

Sunnyvale Alliance Soccer Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2008

The meeting was held at Round Table Pizza at Town & Country Center in Sunnyvale, CA at 7:30 pm.

Board Members present were Masood Mokhtary, Chuck Kluz, Bob Carpenter, Susan Lundberg, Mark Fellows, Julie Banks, Janine Dryden, Cheryl Ching and Sandra Todd. Andrew Ransome of Griffin Soccer Academy, David Natwick and Kat Caturegli attended as guests. Board Members absent were Chris Barnes, and Deanne Phillips. It was noted that the Field Coordinator position is currently split between three people, and that Julie Banks would be the board representative. It was also noted that Cheryl Ching and Mark Fellows are looking for replacements for their positions, but will continue on the board and help out until a new person is found.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Masood Mokhtary. Mr. Mokhtary asked that all current board members and guests introduce themselves.

The November 28 board meeting minutes were reviewed. Mrs. Lundberg moved to approve the minutes as presented, Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion, and the vote passed unanimously.

Mr. Natwick presented a check from "Earthshakes" for additional purchases from SASC members. The club also received funds from their sales on Fun Day.

Mrs. Banks noted that neither she nor Mrs. Grabau were able to receive emails from the board distribution list. Mr. Kluz said that he would make sure that they were added to the distribution list.

Mrs. Dryden reminded the board that registration for the spring rec season will be on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup> at the park building at DeAnza Park. She is in contact with the CYSA registrar to get all necessary forms. Mrs. Ching said that she had volunteers for registration, as well as to sell SASC shirts at the registrations. There was discussion regarding the spring comp registration, which will begin in February. It was noted that that registration was still a paper registration, but they were working to access it online. There was discussion regarding adding or moving players for tournaments and the registration of those players.

Mr. Kluz reported on the comp tryouts, which were at SSC on December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. He said that there were 120 kids for the age groups of U8 to U12, both boys and girls. There will be another tryout session in January, specifically targeting the U8 and U9 players. We are in need of coaches in this age group. There was discussion regarding players moving between rec and comp teams and how to balance the teams so that rec teams were not short players when players transfer to comp, but also how kids can be included in a rec team if they are not selected for the comp teams.

At this point Mr. Fellows joined the meeting.

Mr. Kluz proposed the addition of two new teams. Chris Barnes will coach a U10B team and Sonya Lee will coach a U9G team. Mrs. Ching seconded the addition of the two teams, and the vote passed unanimously.

There were some questions regarding coaching licensing classes, and it was noted that the District has to host the E/D level classes. It was noted that the board will request that Mr. Ransome teach those coaching classes.

Mr. Mokhtary reported on the field renovation at SSC, stating that currently all work was delayed due to the stormy weather. Mr. Natwick was able to get sand for the work at a discount, and Mr. Mokhtary is working with the Sunnyvale SMART station to get free or discounted compost. Fields 1 and 2 are closed, and the rest of the area will be relined to try to fit a full size field and a smaller field for the winter and beginning of spring.

There was discussion regarding the potential shortage of fields in the spring, especially if use at SSC is limited for some time. Mr. Mokhtary will try to get more fields from the City of Sunnyvale.

Mrs. Lundberg explained that there had been an issue at SSC where a parent was unable to enter the fields as there was no handicap access. One of the club members who is a civil engineer is working on the requirements and logistics of providing access. There are apparently no specific guidelines for private sport complexes in California. Mrs. Lundberg and Mr. Carpenter are working on a solution so that the rolling gate will be able to be opened enough to allow entry, as well as potentially adding a crushed gravel path close to the fence for easier access and mobility. They believe that they can do these projects at little cost to the club, and will report back to the board with a final recommendation.

Soccer International, who supplies the comp uniforms and training t-shirts, has asked to have more involvement with SASC. They have asked to be able to bid on the rec uniforms, and to have advertising on the club website. Mrs. Lundberg asked that before rec uniforms were ordered that at least two bids would be sought, and that one of them be Soccer International. It was also noted that there are links, coupons and donor listings from other vendors, including Play it Again Sports. While the club does not want to put up advertising, it was agreed that all vendors should be treated equally and that since SI has donated so much to the club that they should be included on the website as well.

The board then reviewed other Officer Reports. Mrs. Banks said that she would work with Susan Grabau and Sandra Todd to try to get all the games and practices scheduled in the spring, despite the increase in teams and decrease in field availability. She also noted that Delgado Association Cup was delayed one week due to weather issues.

Mr. Carpenter said that he is working on recruiting for the many open board positions and other jobs that need to be done.

Mr. Natwick said that he would help the club until his Fundraising position was filled.

Mr. Mokhtary acknowledged that all of the board members were hard working and busy, but requested that they reply to emails, and email votes, as quickly as possible so as to keep things going. He also noted that there were several coaches that we being observed and talked to due to behavior that is not consistent with the club's PCA policy. He reminded the board members that they are representatives of the club and that they should introduce themselves as such and speak with coaches or parents who are behaving in an inappropriate manner. Mr. Mokhtary, Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Kluz are all available to help in this function. Mr. Mokhtary also noted that the District was cracking down on parents and coaches that did not follow the guidelines, and that the coaches will be and are being removed.

There was discussion regarding formation of comp teams, rec to comp transitions, and how important it is to keep the comp teams somewhat balanced and in the correct division.

There was discussion regarding the day upon which the SASC board meeting would be held. There are several people that have a conflict with Tuesdays, which is the current meeting date. Mrs. Todd said that she would put out a poll to determine which day would be best for the majority.

Mrs. Banks voiced concern regarding how SASC determines which teams are included in the club, how they are formed and how they are kept balanced. She stated that there are several DeAnza league teams that wish to move to SASC, primarily due to our fields. Mr. Mokhtary and Mr. Kluz said that they will continue to work with the teams that are currently in the club, and the new ones that are added. Also that we, as a club, need to agree and understand why the teams are formed, why they leave or dissolve or may not perform well.

It was reiterated by Mr. Mokhtary that we have many open board positions, and other volunteer opportunities. We all need to help to recruit by talking to other parents and friends. Mrs. Caturegli said that she would consider filling the Fundraiser Director position. It was noted that the board will vote on this after the meeting in an email vote.

The next meeting will be the second week in February on a day decided by the email poll. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Lundberg,  
Treasurer – acting Recording Secretary