

Sunnyvale Alliance Soccer Club
Board Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2007

The meeting was held at Round Table Pizza at Lowman's Shopping Center in Sunnyvale, CA. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Masood Mokhtary.

Board Members present were Masood Mokhtary, Chuck Kluz, Susan Lundberg, Louise Christy, Chris Barnes, Vicky van den Berg, David Natwick, Cheryl Ching, Neil Hughes, Craig DeNoce and Sandra Todd. Andrew Ransome of Griffin Soccer Academy attended as a guest. Board Members absent were Evelyn Dixon, Mark Fellows, Julie Banks and Karen Bustamante.

It was agreed to postpone approval of the February minutes until the next meeting, as Secretary Evelyn Dixon was absent.

Sandra and Craig reported on the results for Spring Rec. league registration. There are over 1,000 kids registered, which is the largest number for the club to date. At this point there are at least 81 rec teams; however, there are not enough coaches to create teams for all the kids, which is especially short in the U8 group. Sandra talked about restructuring the U8 program into U7 and U8 classifications, and will report back to the Board with her suggestions. Neil voiced the opinion that perhaps more kids in the rec league should play in the competitive program, and is working on a proposal to help to transition players from the rec league to the comp league.

Vicky discussed the situation with allocating lighted field time to comp teams based on volunteer hours. It was agreed that in counting volunteer hours for the teams we would only look back one additional season in determining which teams had priority in choosing practice times.

Chris and Sandra reviewed the conditions of the fields for rec, with Sandra covering the U6 and U8 fields, and Chris working on the fields for U10 and older. Chris stated that it is important NOT to change the lines on the fields at Cupertino Middle School – they need to stay lined for the school teams and we can not change the field size.

Cheryl noted that she had over 100 volunteers for field maintenance and help with equipment.

There was a discussion regarding access to the portable restrooms at the schools for maintenance by the vendor, United Site Services. There is a problem especially at Cherry Chase and West Valley. Sandra will find volunteers to grant access to the vendor on a monthly basis at the problem locations.

We will continue with PCA training sessions for the coaches and the parents, with two 1-hour training sessions for the coaches.

Action: Evelyn will be reporting on our annual Honor the Game Day, preferably choosing a weekend which has many home games for the competitive teams.

Susan reported that the budget/registration fee committee would be meeting before the next Board meeting in order to create a proposal for registration fees for Fall 2007/Spring 2008.

Action: Susan will coordinate with Evelyn regarding the requirements for publicity. There was some discussion regarding the potential of using an online registration process, when it would be available, what it might cost, and how payments would be made.

The Board reviewed a proposal submitted by Mark to increase referee fees to meet payments made by DYSL so as to have a more consistent pay scale.

In addition to the proposed comp rates below, Mark proposed raising U12 Rec AR rates from \$15 to \$20 per game. This would increase rec referee pay by approximately \$100 per team per year.

| | | SASC | | | DYSL | | | Proposed | | | Game Delta | | Fall '06 Teams | | Annual Impact | |
|---------|------|------|----|------|------|----|------|----------|----|------|------------|---------|----------------|------|---------------|----------|
| | | CR | AR | Game | CR | AR | Game | CR | AR | Game | SASC | DYSL | SASC | DYSL | SASC | DYSL |
| 50 Min. | U9 | 30 | 20 | 70 | 25 | 20 | 65 | 30 | 20 | 70 | 0.00 | 5.00 | 2 | 3 | 0.00 | 150.00 |
| | U10 | 30 | 20 | 70 | 25 | 20 | 65 | 30 | 20 | 70 | 0.00 | 5.00 | 2 | 5 | 0.00 | 250.00 |
| 60 Min. | U11 | 30 | 20 | 70 | 30 | 25 | 80 | 32 | 23 | 78 | 8.00 | (2.00) | 6 | 4 | 480.00 | (80.00) |
| | U12 | 30 | 20 | 70 | 30 | 25 | 80 | 32 | 23 | 78 | 8.00 | (2.00) | 6 | 5 | 480.00 | (100.00) |
| 70 Min. | U13 | 35 | 25 | 85 | 40 | 25 | 90 | 35 | 27 | 89 | 4.00 | (1.00) | 8 | 6 | 320.00 | (60.00) |
| | U14 | 35 | 25 | 85 | 40 | 35 | 110 | 37 | 30 | 97 | 12.00 | (13.00) | 5 | 6 | 600.00 | (780.00) |
| 80 Min. | U15 | 40 | 30 | 100 | 40 | 35 | 110 | 40 | 33 | 106 | 6.00 | (4.00) | 5 | 7 | 300.00 | (280.00) |
| | U16 | 40 | 30 | 100 | 40 | 35 | 110 | 40 | 33 | 106 | 6.00 | (4.00) | 1 | 4 | 60.00 | (160.00) |
| 90 Min. | U17+ | 45 | 35 | 115 | 40 | 35 | 110 | 45 | 35 | 115 | 0.00 | 5.00 | 3 | 9 | 0.00 | 450.00 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 38 | 49 | 2240.00 | (610.00) |

Note: Vicky moved to approve the newly proposed referee pay rates, David seconded the motion, and the vote passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the competitive teams and how to prepare kids for tryouts, distribute information about the teams and tryouts and how to place the kids in the best situation for them.

Neil raised the question of a U13G team that wanted to move to SASC with 7 players and a coach to create a class 1 comp team. This was not approved by the Board. Neil and Chuck discussed their ideas for tryouts for the comp teams, including the structure and communication of tryouts. There was also agreement that much of this information regarding tryouts and team movement should be reflected on the website.

Action: Chuck and Neil will communicate with Bob Carpenter so that he can update the website as new information becomes available.

David informed the Board that the additional comp uniforms that were ordered for spring should arrive in mid-April. In the meantime, Soccer International will supply practice jerseys with numbers for the players.

Dorian Jewett, a guest speaker for the Coerver camp, joined the meeting at this point to discuss her request for field space for Coerver's summer camp at SSC. The dates that she requested are July 30 to August 3, running a half day camp from 9-12. She estimated that there would be approximately 80 players drawing from four local area teams, estimating that approximately one-third of the participants would be SASC players. The age range is 6 to 14, with the average player at age ten. The camp is requesting two full fields for the week. There was a discussion regarding field leasing rates, with Coerver asking for a preferred rate of \$250 per field for the week, noting discounts to

SASC players participating in the camp. Vicky noted that the coaches were not SASC coaches, and that not all the players were SASC players, so the camp would not qualify for the preferred rate. Based on those guidelines, the established rate is \$1,000 per field per week. Vicky also noted that there are standard lease rates for the fields and that the club must adhere to them. However, since there are several SASC players as well as a base group of a SASC team involved, there is the possibility to give a SASC relationship rate, which would be \$500 per field per week.

Action: Dorian stated that she would talk to Coerver and reply back to the club.

Masood and Neil presented an idea (implied earlier in discussions) for helping rec players move to comp leagues that would be easier for the players than the current comp tryouts. The idea is to have “neutral” coaches provide a developmental program for interested or eligible players to evaluate them and help in the transition to comp. This could be single players or a core group from a team that is ready to move over the comp league. Potential coaches would be Andrew Ransome or Simon Cook, who would be paid for their time – estimated at \$3,000 per season. This proposal would also include the development of coaches and managers, encouraging coaches to get higher level coaching licenses. Also, everyone agreed that it would be advantageous to all involved if we could help to involve the older comp players in coaching and mentoring the younger players. With the implementation of this program, SASC would better be able to help the players grow and develop and make the tryout process more manageable.

Action: Neil will write up a proposal and send it out to the Board for review.

The Board then agreed that the next meeting would be dedicated to preparing for the spring season.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Lundberg,
Treasurer – fill-in Recording Secretary