

Sunnyvale Alliance Soccer Club (SASC)

Minutes for Annual General Meeting

November 6, 2008

The meeting was held at the Washington Park building in Sunnyvale, CA.

The board members present were Masood Mokhtary, Janine Dryden, Bob Carpenter, John Ruckstuhl, Susan Lundberg, George Tharakan, Kat Caturegli, Sandra Todd, Tibor Polgar, Chuck Kluz, and Mark Shustock (11 members, 10 voting). Deanne Phillips, Chris Barnes Julie Banks, and Susan Grabau were not in attendance. Seventeen other SASC members attended the meeting as invited guests, and, per the SASC constitution, were eligible to vote on resolutions since this was the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the club. Andrew Ransome from Griffin Soccer also attended the meeting as a non-voting invited guest.

The meeting was called to order at 7:50pm by Masood Mokhtary (President). Mr. Mokhtary welcomed the group. As the first matter of business, the members reviewed the minutes from the 2007 AGM which was held on November 8, 2007 and unanimously agreed to accept them as presented (27 ayes, 0 nays).

Mr. Mokhtary then reviewed the club's membership and pointed out that during the fall 2008 season there were 1,846 players participating in both the competitive (comp) and recreational (rec) programs. This was the highest level ever recorded by the club, an increase of 35% from the fall 2005 season.

Mr. Mokhtary and Bob Carpenter (Vice President) then discussed the Sunnyvale Soccer Complex (SSC). They outlined the efforts that had been made during the year to increase the size of the complex by seeding the area adjacent to fields #1-4. The work was started in January and was completed at the end of August. During the fall season (starting in October) the fields were opened for match play and team practices. New fencing had been added around the complex and efforts were being made to prohibit trespassing, particularly by pet owners with dogs. Mr. Carpenter reported that the new field was, overall, in good condition. Troublesome irrigation and weed problems were being addressed and were expected to be resolved before the start of the spring 2009 season.

Sandra Todd (Recreational Director) then took the floor and presented material on the club's rec program. She informed the group that the SASC rec program continued to enjoy great popularity in the community and was currently one of the largest rec programs in the California Youth Soccer Association (CYSA), Northern Region (N), District II (D2) - composed of San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito counties. Ms. Todd reviewed the club's commitment to "fair play" rules that address playing time, goal differentials, and positional play. Ms. Todd also spoke to the club's dedication to "age appropriate" play which emphasizes appropriately sized fields, goals, and team sizes. Lastly, Ms. Todd

outlined how the SASC had remained committed to advancing coach and player training by continuing to contract with Andrew Ransome and his Griffon Soccer organization for a variety of highly successful training sessions, workshops, and clinics.

Tibor Polgar presented next and discussed the club's referee program. He informed the group that the SASC currently had 180+ active referees who were covering approximately 65 club matches per week. Mr. Polgar related that the "typical" referee worked 2-3 matches per month. He also related that 18 of the referees (the "top 10%") worked approximately one-third of the SASC matches. Mr. Polgar discussed how the Arbiter software application was being successfully used for scheduling. He also discussed how the new "Ref Pay" feature in Arbiter was being used to automate payments (rather than using checks).

Chuck Kluz (Competitive Director) spoke next and presented material on the club's comp program. The first topic he discussed was the issue of red cards and how the club had, through 70% of the current fall season, already recorded as many red cards as they had during the entire previous (2007) fall season. He pointed out that many of the fouls were concentrated with certain teams. He reminded the coaches in attendance at the AGM to reinforce the importance of demonstrating the highest level of sportsmanship at all times during match play.

Mr. Kluz also discussed the number of D, E and F level coaching classes the club had offered in 2008. He discussed the club's plans related to this year's Competitive Preparation Program (CPP). He pointed out that this year's CPP was being moved from the spring (March – May) to the winter (January – February) so that the practices would not conflict with rec matches. This was being done in order to improve attendance. The CPP is an important vehicle for the club's U8 – U10 comp teams to recruit quality players who are ready to move from rec to comp level play.

Lastly, Mr. Kluz pointed out to the group that the CYSA - N, D2 was requesting that clubs in the Foothill Youth Soccer League (FYSL) make a payment to the organization for a new D2 soccer complex located in Salinas, CA. Mr. Kluz reported that the SASC was considering making the payment, but had not yet made a final decision. He noted that club's teams would not see much benefit from the complex due to its distance from Sunnyvale.

As the next matter of business, Susan Lundberg (Treasurer) presented material on the club's current financial condition. Mrs. Lundberg reviewed the club's estimated December 31, 2008 financial statements including its balance sheet and its statement of operations. Mrs. Lundberg reported that the club's income during the calendar year 2008 exceeded its expenses by approximately \$74 thousand. This was primarily due to strong membership enrollment, yielding revenue of \$324K.

Mrs. Lundberg also presented analyses that showed the cost incurred by the club for each rec and comp player. In summary, each rec and comp player incurred actual costs of \$93 and \$176, respectively. During the year the club charged average membership fees of \$103 and \$155, respectively.

Lastly, Mrs. Lundberg discussed the club's financial aid program. During 2008, the club had provided \$25K to eligible players for registration fees, equipment, uniforms, and other soccer related items.

The next matter brought to the floor was the subject of proposed amendments to the SASC constitution. Mrs. Lundberg walked the group through the changes that were being put forward for review and approval. These included the following:

- Elimination of the Equipment Director and Former President positions as voting board members (effectively reducing the number of voting members from 12 to 10).
- No longer requiring the open President position to be filled by the existing Vice President (VP). However, if the existing VP did not assume the role, it would have to be filled by another board member.
- Requiring that all game, coach, and team complaints / protests adhere to the guidelines in the new SASC Disciplinary Procedure.
- Clarifications and expanded definitions of various board member roles and responsibilities.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Lundberg's presentation, Mr. Carpenter raised a motion to accept the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Todd and unanimously approved.

The last item brought to the floor was the matter of board positions with terms expiring on December 31. Mr. Carpenter led the group through the nomination and voting process which resulted in the following actions:

1. **President** position. Ms. Todd nominated Mr. Carpenter to replace Mr. Mokhtary. Mrs. Lundberg seconded the motion and Mr. Carpenter was approved by those in attendance.
2. **Treasurer** position. Mr. Carpenter nominated Mrs. Lundberg to remain in the position. Ms. Todd seconded the motion and Mrs. Lundberg was approved.
3. **Competitive Registrar**. Mr. Carpenter nominated Deanne Phillips to remain in the position. Ms. Todd seconded the motion and Mrs. Phillips was approved.

4. **Recreational Director.** Mr. Carpenter nominated Alison Hlady to replace Ms. Todd in the position. Mrs. Lundberg seconded the motion and Ms. Hlady was approved.
5. **Referee Director.** Mr. Carpenter nominated Tibor Polgar to remain in the position. Mrs. Lundberg seconded the motion and Mr. Polgar was approved.
6. **Tournament Director.** Mr. Carpenter nominated George Tharakan to remain in the position. Ms. Todd seconded the motion and Mr. Tharakan was approved.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Mokhtary at 10:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Shustock,
SASC Secretary