

**SUNNYVALE ALLIANCE SOCCER CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

February 9, 2009

The meeting was held at Woodland Vista Swim and Racquet Club in Los Altos, CA at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Carpenter, Susan Lundberg, Beth Johnson, Sandra Todd, Kat Caturegli, Alison Hlady, John Ruckstuhl, George Tharakan, Tibor Polgar, Susan Grabau, Janine Dryden.

GUESTS PRESENT: Andrew Ransome attended as a guest.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Kluz, Deanne Phillips, and Julie Banks.

CALL TO ORDER AND MINUTES

President Bob Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:43 pm.

Mr. Carpenter asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Ms. Johnson informed him she had received a request to make 5 corrections, 4 grammatical and 1 regarding content via e-mail. It was moved by Mrs. Lundberg, seconded, and carried ***“to approve the January board meeting minutes as corrected.”***

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

President: No Report.

Vice President: No Report.

Treasurer: Mrs. Lundberg began by discussing the modifications she, Chuck and Deanne made to the Madeline Medina Fund. Modifications include making the funds available at the state and regional level and redefining ODP training to include Class 3 and recreational players. Information will be published on the website under Financial Aid although it is an accomplishment based scholarship. The shirt and patch volunteer stepped down, however Kathy Ortiz has stepped forward to fill those positions. Accounting duties have been delegated to Mark Shustock. All expenses should be submitted to him directly from this point forward. The Finance Subcommittee will begin the budget and fee determination process for next soccer year (August 2009-July 2010) and anticipates presenting it to the board for approval by the end of March or early April.

Secretary: Ms. Johnson indicated that a new roster would be sent out with minor corrections to the previous one sent in January. She has been regularly checking the general e-mail account and forwarding those e-mails to the relevant members. She also has begun utilizing the Board of Directors yahoo group e-mail reminder system for calendar events such as board meetings.

Recreation Director: Mrs. Hlady announced that Recreation registration is officially over. The age-group coordinators are in the process of forming teams. The number of player registered is comparable to last spring. Field allocation will start next week.

Competitive Director: Mr. Kluz was not present, however Mr. Carpenter reported that a reduction in fees, in the amount of \$35 was made to the spring competitive registration amount for SASC's US Club players.

Recreation Registrar: Mrs. Dryden stated that they are in the process of forming teams. She confirmed that the on-line registration process was not debugged in time for the spring

season but hopes to have it available by April for the fall registration process. They had over 900 players register for spring. There is volunteer information available from the registration process that will be given to Mr. Ruckstuhl.

Referee Director: Mr. Polgar informed the board that West Valley Youth Soccer has become part of the referee pool including Mountain View-Los Altos, De Anza Youth Soccer, and SASC; increasing it by approximately 50 referees. He will attend a joint meeting with assignors from all four clubs to discuss referee pay, and to review licensing. Additionally, the group is communicating with Santa Clara Sporting. Their addition would greatly strengthen the referee pool. Issues to be overcome include referee training levels and mentoring.

Tournament Director: Mr. Tharakan has not communicated with AYSO regarding Raynor field but plans to do so soon. The Medina Tournament will double 48 teams and include U10, U11 and U12 age groups. He hopes to be able to use both Raynor Park fields and Peterson Middle School fields for this tournament. US Club/NorCal has requested June 28 and July 26 dates to host a U8-U9 Playdate. It was determined that SASC cannot accommodate the request this summer.

Volunteer Coordinator: The registration banners have been recovered. Mr. Ruckstuhl plans to address the open action item regarding communication to the Team Volunteer Coordinators in the next two weeks. Regarding staffing with volunteers, he needs to know what positions need to be filled. Mrs. Hlady recommended field lining and mentioned that pre-season field preparation would be needed soon too. Mr. Ruckstuhl will create a database out of the names from recreation registration.

Field Coordinator: Mrs. Grabau reported she is in the process of planning game and practice fields so they can return the rest to the city six weeks early as the City has requested. Mrs. Grabau read the list of permitted city fields to the board. Volunteers are needed for field lining. Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Grabau will be switching roles for the next 12 months. We may need additional fields for summer camps. The school department will not allow leases for schools undergoing a remodel. SASC can request a field and the City will determine if it is available.

Fundraising Director: Sales of shirts and sweatshirts were a great success at the registration events according to Mrs. Caturegli. The Armadillo Willy's Dine for Dollars event is scheduled for April 21 and she is looking for a location for May, possibly one of the frozen yogurt places that have become so popular. She is currently working with Victor Escalera to find sponsors and grants targeting the Hispanic community. Right now scholarship is her biggest concern because more people are willing to give to this program. Mrs. Caturegli announced that it is very helpful when members request donations from the business they patronize. A list of businesses the club targets will be out soon which will aid in reducing the number of duplicate requests from SASC.

Sandra Todd left the meeting at this point.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Executive Committee: Topics addressed by the EC this month included the goal to increase communication from the board and within the club, and goal setting resulting in urging members to use the mediums available.

Volunteer Policy Committee: Mr. Carpenter updated the board on all of the policy revisions; the Discipline policy is to be reworded to close up a hole for non-responses, a draft of the Uniform policy has been sent out to the board, and Mrs. Banks has a straw-man proposal prepared for the volunteer policy. It will be sent out for review next week. The proposal addresses the concept purely from a data standpoint and does not include any provisions for a pay-instead-of-volunteer option.

OLD BUSINESS

District II Field Charges: Topic deferred to next meeting when Mr. Kluz could be available.

Development of Policy Guidelines for movement of players between teams: Topic deferred to next meeting when Mr. Kluz could be available.

D and E level spring coaches' courses: Mr. Tharakan informed the board that Mr. Kluz had some tentative dates from District II and will confirm final dates when they become available.

Dates for Referee Clinics: The dates for the clinics are March 23-25 and March 30-31 at Fair Oaks. Both classes are already full. Mrs. Lundberg inquired about the referee provision requirement which competitive teams must meet and if records were kept. Mr. Carpenter confirmed that records are kept, however the information is not currently being utilized. This is being addressed in the volunteer policy and there will be a grace period of not more than one season, so as to reduce the burden on newly formed teams. Mr. Polgar also confirmed the impending removal of inactive referees from the referee database, which will make room for new referees from the classes and from WVYSL.

U12 Recreation AR Proposal: Mr. Polgar spoke of the issues he is facing to develop the proposal; initiating new referees and developing confidence, creating steps to qualify referees for competitive games, and developing policies and procedures for meeting training and mentoring requirements for a partnership with Santa Clara Youth Soccer. Mr. Polgar made a verbal suggestion of \$20/AR/game but will follow up with a written proposal. He estimated a budget of \$1640 with a worst-case scenario of \$3280. His assumptions included no pay for the 1st game refereed, 2nd and 3rd games at 50% pay. However much of this is predicated on Santa Clara's acceptance. SASC is in effect assuming the burden of training referees for FYSL, because we are the only club with a recreation program.

Spring Competitive Registration Dates & Final Team List for spring: Topics were deferred to the next meeting when Mrs. Phillips could be available.

NEW BUSINESS

PCA: Mr. Carpenter announced there will be joint PCA classes, together with MVLA, who want 50 slots for their members. Mrs. Hlady informed him she has lists of people who have signed up as interested. The Competitive U8 teams may be the best place from which to start filling the slots.

Petersen Fields: Mr. Carpenter informed the board that the Petersen Fields could be available exclusively on weekends to SASC. Questions to ask ourselves are: do we want to renovate them in order to use them? Is there enough parking? Can we modify pedestrian/player access? He will evaluate this possibility further.

WPS FC Gold Pride: Mr. Carpenter informed the board that the FC Gold Pride has asked SASC for a field for practice and SASC, with approval from the SCUSD has agreed in theory. They want to use one SSC field for during the day, 5 days a week, for 7 months. The terms of the agreement have not been finalized and Mr. Carpenter continues to talk to them to determine what would work best for both The Pride and SASC. The Pride has already reached an agreement with the Saber Cats to sub-lease their workout and locker rooms on the school grounds.

Newsletter: Ms. Johnson needs content for the spring newsletter. Mr. Carpenter would like to send a newsletter out every 6-8 weeks to keep club members informed.

Goals at Nimitz field: Mr. Tharakan asked if there could be permanent goals at Nimitz field. Mr. Carpenter informed him there could be only if the field swap with AYSO can be made permanent. Right now SASC has spring and AYSO has fall and it is not convenient to leave goals at a field we are not using.

REVIEW ACTION ITEMS

1. Mrs. Hlady will give volunteer information from registration forms to Mr. Ruckstuhl.
2. After receiving volunteer information from Mrs. Hlady, Mr. Ruckstuhl will create a database of the information.
3. Mr. Ruckstuhl will identify field-lining volunteers from new database for Mrs. Grabau.
4. Mr. Polgar and Mrs. Lundberg will discuss the proposal for U12 recreation referees for the March meeting. All requests for additional projects or spending must be submitted in writing to Mrs. Lundberg.
5. Mr. Kluz will arrange for D & E level coaching classes this spring for SASC coaches.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Johnson,
Secretary