

Sunnyvale Alliance Soccer Club (SASC)
Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Attendees: David Natwick, Cheryl Ching, Neil Hughes, Charles Kluz, Evelyn Dixon, Vicky van den Berg, Karen Bustamante, Chris Barnes, Mark Fellows, Sandra Todd, Julie Banks, Susan Lundberg, Masood Mohkarty. Missing were Louise Christy,

Guests: Andrew Ransome, Jeff Kordes, Diane Kreston, Medhi Siadet, Antonio Mendez

GUESTS:

Competitive teams seeking approval for Spring 2007:

Jeff Kordes U15 boys team, class 3. Boys mostly from Homestead High soccer team without a club team. There is space in this age group and the kids are mostly all from Sunnyvale. Team accepted.

Daniel Ornelas U10 girls class 3 team. Looking to form a second team. Currently holding tryouts. There is room in this age group, if we can roster another team one shall be formed.

Medhi Siadet, currently coaching the RoadRunners. Medhi and *Andrew ??* would like to form an U13 girls class 1 team. The team would be seeded with about 6 girls from a class 1 team that have left De Anza and are looking for a team. Although we do not have a class 1 team in this age group we do have 3 class 3 teams in this age group and perhaps 3 coaches that may want to coach class 1.

Action Item: Neil to facilitate a meeting with the U13 girls class 3 coaches to see how we can move forward with a good chance of rostering a class 1 team. Evelyn also indicated that there was a handful of girls in Rec that should probably move to class 3. Vicky added that this age group needs to have a place to move up as some of the girls were ready.

Antonio Mendez U13 boys class 3. Newly formed team. Recommendation was to register Rec and play through Milpitas. **Action:** Evelyn will touch bases with Antonio to get the kids registered since Rec registration is “technically” closed.

MINUTES:

Vicky motioned and Susan second to accept the February minutes. Minutes accepted.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Competitive Registrar:

Julie Banks indicated that there were some teams that were dissolving. Inclusive and U16 class 1 team and a U15 class 3 team. Efforts were made to combine them but that seems to have fallen through. So the number of teams this spring would be down from fall and maybe from the previous spring. Julie will mail out the numbers and status of the teams.

Julie indicated that this spring SASC will go with the paper team for D2. The player pass form will be given to the coaches so that they can complete and submit.

There will be a new registrar for fall; Julie will support the transition with training and assistance if needed.

Recreational Registrar:

Open registration is over. Over 780 players registered through open registration. Over 30 volunteers managed the registration sessions. Craig publicly acknowledged the help of Susan, Louise, Sandra and Evelyn during registration. Age packets go to age group coordinators to form teams.

Presidents Report:

Sunnyvale Alliance served as witness to the services rendered by the Smart Station as they provided compost with delivery free of charge for Sunnyvale Soccer complex. Masood did the honor.

Recreational Coordinator:

Sandra indicated that the Le Petite Blues team was on the teetering on the edge of violating the principles of the coaching and team formation policy. How can we prevent the club within the club to happen? A couple of corrective actions were suggested:

1. Players MUST come through open registration. No more taken their applications separately.
2. The cost of the program must be clearly separated from any additional cost to the parents of the players. Today the amount the parents are paying is higher, because the coaches are collecting some extra for equipment. By having the families register directly with the club through open registration this will be remedied.

Tournament Coordinator:

Karen Bustamante is planning a jamboree for U8 and U10 age groups. This is the largest age group. However she needs team counts, referee costs and field availability. She also needs to confirm the tournament dates with Sandra so they can be put on the calendar and give coaches and players advance notice.

Fundraising:

David needs a story to present to his prospective donors. Susan will help with this.

Fields Manager:

Vicky wants to clarify when the fields will open. The work that is being done this winter will shrink the practice area. There is a mandatory coaches meeting for spring where coaches will request their practice slots.

Referee Coordinator:

Mark has the referee certification class scheduled for last weeks in March.

Mark hasn't heard back from the Canadian co. that provides the tool that facilitates Monitoring Sideline Team Behavior. It's sort of like a score card. SASC board agreed that such a tool would be helpful to identify and track problem teams.

Competitive Teams Director

Peter Weiss from the San Jose Frogs made a proposal to Neil where the U14 and older players could go to their games free. Their season starts in May. --- *I didn't note the nature of the proposal* -----

Equipment Coordinator:

Chris is waiting on requests for equipment.

Also wants clarification on the requirements for the porto-potties. They must be in an area approved by the school and they must be close to a fence so that the cleaning trucks can gain access to them.

Chris threw out the idea that we should schedule Rec games at SSC when available so that the entire club experiences the fields.

OLD BUSINESS**Volunteer recruiting:**

Advertise open volunteer positions. Positions are hidden on the website; visibility needs to be raised. All positions should indicate the amount of commitment broken down over a timeline. Jobs should be broken down so they can be shared. Vicky and Susan have down this. Vicky is still waiting for a volunteer to help with scheduling.

Web Site:

New website needs to go online. We need to start making use of the forms and marketing tools that come with the new host.

Action Items:

- Bob C. to provide a timeline for going live with new site.
- Masood will get an estimate for getting professional help to finish up the website.
- Bob, Evelyn and Chuck to create folders on the website that contain all the club documents. This includes policies, procedures, and a summary of decisions voted on.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00.