

Sacramento Youth Soccer League

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SYSL BOARD OF MANAGER'S MEETING

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

ROLL CALL:

All clubs represented except Valley Hi and West Sac.

VISITORS:

Fruitridge: Sergio Palomera

Clarksburg: Jane Casey

Sac United: Russ Cunningham and Jordan Lang

East Sac: Marilyn Wilson, Ken Marks, Brian Moffitt, and Andy Nichols – thanks Andy for securing the place for tonight's meeting

Southgate: Maria Hernandez

Greenhaven: Craig Bradford

South Florin: Ed Zuniga

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Correct spelling of Alan Whisenand's name.

Tony Castro motioned to approve minutes with correction, seconded by Liz Lehrman.

Ross Meier's scheduled guest needs to gather more info before she comes to a meeting. Marlene indicated that we will need to know in advance to put her on the agenda.

FIRST VICE REPORT:

No report - Sarah Najarro absent.

HEAD COACH REPORT:

Steve Martinez reported that coach of the year nominations were due November 1st. No other report.

HEAD REFEREE REPORT:

Don Spickelmeier reported that at the last meeting managers voted to have Mike Koshell put on a referee clinic for which we paid Mike \$100, and Greenhaven served pizza, but no one showed up.

Our young refs need more experience. When you have an U10 game you will have refs with about as much experience as your players have experience.

Players need to adjust to each individual ref. It doesn't matter if you have a bad ref, you have to play with what you got. Requests that the clubs send a memo to all coaches to lay off the refs.

He has had his own experiences where calls were questioned. Tell your coaches how it should be handled. The ref's call is law. The only way the refs are going to get experience is by ref'ing games.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Hope Anaya handed out report. No questions.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

Jennifer Neuner - No report.

SAC UNITED REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

Tami Cholger - No report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Liz Lehrman - No report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Marlene Vega reported that District 6 had an election at the last meeting and Kathy Ayala ran unopposed and is still our District Commissioner.

Applications were due last week for district cup and soccer fest – some applications came late last night but we hope to get them in.

Three SYSL teams entered the America's Cup.

Hope Anaya asked if everyone received the mailout of the standings and flyer.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Metro: Robert Vidrio - No report.

Michele Steiner - No report, but indicated that the mid season adjustments were definitely helpful as the 2nd half scores are much closer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dixon Manager, Robert Sperry - last month's discussion re: U8 and the new quarters guidelines. We need to reiterate this rule to the referees as some are not adhering to it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Woodland Manager, John Gerald – problems like coaches not playing their players ½ game, red carded players continuing to play, etc. We need to bring it to the offending manager's attention and have the ref write up the incident so SYSL can deal with it, etc.

Ed Zuniga from South Florin - Another issue is with the parents on the sidelines. We are seeing a lot of bad sportsmanship on the sidelines.

Land Park Manager, Liz Lehrman – coaches her kids to yell out to her during the game if the parents are saying things from the sidelines. That way, not only she is aware but the referee hears it as well.

Maria Hernandez from Southgate – had a coach tell her players that she was a bad coach and that she sucked. She advised her club president.

Marlene Vega – we discussed this last month, coaching box, parents out of line, etc. Wonders how many clubs have parents sign a conduct form.

Hope Anaya pointed out that the coach's kits had a letter to be given to parents if necessary.

Marlene Vega – U8 refs losing control of the games, not checking passes, etc. If they took control of the game and started off professionally, they would have better control of the entire game.

Tahoe Park Manager, Tony Castro – doesn't agree that the refs need to handle this. We need to expect the parents to know better. Every year the sidelines get more and more aggressive

Clarksburg Manager, Linda Updegraff – suggests that SYSL send out a letter to all parents.

Ed Zuniga – feels it needs to be done at the club level.

John Gerald – as a coach or club president, we want to have SYSL behind the message.

Ed Zuniga – half the parents are angry at him because they can't yell at their kids.

Russ Cunningham from Sac United – knows we have procedures and consequences for the problems we have but we should look at doing something next year like having the Administrator go over the code of conduct with all parents before the season started. SYSL needs to do this.

Fruitridge Manager, Dave Mendoza – we need to have experienced refs handling U6 and U8 games.

Robert Vidrio – Received a letter from a league president that during warm ups the players were being verbally abusive, and the coach didn't do anything about it.

Greenhaven Manager, Ross Meier – we have Positive Coaching Alliance in place and we are not utilizing the workshops. There are Parent Clinics. Greenhaven has one parent from each team as a culture keeper.

Tami Cholger – refs need to send the coach off for a parent's bad behavior.

Robert Sperry – had problems years ago. Now includes a code of conduct form to be signed by each family, and registration is not accepted without the signed form.

River Park Manager, Mike Rogers – make it a condition of picking up the player passes. They have a page for parent conduct that is gone over with coaches before the season.

Robert Sperry will send a copy of the conduct form to Liz for distribution and posting on the website.

Hope Anaya – we've had these problems every year, she's had to move parents, etc.

Tony Castro – agrees problems have been around for years. He's out there every weekend talking to parents, coaches, players.

Robert Sperry – questions what is happening with score reporting, and why we have so much missing information this half. Marlene hasn't heard of any problems.

Tami Cholger – asked where changes should go for procedure/bylaw changes.
Send to Michele Steiner.

John Gerald – asked if SYSL pays for Sac City fields. Hope indicated that we do pay a flat fee of some sort. John wants to recommend that SYSL pay for at least ½ of Woodland's fees for fields since they have gone up so high.

Marlene will check with Michele re: Sac fields and get back to John.

Robert Sperry asked what the registration fees are now for Dixon
John - \$100 per child if they live in town, which includes their uniform.

GOOD OF GAME:

Don – as we speak the high schools are playing soccer. Take a look at the paper for the games and standings.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Liz Lehrman, seconded by Robert Sperry
Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm

*Respectfully submitted,
Liz Lehrman, SYSL Secretary*

NEXT MEETING:

Host Club: Greenhaven

Location: Lisbon Elementary - 7555 South Land Park Drive

Directions: Take I-5 South to the Florin Road "West" offramp. As you merge onto Florin Road immediately move over into the left lane as you will make the left at the 1st light onto Greenhaven Drive. Approximately 3/4 of a mile down you will make a right onto South Land Park Drive.