

Minutes

Sacramento Valley Women's Soccer League
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, November 19, 2001
7:00 pm at Coloma Community Center

Minutes of August 27, 2001 Meeting

The minutes of the previous Meeting of the Board were read and approved as written.

Guest Introductions

Alan Tupper, a representative of Cherry Island, was invited to attend to discuss plans for the fields during the next year, but he did not attend the meeting. A copy of an e-mail he sent to the league is appended to these minutes as Attachment 1.

President's Report

National Celebration of Soccer

Kathleen Casanave, President, reported that as a representative of CSAN, she would be attending the Celebration of Soccer conference in Washington, DC, in February 2002. Cokie Roberts will preside over the celebration and other dignitaries will attend. CSAN paid \$10,000 for a table at the celebration, and Kathleen is >>>Kathleen, which office do you hold??>>>>> of CSAN.

Kudos

The President asked that the Board thank Sharon Anderson (Legends) for all of the work she had done on the league's behalf during the last six months, particularly the outreach/recruitment she had accomplished with the exhibition games and communications with young women's leagues and teams.

Later in the meeting, the Board thanked Tracy Brown (Killer Tomatoes) for her outstanding graphic design for the League's new logo, letterhead, business cards and Web site. Enterprise Printing was also thanked for their work on the project. Business cards were disseminated to each team to use as a recruiting tool and to pass out to team members to market the Web site and e-group site.

Forfeits and No-shows

The President asked that all teams display sportsmanship by showing up for games, and completing all games started. Forfeits and incomplete games continue to be a problem for the league. She discussed the possibility of allowing teams to carry 22 players on the roster to alleviate the problem of teams forfeiting for lack of players.

Dropping Teams

Kathleen asked for feedback from all players on the recent loss of three or four teams from the league. Please reply to her directly at kcrocks@jps.net.

Treasurer's Report

Susie Bakker (Still Kickin') presented the treasurer's report (attached). Generally, the league's finances are in good shape. The loss of \$605 reported at the last Board meeting was incorrect – an expense had been recorded in the wrong fiscal year. No loss has been incurred.

Scheduler's Report

Sharon Anderson (Legends) introduced Jerry Zanelli, Coach of the Sacramento Storm. Jerry attended the meeting as a result of Sharon's outreach and recruiting efforts.

Sharon Anderson reiterated the league would like to bring back a competitive division, and was working with several teams to do that. Regarding the general schedule, she asked that teams provide her with early input regarding division placement and dates each team would like a bye.

If your team has not received a league game ball, see Sharon Anderson.

Referee Coordinator

Kat Hutchens (River City Cyclones) referee coordinator, was not present but Shawnda Grady (River City Cyclones) provided a report.

Shawnda offered options for increasing the pool of qualified referees and referee assignors, including the league sponsoring referee clinics. The President asked that Shawnda present her ideas to the Executive Committee at the December meeting prior to presenting options to the entire Board.

Field Report

Kathryn Hogan (Right Stuff) reported that conflicts with youth tournaments would require the league find alternate fields for seven of the twelve games this Winter. Each team will be provided with the City Operator phone number and a copy of the field permit. The first game of the season will be played on alternate fields, so all teams should be prepared with equipment and permits.

If you would like to register a complaint about one of the fields, please contact Kathryn Hogan at kayehogie@earthlink.net.

Valley Cup

Deidre Bryant (Killer Tomatoes), Valley Cup Chair, reported the 2002 tournament would be held at Cherry Island, May 18 and 19. In the event more than eight fields are required, secondary sites will be located. Deidre anticipates the bracketing will include an Over 40 division this year. Invitations will be mailed in January.

Equipment

Kathleen Casanave reported the league is currently without an equipment coordinator and asked for volunteers. The new coordinator is authorized to purchase step ladders for each team's equipment set.

All Stars

Kathryn Hogan (Right Stuff) informed the group Wendy DiGiorno has moved to San Francisco. The All Star program is still looking for a second sponsor and volunteers. If you are interested in helping, contact Hogie.

Sacramento Storm Relationship with SVWSL

Jerry Zanelli told the group the Storm will now officially be the farm team for the Bay Area Cyber Rays, and that his organization would like to work with the SVWSL to boost attendance at Storm games and to increase participation in the SVWSL.

Mr. Zanelli asked that the Board give Kathleen Casanave a round of applause for representing recreational soccer at the recent meetings in Seattle, and for all of her work on behalf of the league.

Bay Area Cyber Rays

Debbie Maybury (Killer Bees) is organizing bus trips to weekend Cyber Ray games in San Jose. She asked that all reps run the idea by their teams and respond to Debbie with the level of interest. Debbie can be reached at rclial@pacbell.net.

Registrar's Report

Dawn Cole asked that teams provide all materials to her by January 5, 2002. She needs to know as soon as possible how many registration and release forms each team needs.

Action Items

Winter Season Length

Motion by Renee (Legends):

- **The Winter 2002 season will run 12 weeks starting January 20 and ending May 5. Holidays observed during the season will include: President's Day (Feb 17), Easter (March 31) and Mother's Day (May 12).**

Motion seconded by Kathryn Hogan (Right Stuff).

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Winter Game Times

Motion by Pam Jones (Samba):

- **Winter 2002 games will be played at 9:00 or 11:00 am.**

Motion seconded by Renee (Legends).

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Fee Structure: Winter Season

Motion by Kathryn Hogan (Right Stuff):

- **The fees be charged as follows:**
 - **Referee Fees (\$40/team/game + \$25 assignor fee) = \$505**
 - **League Administration Fees \$ 0**
 - **Field Use Fees \$150**
 - **Total Returning Team Fees \$655**

Motion seconded by Ms. Adventures.

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Over 40 Division

Motion by Shawnda Grady (River City Cyclones):

- **SVWSL establish and Over 40 Division.**

Motion seconded by Dawn Cole (Still Kickin').

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Over 40 Rules and Procedures

Motion by Flames:

- **For the Winter 2002 season only, the Over 40 division be allowed three players between the ages of 35 and 40. Said players to be ‘grandfathered’ into the over 40 division. Players must turn 35 years old during the playing season (defined in the league rules and procedures). This allowance has a five-year sunset clause, to end in 2007.**

Motion seconded by Still Kickin’.

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Revising Over 30 Division Rules and Procedures

Motion by Deidre Bryant (Killer Tomatoes):

- **For the Winter 202 season only, the Over 30 division is allowed three players between the ages of 25 and 30. Said players to be “grandfathered” into the over 30 division. Players must turn 25 years old during the playing season (defined in the league rules and procedures). This allowance has a five-year sunset clause, to end in 2007.**

Motion seconded by Team Zephyr

Motion did not pass, 4 ayes, 11 naves.

Motion to Reconsider Following Discussion

Motion by Nancy Flores (Las Patas):

- **For the Winter 202 season only, the Over 30 division is allowed three players between the ages of 25 and 30. Said players to be “grandfathered” into the over 30 division. Players must turn 25 years old during the playing season (defined in the league rules and procedures). This allowance has a five-year sunset clause, to end in 2007.**

Motion seconded by Renegades

Motion did not pass, 7 ayes, 8 naves.

Attachment 1: E-mail from Alan Tupper Regarding Cherry Island

Users of Cherry Island,

Please send me you're tentative planes of your needs for fields this next year.

In our continuing effort to maintain Cherry Island we will have scheduled down times for fields, as is indicated, in Blue, in the up dated schedule I will attach. Weather permitting Teichert Construction is donating equipment & Labor to level field 3 & 4, starting March 11, 2002. I have spoken with Steve Abella, specialist on Bermuda, & he has indicated if we seed by mid April we can have light play by mid July for Cal Cup. Tournament.

Starting March 18, 2002 & ending 9 weeks later, May 17, 2002, field 1 & 2 will have low areas filled & over seeded with a sports blend, fescue & Kentucky Blue mix.

Starting April 8, 2002 & ending 6 weeks later, May 17, 2002, field 5 & 8 will have low areas filled & over seeded with a sports blend, fescue & Kentucky Blue mix.

Starting May 20, 2002 ending 9 weeks later July 18, 2002, field 9 & 10 will have low areas filled & over seeded with a sports blend, fescue & Kentucky Blue mix.

I am working with Sacramento County Parks & Rec developing a master plan for Cherry Island:

1. Developing two additional fields on undeveloped area south west corner.
2. Additional parking north west corner
3. Lighting on fields 1 through 5.
4. Continual refurbishing of two fields each year.

We are always looking for donations of equipment, material, & labor. If you know of any one who has access to any of these please let me know. Any Leagues with an interest in helping us in any way in our effort to get lighting at Cherry Island, for night time practices, games or tournament play, please let me know. I'm getting bids put together now & will probably some time in January have a meeting with all users interested in our endeavor. Hope you're all having a successful year & look forward to our meeting.

Thank You,
Alan Tupper