

Sunnyvale Alliance Soccer Club (SASC)

Board Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2008

The meeting was held at the De Anza Park building in Sunnyvale, CA.

The board members present were Masood Mokhtary, Susan Lundberg, Janine Dryden, Deanne Phillips, Bob Carpenter, John Ruckstuhl, George Tharakan, Kat Caturegli, Sandra Todd, and Mark Shustock (10 members, 9 voting). Chuck Kluz, Mark Fellows, and Chris Barnes were not in attendance. Andrew Ransome attended the meeting as an invited guest.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm by Masood Mokhtary (President). Mr. Mokhtary welcomed everyone. As the first matter of business, the board reviewed the minutes from the June 2nd meeting and unanimously agreed to accept them as presented (9 ayes, 0 nays).

As the second matter of business, the board reviewed the status of the new competitive teams that were discussed and voted upon for acceptance into the SASC during the June 2nd meeting. In summary:

The U10 girls' team coached by Peter Garnett had been approved. The U11 boys' team coached by Leong Tang had been approved, but had subsequently communicated to the board that they had decided not to pursue participation in the competitive program. The U12 boys' team coached by Tennyson Heen had been approved.

Lastly, it was noted that the U13 boys' team coached by Raoule Felipa had not yet been voted upon as it was decided during the June 2nd meeting that further investigative work would be done by Chuck Kulz (Competitive Director) to determine whether or not the majority of the players on the roster met his standards for competitive team "readiness". Mr. Kluz was not in attendance at the meeting on July 14th to comment on the matter. Regardless, Deanne Phillips raised a motion to approve the team. She pointed out that they had been proceeding with formation activities under the assumption that they would be approved by the SASC board. The motion was seconded by Janine Dryden and passed unanimously with a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays.

The next matter of business discussed was the new photographer / Fun Day issue. During the June 2nd meeting it was resolved that Sandra Todd would make best efforts to find a volunteer to assist with hiring a qualified photographer for the fall season's Fun Day. Ms. Todd reported that she had found a volunteer to assist with gathering and reviewing proposals from potential vendors. She indicated that she would, via email, update the board with new developments over the next several weeks and then formally report on the matter during the August meeting. Mr.

Mokhtary communicated to the board that he was “concerned” about the matter and that time was running short on making a final decision. Several members of the board echoed Mr. Mokhtary’s concerns. It was then discussed and agreed to by the members that September 21st was the preferred date for the Fun Day event.

The next matter discussed was the *Parks of the Future (Parks)* program being undertaken by the city of Sunnyvale. Bob Carpenter (Vice President) provided background information, detailing how the Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation Department was in the process of developing a *Parks* plan to help guide their decision-making process for creating future parks and facilities. He further communicated to the board that he believed it was in the best interest of the SASC to stay abreast of current developments, findings and decisions related to the program. As such, Mr. Carpenter informed the board that he had attended a meeting of the *Parks* group. He also invited other members of the board to attend upcoming meetings.

The next matter discussed was the Sunnyvale Soccer Complex (SSC) playing field. Mr. Mokhtary began the discussion by updating the group that the new grass was “almost done”. In his estimation, the condition of the field was “good” but “could be better”. Irrigation was the most problematic issue - keeping all of the field adequately hydrated to allow the new grass to mature and prosper.

Mr. Carpenter then informed the group he had begun contemplating having some of the routine field maintenance handled by a professional contractor. He pointed out that much of the new field maintenance was originally planned to be handled by SASC volunteers. However, he was currently of the opinion that was likely an unworkable long-term solution due to the magnitude of the effort required to support the upkeep of the field.

Mr. Carpenter agreed to begin to develop a list of qualified vendors from which proposals could eventually be solicited. The board agreed to discuss the matter again during the August meeting.

The board heard an update from Deanne Phillips (Competitive Registrar) on competitive (comp) team registration. Ms. Phillips informed the board that 41 teams had registered for the fall season. Ms. Phillips then brought to the board’s attention that an organizational meeting date needed to be set for the comp teams’ coaches. It was noted that Chuck Kluz was responsible for organizing the meeting and that the meeting should be held before the end of August as the first games of the season would be played in the first week of September. It was noted by Mr. Mokhtary that, in his opinion after having observed the CPP sessions, the CPP remains an ongoing problem issue for the club. He was quite dissatisfied with the organization and the effectiveness of the program. He then shared that he had recently been considering outsourcing the management of the CPP program to a qualified vendor for the Fall 2008 season.

The board heard an update from Sanda Todd (Recreational Director) regarding the recreational teams registration for the fall season. Ms. Todd noted that 117 recreational teams were registered with approximately 1,100 players.

Lastly, the board then heard an update from Susan Lundberg (Treasurer) regarding the financial position of the SASC. Mrs. Lundberg presented a budget versus actual analysis comparing the actual costs incurred for the spring 2008 season against the budgeted costs. The actual costs were \$115K against a planned expenditure of \$117K. With 895 players in the recreation league and 585 players in the competitive league, the costs per player had been calculated at \$63 and \$99 respectively. After adding a California Youth Soccer Organization (CYSA) charge of \$33 and \$35 for each player, respectively, the actual costs per player were \$96 for rec play and \$134 for comp play. It was noted by Mrs. Lundberg that these figures were reasonably close to the \$105 and \$140 fees charged by the club to players participating in the spring season. The variances were immaterial and created a small cash surplus for the club.

As there was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Mokhtary at 10:10pm.

The next board meeting is being considered for Monday, August 11 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Shustock,
Secretary