

SYSL Board Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 12th, 2010

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 7:40 by Marlene Vega, SYSL President.

ROLL CALL:

Parkway SC hosted and introduced its Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve September's minutes, approved by Bruce Mattos (Land Park).

FIRST VICE REPORT:

Sarah stated that there is a slow start to the red cards in the first half of the season with only 5 cards listed – 5 weeks, 5 cards. Some of the cards were to U8 coaches. Please remember, red cards for U6 to U14 go to Sarah, CPL and Metro go to Larry Svetich.

HEAD COACH REPORT:

At the last F coach clinic, hosted by Fruitridge, held Sept. 19th at Ethel Baker, there were a total of 40 attendees. To date, there are a total of 123 certified F-licensed referees, 107 for SYSL. For the E-course - 19 coaches, 15 for RV; E/D – 15 coaches, 8 for RV. Thanks to the clubs for promoting the clinics, we hope to see the results throughout the season. Thank you, too, to the clubs that hosted the clinics. Coaches, please remember that you are the role models for your players; it's not all about the winning, it's about the kids.

Coach of the Year nominations are due, **NLT Jan. 15, 2011**, a link to the form is on the SYSL website under Forms/District VI/District Document Page.

HEAD REFEREE REPORT:

Ed Foster, not present. There is one last referee course at Fruitridge which starts Friday, October 15th, at the Jose Rizal Community Center.

Bruce Mattos announced an in-service refresher Referee clinic at Land Park, Oct. 21st, 6:30-8:30.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

Recreational registration is closed. Metro/Select can still continue to register. Invoices for club balances will be sent out mid-November.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

John Thompson, not present. November host for next SYSL meeting is Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG), which will be held in the school cafeteria behind the church at 711T Street.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Elizabeth Huber not present.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Please remind coaches to fill out their game cards. There were a number of incomplete cards in the first half. All the information needs to be filled in – Team names, fields, Coaches' names, Referees' names, Division, etc., etc. Several cards returned to Club managers for completion.

Referees need to ensure that all the information is completed.

We survived the 1st half. Issues were dealt with. No games will be played before 9:00 AM. Some coaches were okay with the early start time but majority still chose the later start. In some areas neighbors were not happy with games starting earlier and there were issues with permits covering fields beginning at 9:00.

Will schedules be ready to let parents know? John is out of town but should have schedules set up in time for 2nd-half start, Oct. 23rd.

Parkway wanted to know if schedules are computer-generated with no human interference. SYSL replied that the computer will set up the schedules and block fields, as needed.

CPL and Select schedules will be figured in.

Participation pins are ordered and expected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Metro/Select re-seeding was completed last Thursday, Oct. 7th and schedules were sent out to coaches Friday night, Oct. 8th. Suggest that coaches check the schedules for any time and/or field conflicts and notify Bruce or Sarah.

District Cup applications due to Marlene **NLT Oct. 18th**. This will be a unique year because of the introduction of the CCSL – CYSA/Cal Soccer League.

For the 2011 season, Metro/Select will convert to CCSL.

CCSL will have a spring league in April for age groups U9 to U14, not for U16-U19 because of the number of teams.

There have been a number of disagreements with the rules; coaches need to go on-line for updates. You can find the SYSL Playing Rules by clicking on the “Coach Info” link on the website.

Some info – All U10 teams play 8 v 8, not 9 v 9; send-Off reports need to be forwarded within 24 hours of the incident(s). U8 Offside rules – email sent out at beginning of the season that “All offside will be called.” Do not use the CYSA Modified-Laws-Of-The-Game. Remind all Coaches who are planning to participate in tournaments that they must read the rules carefully as players on the field and rules do differ from season play and they must adhere to them.

Rules for the Metro/Select-CCSL will need to be updated.

Referee issues – please take advantage of the District VI Referee Evaluation form. You can find it under “Documents” on the District VI website.

We need collaboration between clubs to bring problem referees to the attention of SYSL.

Metro/Select games require 3 certified referees but can play with 2 referees as long as both coaches are in full agreement. Do not forget that, if things don't work out, you cannot protest the game, after the fact.

We should also commend good referees, as well. Kudos was given to West Sac referees that officiated a U12B game.

Sarah stated that no referee can call a “Forfeit”. That is up to the Board to decide on.

Bruce brought up a question on a parent taking the responsibility to coach a team at a scheduled game without a coach, i.e. if coach is red carded from a previous game. CYSA and SYSL have conflicting views. SYSL has historically allowed a parent with prior authorization to field the team when the Coach is missing due to circumstances beyond their control. The home Club and visitors are to be notified in advance so the referees are properly notified. The parent must submit identification and sign the game card. This is dealt with on a case by case basis. The game can be rescheduled if there is sufficient notice. As it rarely happens, why punish the kids?

Also, referees should not be coaching players during a game. This confuses the players based on their coaches training.

Do not forget that soccer is for the kids and that all the kids must play ½ the game. That is the rule.

NEW BUSINESS:

From City Parks & Rec, they are opening up field usage to other parties and that there is an application out to convert/upgrade the fields. Dale Williams is the contact for applying to use the fields. It is suggested that Clubs offer to help maintain the soccer fields to ensure our position when it comes to permitting fields out.

Applications for fields are due Oct. 14th? App is available on-line. A 501C number is needed for non-profit applications.

A meeting is needed with Elk Grove for field costs and amenities.

Bruce brought up the issue of blow-out games in the 1st half and set the motion to hold seeding tournaments for U8 to U12 teams. Practices start July 1st and seeding can be scheduled for the 3rd weekend in August, before the season starts. With 390 teams in SYSL, there were over 30 games with blow-out scores.

Clubs need to help with keeping the goal differentials down. Argument – how can you tell U8 players not to score anymore? It is worst to just pass around players.

Seeding tournament issues – Cost, no volunteers, no fields, poor coach follow-ups, time spent collecting and filtering data.

Sarah – Coaches need to step up to volunteer and participate in the seeding tournaments. Need to be more specific when evaluating teams.

Marlene – Davis Alliance and IYSL were late coming in to the league and were not seeded properly. Most likely, they belong in the Metro or Comp division.

Greenhaven – Clubs should encourage coaches to participate in seeding process.

Marlene – Need a seeding committee to organize seeding tournament. Changes create conflicts to schedules.

Motion for seeding tournament passed with 10 For and 5 Against, 2 Abstained.

Managers will discuss and bring info to next meeting. Need a committee to commit to planning and enforcing the seeding.

Good of the Game:

Congratulations to surviving the 1st half.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by ___?___, seconded by Parkway. Meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Next Meeting:

Host Club: OLG Location: School Cafeteria, behind church, 711 T Street.

Submitted by Eileen Lichnock of Parkway.