

Sunnyvale Alliance Soccer Club

Board Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2008

The meeting was held at the De Anza Park building in Sunnyvale, CA at 7:30 pm.

Board Members present were Masood Mokhtary, Susan Lundberg, Janine Dryden, Deanne Phillips, Julie Banks, Bob Carpenter, John Ruckstuhl, Chuck Kluz, Kat Caturegli and Sandra Todd. Mark Fellows, Chris Barnes and George Tharakan were absent. Zafer Diab, Jeff Lahiette and Philippe Jansen from the Le Petit Blues teams, Andrew Ransome, and Mark Shustock attended as guests.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Masood Mokhtary. Mr. Mokhtary welcomed everyone. The board reviewed the minutes from the April 14th Board meeting and unanimously agreed to accept them as presented.

Mr. Mokhtary introduced Mark Shustock, who is a candidate for the open position of Secretary of the SASC Board. Mr. Shustock is currently an SASC rec coach.

Mr. Diab, Mr. Jahiette and Mr. Jansen introduced themselves as leaders of the Le Petit Blues rec teams. They stated their desire to be able to cultivate the French language and culture with sports for the local French youth. Le Petit Blues ("LPB") teams wish to be involved in SASC, primarily in the rec league, however they are also considering starting a team at the competitive level. There are currently nine LPB rec teams, ranging from U6 to U10 this spring. There are several boys and girls at the U10 level who are interested in and ready to play at the comp level. There was some discussion regarding how to form comp teams, including the need for team tryouts. The point was made that SASC does not form the comp teams; it only approves the coaches and team formation. The coaches are each responsible for forming the teams and choosing players. It is possible that the LPB players would not all get onto the same comp teams. It was also noted that all SASC coaches needed to have appropriate coaching licenses for their level of play and were allowed one season to obtain those licenses.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Diab, Mr. Jahiette and Mr. Jansen left the meeting. They were thanked for attending, and for presenting their ideas and willingness to help with SASC functions.

Mr. Mokhtary presented the Disciplinary Procedure together with the revised SASC Mission Statement and Principles. Mrs. Banks had created a flow chart to demonstrate the process of reporting incidents and the subsequent disciplinary process. She had also created a form to report incidents that includes a request for detailed information on the incident. There was a short discussion regarding how much detail needed to be included on the flow chart and the report form. It was noted on the flowchart that the policies to be taken into consideration were listed as "CYSA" and needed to be amended to "SASC/CYSA". Mrs. Lundberg moved to approve the Disciplinary Procedures, Mission Statement and Principles, Incident Report and Flowchart as presented with the one correction noted. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion, and the vote passed unanimously.

Mr. Mokhtary noted that now that this documentation was in place there are a couple of teams that need to be addressed, specifically a Class 1 girl's team. Mr. Kluz and Mr. Mokhtary will speak with them.

Mr. Mokhtary noted that the renovation at SSC continues to progress and that the seeding should be completed this week. Additional fencing will be required to keep pedestrians, bikes and dogs off the fields. Temporary fencing is needed to protect the renovated area from people and balls during the time of the seed growth. Mr. Carpenter explained the request for new fencing, which includes complete six foot high fencing without openings on the North (back) and West sides. The East side is bordered by a six foot City fence. Additional, Mr. Carpenter would like to replace the three foot fencing bordering the parking lot with six foot fencing and adjust the access gates to include handicap access. The fence material used for the temporary fencing in the middle of the field will be re-used for the fence in the South border of the fields (parking lot side). Mr. Carpenter moved to approve \$25,000 in funding for new fencing at SSC, Mrs. Lundberg seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lundberg raised the issue of competitive registration fees for the Fall 2008-Spring 2009 season. Since the approval of fees at the prior board meeting, additional information had become available regarding the need for funds for the SSC renovation. The new fencing was determined to be crucial to maintaining the condition of newly renovated fields. Additionally, there is the need to build a cash reserve in order to be able to renovate the remaining field area at SSC; the hope is to complete that project within the next eighteen months. Mrs. Lundberg moved to set the Fall 2008-Spring 2009 comp registration fees at \$170. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. The vote passed with nine yes votes and one no vote.

Mrs. Phillips reported that there will be a meeting for all competitive level team managers on Wednesday, May 14. She noted that this meeting is specifically for the managers that will be submitting the team's registration packet, and the every comp team must have a specific registration representative who is not the coach. The purpose of this meeting is to provide comprehensive information regarding the comp registration process, necessary forms and financial aid. She, together with other board members will be available to answer all registration questions including registration for tournament players and tournament play's affect on seasonal registration.

She noted that the SASC uniform policy will be enforced, and that for the Fall 2008 season every team must play wearing the SASC official uniform with no exceptions.

Mrs. Dryden confirmed that the walk in registration dates for rec registration are May 18, June 1 and June 8, all at the Raynor Park building. Mr. Ruckstuhl will recruit volunteers. Advertising flyers have been distributed to the schools and banners will be hung to promote the registration dates.

Mrs. Banks noted that the City had revoked the permit on the field at Columbia this Saturday which had caused several team to need to relocate their games. It was agreed that field locations for both practices and games must be allocated with priority given to club volunteers based on time donated to the club.

Mrs. Caturegli stated that the proposal for the 100 Women's Foundation had been submitted. This grant for the scholarship fund can range between \$5,000 and \$20,000. An escrow account has been established for the club and directions will be posted on the

website. She is also researching additional donations for the Fun Day silent auction as well as a SASC benefit shopping day at Whole Foods.

Mr. Kluz reported that the CPP program would continue into the middle of May. There have been more girls participating than boys this season. SASC comp tryouts will occur the weekend of May 31-June 1. Flyers will be distributed to the schools and an email notice will go to the current rec membership.

There are some comp teams that are in need of guidance, with some coaches working outside of the SASC guidelines. Mr. Kluz and Mr. Mokhtary will work with those teams and coaches. Some teams may shift players or combine in order to fill the teams with appropriate players and to create stronger and more consistent teams at each level.

Mr. Kluz presented a new team formation for U9 Girls, class 3 for the fall 2008 season. The coach is Russ Dryden who currently coaches a U11G comp team and a U8G rec team. The U8 girls from the spring will then play U9 in the fall season. Mr. Kluz moved to approve the coach and team for inclusion in the Fall 2008 season, Mrs. Dryden seconded the motion. The vote passed with eight yes votes and two abstained votes.

Mrs. Todd reported that there had been an injury on the field, where a player suffered a broken arm. Mrs. Todd will make sure that all the rec coaches have CYSA insurance forms to complete in the case of player injury. She also noted that there will be a U12 boys jamboree at the Challenger School fields on June 7th. With most of the SSC fields closed it is difficult to find field space to accommodate an entire age group.

Mrs. Todd noted that the rec coaches were also monitored on an ongoing basis and given guidance as necessary.

Mr. Ransome noted that the coaches' clinics and the player clinics have been successful this season. Player clinics are run for the U7-U12 groups. The last player clinic for the spring season will be on May 17.

At this point the board moved to a closed session and Mr. Shustock and Mr. Ransome left the meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mr. Shustock was approved as SASC Board Secretary. It was noted that the publicity position was still open and in need of a volunteer.

There was discussion regarding issues with various teams and coaches.

The next board meeting will be Monday, June 2nd at 7:30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Lundberg,
Treasurer – acting Recording Secretary