

## SASC Board Meeting

November 28, 2007

Round Table Pizza Town & Country

Board Members attending: Masood Mokhtary, Sandra Todd, Vicky van den Berg, Karen Bustamente, Evelyn Dixon, Mark Fellows, Susan Lundberg, Chris Barnes, Cheryl Ching, Deanne Phillips, Charles Kluz

Guest Members: Andrew Ransome, Julie Banks, Bob Carpenter, Susan Grabau

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Approval of November 6 meeting minutes as published.

### OLD BUSINESS:

AGM meeting minutes reviewed, a couple of typos were noted. A discussion was initiated as to the poor attendance and what measures can be taken to attract more members. This discussion was tabled with no conclusion.

### 2008 Budget proposal:

The budget committee (Masood, Evelyn, Sandra, Susan) met last week and reviewed expenses this year and needs of the clubs for next year. Susan provided the board with a budget analysis that categorized and summarized club operating budget for 2008. The expenses were then broken down by player cost both recreational and competitive. This generated a discussion of how late registrations were being handled differently in the competitive program versus recreational. After some discussion **Evelyn motioned that competitive players be charged a late fee of \$20 when registering after the last day of normal registration for that season. This is date is set by the club registrar but typically is August 1 for fall and April 1 for spring. Deanne made clear that this does not affect the \$50 fee for after league player additions. The motion PASSED with 9 ayes.**

Susan then continued on to propose to the board that in order to cover next year's projected expenses **registration fees should be raised to \$140 for Competitive players and \$105 for recreational players. Early bird recreational fee of \$100 and to continue the 3<sup>rd</sup> child in family registers free, the least expensive fee is waived. Motion passed with 10 ayes.**

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### SSC Maintenance

Masood talked to the conditions of the fields at SSC and the type of repairs that are required. Field 1 is uneven and bare in places. It cannot be patched. Field 2 is not as bad but also has bare spots. In order to get the fields to safe and good playing condition for a long time they should be completely refurbished. This means that the grass needs to be completely ripped up, the dirt dug up 2-6 inches deep and seed or sod laid.

The depth of the digging and whether seed or sod should be used was discussed since Masood provided 2 proposals based on the type work to be done on the field. 2-3 inches and seeds were less expensive and 4-6 inches and sod was the other extreme. The board discussed the merits of both types of improvements. A general consensus that since the job was costly that we should

lean towards the better improvements. **Susan motioned that we invest up to \$120K in field renovations with an outlook to a long term investment (of resources) for the club. Mark second. Motion passed with 8 ayes.**

Masood asked the board to come up with creative solutions to the problem of having fields 1 and 2 closed during renovations.

#### Recreational Program Format

Sandra presented the last phase in the transition to smaller sides that was initiated in the fall. Sandra spoke to the success of the program in the fall and the challenges we may face in some are groups with coach volunteers. **Sandra motioned that we move to the following sides and age groups in the spring:**

**U6 - 3v3; U7 - 4v4; U8 – 5v5; U10 – 6v6; U12 – 8v8; U14, U16 – 11v11 (Play-thru). Mark F. second. The motion passed with 8 ayes.**

Sandra also requested support from the board to come up with a solution for providing 3 referees for the U12 games. Sandra indicated the need for officials in this age group to manage the offside calls which seem to be a contentious point with parents and coaches. The board agreed to that we need to be creative to solve this problem.

#### OFFICER REPORTS:

##### Competitive Director:

Chuck indicated that the tryouts were being organized and that there seems to be a good change that there will be an U9G, U11G and U10B. There are plans to hold another tryout in January.

##### Foothill

Mark attended the foothill meeting:

Abronzino is thinking about using the red card verification form. 18% of the red cards are being given to coaches. Doubling or tripling the coach suspension is being considered.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.