ask them to please get this information to Mercy.

Mercy has declined to run for reelection and thus the position is open. The position pays a stipend of \$.65 per player, and includes either a dedicated home phone line or a cell phone.

Valley Hi manager, Jimmy Gomez, asked, what about an assistant registrar?

Mercy: The board decided they didn't want someone that wasn't a current club registrar, and noted that the assistant registrar is paid from the same stipend fund, not an additional one.

Tahoe Park manager, Tony Castro – when is the end of the term?

Mercy: Elections are in March, so the term would end at the election of new registrar.

SAC UNITED REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

Tami Cholger reported that the older boys are playing winter league, but that's the only league playing now. State Cup for U11-U13 begins 1/22-23. U11 girls will probably go very far, as they are a strong team. Tryouts for U10-U14 begin 2/26-27. The tryout window has been shortened to 3 weeks. Tryouts will probably be the first 2 weeks, with the 3rd week reserved for rainout. The fields at Granite, Conlon & Pannell have been reserved, and the cards will go in the mail in the next two weeks. Firm dates, etc. should be available on the website at www.sacunited.com.

Tami noted that the Granite Park fields will be closed the month of March to reseed, etc.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Liz Lehrman handed out affiliation papers and stated that they are due by March 1, 2005.

Hope said we need a room for our annual on March 8th to hold 60-75 people and to please call her, Mercy, or Michelle. Greenhaven manager, Ross Meier, stated that Lisbon Elementary is available, and Martin Brady suggested the County Office of Education out at McClellan.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Marlene Vega reported that there was no district meeting in December and the January meeting was last week, but there is nothing to report.

President's Roundtable was this past weekend in Santa Rosa. It was more of a session for league presidents to vent regarding issues like insurance, registration, on line registration, etc., and stated that they will continue using paper registration forms. There will be two meetings in February.

Marlene then introduced the executive board members present for the benefit of new managers.

The AGM will be in Fresno on January 29 and 30, and there are supposed to be more booths this year at the equipment show on the 29th.

Marlene asked if Robert Sperry and Tony Castro still planned to attend to look at scheduling programs, as rooms have been reserved for them.

For more information on the AGM, please check out www.cysanorth.org.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:*Metro*

Sarah Najarro reported that there was no activity. The first meeting is in February.

Sarah advised that we need a new Metro rep for SYSL. Metro reps meet once a month (first Wednesday in Orangevale), are responsible for collecting applications, and are the contact person for clubs within SYSL.

Standings

Hope Anaya stated that only two calls have been received regarding the final standings and that if no one else calls by the 21st then the standings are done.

Liz Lehrman asked why the website say scores will be reported directly, and questioned who would be responsible for reporting them. Marlene said each club will still have a Standings Rep who will report their club's scores each week.

Bob Sperry pointed out that Sondel has done a great job with the website.

Liz Lehrman asked who is overseeing the content of the website, and Marlene said she'd like to discuss the matter as well.

Southgate manager, Gabriel Gomez asked if there is any fee to link a club site to the SYSL site. Response: No.

Jimmy Gomez – is there a place that has the numbers for registered soccer players in the U.S.? Tami Cholger said she's never seen one. Hope Anaya said that that kind of information should be avail at the AGM.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bylaws

Hope reported that Michelle should have the proposed bylaw changes out shortly.

Season

Bob Sperry touched on the subject of the proposed changes to season, which was discussed last year and said we need to look at the way we play our season.

A lengthy discussion then ensued as to SYSL's rainout policy. Ross Meier said the current policy is that if the City of Sacramento closes its parks then all games league-wide are rained out.

As our website is now up to date, Ross suggested that perhaps we post the information there so that each club could check a central location for the information on Friday night and make the calls.

Land Park manager, Liz Lehrman, has issues with the current policy especially in the way it relates to CPL and Metro, and suggested we revisit the topic. Hope Anaya agrees but suggested we table it until a later time.

Coach's Contact Information

Hope also mentioned that coaches need to call the other coaches on their schedules if they have a change of phone number as many coaches are calling her for information on fields, etc. when they can't reach a coach.

NEW BUSINESS:

Website

Marlene asked if everyone has looked at the SYSL website and if there were any suggestions.

Bob Sperry suggested and the information from the backs of the schedules, maps, etc. should be posted on the site. He pointed out that Greenhaven has great maps to their fields posted on their site and that we should do that for all the SYSL fields.

Ross Meier suggested that the SYSL contact information list not only the executive board, but the managers as well as they make up the "Board of Managers." This will make it easier for people trying to reach board members.

South Florin manager, Gabriel Gomez asked that such a list not include home phone numbers.

Fingerprinting

Martin Brady pointed out that other sports require coaches to be fingerprinted and asked if other leagues have gone the same way.

Marlene stated that the forms go to the State for processing and that the Elk Grove league has a board member that does a check, but it's an expensive process otherwise.

Liz Lehrman pointed out that we do not provide a babysitting service and that our coaches should never be alone with a child. They should be under parental supervision at all times within our league.

Ross Meier pointed out that once you fingerprint someone and "cleared" them you open yourself up liability-wise if there is a problem down the road.

Bob Sperry feels we should be doing something.

Marlene again pointed out that the state does check them out.

Club Forum/Idea Exchange

Martin Brady would like to hold some sort of forum/meeting so that clubs can exchange ideas for practice ideas, or other good club programs.

Uniforms

Parkway manager, Mario Ordon asked if they need uniform approval. Marlene responded, no, not if you aren't changing your club colors.

Monthly Meeting Location

Liz Lehrman revisited the idea of having a central location for our monthly meetings. Bob Sperry suggested at a prior meeting that we perhaps use Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. The Father will discuss this idea with the church and advise.

GOOD OF GAME:

Bob Sperry – Danny Marquez did a great job sending stuff to the troops.

Martin Brady – thanks Fox Sports for having soccer 24/7.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm

NEXT MEETING:

February 8, 2005 - 7:30pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
711 T Street, Sacramento
(between 7th & 8th Streets)

*Respectfully submitted,
Liz Lehrman, Secretary*