

**Minutes of the  
SACRAMENTO VALLEY WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Turn Verein Hall**

**Friday, July 18, 2008**

- I. The Board of Director's Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:12 pm. The following 18 teams were present:

Arsenal	Mai Tai
Crossfire	No Excuses
Flames	Renegades
Killer Bees	Right Stuff
Kombat	River Plate
Las Damas	Shut Up and Play
Las Patas	STV Cosmos
Latin Chicks	Still Kickin
Let It Go	Thunder

The following 8 teams were absent:

Bandits	Legends
Boca Jrs	PMS United
Fast & Furious	Team Zephyr
Fuego FC	Yaquis

Officers and Members at Large:

President .....	Kathleen Casanave
VP/Secretary .....	Tara Dunn
Treasurer .....	Dawn Cole (absent)
Referee Coordinator .....	Martha Dominquez
Registrar/Equipment.....	Lani Bondshu
PAD .....	Yolanda Cuesta (absent)
Fields.....	Clara Olmedo (absent)
Scheduler .....	Debbie Turner
Equipment .....	Teresa Rodriguez (absent)
Valley Cup .....	Deidre Bryant (absent)
Outreach Coordinator .....	Vacant

Guests: Becky Turek representing a new team, Gene Sablan, Facility Coordinator for Estadio Azteca Sports Arena.

- II. Welcoming Remarks – Kathleen asked for any addition to the agenda and then there were introductions around the room.

III. The minutes of the previous Board of Directors Meeting held on April 4, 2008 were approved by consent.

IV. Reports of Officers:

A. Presentation of the President's Annual Report – Kathleen presented a summary of her report to the Board. She remarked on the last season's red card activity and provided a review of the guidelines that the Procedure and Discipline Committee (PAD) as follows:

- ∞ One game suspensions for technical fouls such as but not limited to, stopping a goal scoring opportunity, a player receiving two yellow cards during a match, cursing etc.
- ∞ A minimum of two game suspension for serious foul play, violent conduct, referee assault etc.
- ∞ And as a reminder, the game from which a player is ejected Does not count towards the one, two or three etc games from which a player is banned.
- ∞ The above are standard throughout the soccer "world", the SVWSL did not invent these consequences.

She noted how the registration process is now almost completely electronic and that registration should go smoother this year. The report also addressed recent conflict with the Valley Cup Committee and her view that anyone interested in volunteering for Valley Cup should never be tuned down. Lastly, Kathleen noted that this upcoming year will be her last as President.

B. Vice President/Secretary – Tara noted the tentative schedule of Board of Directors (BOD) meetings provided and that this year the League is scheduling a September 5<sup>th</sup> BOD for distributing player passes and other relevant Fall Season information.

C. Presentation of the Treasurer's Financial Report – In Dawn's absence, Tara presented the Treasurer's report that the League is doing fine financially. A handout was provided showing the proposed 2008-2009 Budget as well as financials of the Valley Cup for the past three years. She indicated that Dawn will be preparing financial statements for each team this weekend and will email them to each team's representatives showing whether the teams have a credit or owe additional fees.

D. Referee Coordinator – Martha reported that the League will continue to contract with Larry Svetich as referee assignor. She noted that there were some issues regarding referee communication to the League about yellow and red cards which will be worked on for the upcoming year. Martha also noted that only one nomination was submitted for the Referee of the Year Award and she added that due to the lack of nominations she felt that the deadline should be extended. If at

that time, there aren't at least 5 nominations, then she suggests that the League not continue to offer the Referee of the Year Award.

In response to a question from Let It Go, it was noted that teams may contact Martha or review the scores and standing worksheet to identify a referee for a specific game. Shut Up and Play remarked that they feel the referees stepped up this year and that they would like to continue to offer this award. In response to a question from Las Damas, it was confirmed that the nomination deadline will be extended to include the Fall Season.

E. Registrar – Lani reported that the Fall Season's registration should be easier than ever for all returning teams. She pointed out that only new players that were not part of the League last year will need to submit photos and paperwork (waivers). All forms will be posted online as soon as possible and she stated that the registration deadline for the Fall Season is Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. She noted that there are a couple of changes to the registration process as follows:

- ∞ First, coaches of teams must register with US Club Soccer and submit to a background check. The cost to register is \$15 and the cards will be good for two years.
- ∞ Second, teams have the option to pay electronically via electronic checks from a bank, however, teams should keep in mind that payments made in this manner could take up to five days or more to process and that the payment must be received the August 11<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Lastly, Lani asked for volunteers to help with putting stickers on all the players passes (approximately 500) and help fold game cards in preparation for the beginning of the Fall Season. Volunteers would need to be available sometime before the September 5<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting.

In response to questions about team rosters, Lani confirmed that there are no fees to drop players and that teams will be charged based on the roster they submit with regard to the \$23 player registration fee. She noted that it is very easy to move previously registered players onto and off of rosters, therefore if teams have players that they aren't sure are coming back, team representatives should email her and let her know. By doing this, Lani can remove those players from the roster so the team will not be charged for that player until the team representative notifies Lani to add them. Lani noted that teams should **NEVER** delete a player from their roster online at US Club Soccer because to do so would require that player to resubmit all photos and paperwork should they ever re-register.

In response to questions about paying team registration fees, Lani responded that teams should **NOT** make money an issue. The League will work with teams concerned about their team registration fees and can hold checks until a specified date before cashing. After further discussion, Kathleen indicated that the Executive

Committee will meet to discuss options for holding team registration checks and what notification or alert should be sent to teams about held checks.

V. Reports of Standing Assignments

- A. PAD – Covered under the President’s Report.
- B. Fields – none.
- C. Equipment – In Teresa’s absence, Laurie Omand reported that some teams still have equipment out. In response to a question from Right Stuff, it was noted that equipment for the Fall Season will likely be distributed at the September 5<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting.
- D. Schedule – Debbie reminded teams to request byes they will need for the upcoming Fall Season. She indicated that an email will be sent out reminding teams again. She pointed out that teams should make sure to sign-up for Yahoo Groups to receive the schedule and other information. It was noted that teams can up by visiting the League’s website, [www.svwsl.com](http://www.svwsl.com).

Valley Cup – In Deidre’s absence, Lani provided the report on Valley Cup. Lani noted that comments and ideas are always welcome and teams should email them to Deidre. Lani reported that there are three new committee positions for the Valley Cup Committee, as follows:

- ∞ A marketing position to assist with ways to market the tournament to other leagues; to work with volunteers to attract teams from other states; and to post the tournament information on various websites.
- ∞ An administrative position to monitor the tournament voicemail; to post alternate messages throughout the tournament process; and respond to messages.
- ∞ An onsite schedule coordinator to assist the tournament chair/director in monitoring/posting game results; to assist in posting bracketing/division results from Saturday to Sunday; to assist in posting the results on the Valley Cup voice mail system for the player’s access on Saturday evening.

In response to a question from Las Damas, it was noted that pre-ordering t-shirts with team logos was not offered for Valley Cup because there would have been an additional charge for the set-up.

At this point, sign-up sheets were circulated for those who wished to volunteer for one of the standing committees. Volunteers from Still Kickin, Killer Bees, Shut Up and Play and Mai Tai signed up to assist the Valley Cup Committee.

- E. Recruitment and Marketing – none.



**Motion By:** Still Kicking

**Second by:** Let It Go

**Vote:** Yes = 18

No = 0

Abstain = 0

**Motion was approved.**

E. Approval of Proposed Dates for the 2008-2009 Season:

1. Recommendation to approve the 08 Session 2 (Fall Season) Dates as September 7, 2008 through November 16, 2008; allowing for 10 games and one rain-out date.

**Motion to approve the Fall Season Dates as September 7, 2008 through November 16, 2008; allowing for 10 games and one rain-out date.**

**Motion By:** Shut Up and Play      **Second by:** Still Kicking

After general discussion there was a motion to amend the Fall Season Dates.

**Motion to amend the recommendation of the Fall Season Dates to September 7, 2008 through November 23, 2008; allowing for 11 games and one rain-out date.**

**Motion By:** Right Stuff

**Second by:** Las Damas

**Vote:** Yes = 17

No = 0

Abstain = 0

**Motion was approved.**

2. Recommendation to approve the 09 Session 1 (Winter/Spring Season) Dates as January 11, 2009 through May 3, 2009; with April 12, 2009 (Easter) and February 15, 2009 (the Sunday before President's Day) as non-playing dates; allowing for 12 games and three rain-out dates.

**Motion to approve the Winter/Spring Season Dates as January 11, 2009 through May 3, 2009; with April 12, 2009 (Easter) and February 15, 2009 (the Sunday before President's Day) as non-playing dates; allowing for 12 games and three rain-out dates.**

**Motion By:** Shut Up and Play      **Second by:** Thunder

**Vote:** Yes = 17

No = 0

Abstain = 0

**Motion was approved.**

F. Approval of the 2008-2009 League Budget & Fees

Due to the change to the Fall Season allowing for 11 games, the Fall Season Referee fees were increased by one game to \$522.50; and the Referee Fees on the Registration Form (including the \$31.50 for the ref assignor) was increased to \$550.

**Motion to approve the 2008-2009 Budget, as revised.**

**Motion By:** Right Stuff

**Second by:** Mai Tai

**Vote:** Yes = 17

No = 0

Abstain = 0

**Motion was approved.**

IX. Announcements

- A. Upcoming Meetings: The next BOD Meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 5, 2008 at 6 p.m.
- B. Estadio Azteca – Gene Sablan announced an invitation for women players to come to Estadio Azteca on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> to participate in a drop-in session. Estadio Azteca is promoting an indoor league focused on level of play and will match interested players to teams according to their level of play. The new indoor league will begin on Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Sablan also announced that Estadio Azteca will be scheduling an indoor soccer tournament possibly in September and invited teams to participate. Those interested can call Estadio Azteca at (916) 921-0222 for more information.
- C. Kathleen announced that the California Storm's next home games are Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at Natomas High School ([www.wpsl.info/storm/](http://www.wpsl.info/storm/)).
- D. Still Kicking announced that the Sally Games Tournament will be Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and that teams which register before August 1<sup>st</sup> will have a discounted registration fee of \$375, otherwise the registration fee is \$425. The deadline for team registration is Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Debbie reminded teams that if they are playing in the Sally Games and want a bye for that Sunday to make sure they request one.
- E. Lani announced that there are 10 orphans looking for a team to play on.

Adjournment was approximately 7:45 pm.