

CYSA DISTRICT III

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MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT III BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 10, 2004

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by DC Lou Gagne, at 7:30 PM at the CYSA Office, Pleasanton, CA

ROLL CALL (P=Present, A=Absent, E=Excused, L=Late)

Board Members

P District Commissioner – Lou Gagne
P Livermore YSL Rep – Corey Nelson
P Dublin USL Rep – Diane Scott
P Fremont YSL Rep – Blake Meyer
P San Ramon SC Rep – Brian Bower
P Newark SC Rep – Grace Silva
P Mustang SL Rep – Bob Oxenburgh
P Pleasanton YSL Rep – Bob Maas

Staff Members

P Secretary – Kathi Killion
A Treasurer- Gary King
P Registrar – Diane Scott
P Recreation Administrator – Corey Nelson
E Rules and Revisions Rep – Sandy McMahon
P Al Caffodio League Manager – Brian Leonard
E Coaching Coordinator – Trevor Rodd
P ODP Administrator – Joe Cambra
E Tournament Coordinator – Megan Radeleff
P State Cup Administrator – John Young
P Association Cup Administrator – Tony Stepper
E Referee Administrator – Steve Petrakovitz
A Youth Referee Administrator – Teesie King
P TOPSoccer Administrator – Sue Gagne
P TOPSoccer Administrator – Donna Cook
A State Premier League Administrator – Izzy Loth
District III Cup – vacant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of April 12 be approved (Scott/Silva)

Motion carried. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of March 8 be approved (Scott/Silva)

Motion carried. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention

REPORTS

Treasurer – No report

Registrar– Diane Scott reported that she held a meeting for the league registrars. Every league was represented. Diane instructed everyone that she has three basic rules that she intends to enforce. 1) No doorbell. 2) No business after 8:30 PM and 3) No coaches are to come to Diane's door. If these three rules are followed, the process should go smoothly.

Rules and Revisions – Sandy McMahon is reconsidering staying on as the R&R representative.

Al Caffodio Committee – Brian Leonard reported that he has received the forecast of the number of teams by age and group gender from each league participating in AC league except from PYSL. He is still seeking match secretaries, whose duties are to schedule matches, reschedule matches as necessary, and collect match results. Brian reminded the board that AC has a budget surplus, the disposition of which needs to be decided. Lou Gagne will check with Gary King for suggestions.

Golden State Soccer League – Brian Leonard reported that GSSL is in the midst of accepting applications. There are 90 applications so far with two weeks remaining until the application deadline. He would like a representative from PYSL to GSSL. The playing league will hold a meeting on 5/11 at which they will be discussing rule revisions. Brian reported that several “orphan” teams have submitted applications.

Coaching – Trevor Rodd sent an email stating that his report will be distributed by email tomorrow.

ODP – Joe Cambra reported that ODP is on track. Post cards announcing tryouts have been sent to all Division 1 players. Fields arrangements have been made. Several of the leagues have made fields available for the program. The U15 Boys coach is still seeking a practice field. CYSA hosted a successful ODP coaching symposium on May 8th. There was a committee meeting for district ODP administrators meeting on May 7th. The administrators were reminded that the focus of ODP is on player preparation, identification and promotion. They were also advised that the districts should be working together to plan some type of a process (play days, jamborees, etc) so that the U17 players can be presented to the state evaluators for invitations to state tryouts. Two U13 girls from each district will be given the opportunity to attend regional ODP camp. This is a pilot project that has just been implemented by Region IV. Because CYSA has no U13 ODP, and every Association can send 18 players, the state coaches proposed that each district be allowed to use their own identification process to invite two players. They are looking for the more mature as well as skilled players in the age group who will be able to serve as “ambassadors” and share their first hand experiences of ODP camp with other players in their district. After discussion, it was decided that Joe will contact MSL and with those coaches, select players from State Cup winning teams. The CYSA ODP manual will be redone in the near future. Joe announced the numbers of D3 players who were selected to state pool. Brian Leonard asked if the program is moving toward more of a scouting/selection process. Joe stated that the Board of Directors have approved a process whereby coaches who have a D license or higher can submit recommendations for players who have for some reason not come through the district ODP process to be invited to state tryouts. Coaches making the recommendations should understand that their credibility is on the line and use the process wisely. If their recommendations don’t turn out to measure up to the state ODP standards, it is unlikely that the state staff will give much weight to future recommendations from that coach.

Tournaments – No report submitted.

State Cup – John Young reported that District III had 6 teams in the finals for the U14-U19s. Of those, 2 girls’ teams advanced to regionals. There were good crowds all weekend. Most of the games were decided by one-goal differentials. All went well until the U18 girls’ game, where the Pleasanton Rage U18 girls lost in golden goal situation, after which the coach displayed poor sportsmanship. He did not want his team to go through the awards ceremony. The Rage Director of Coaching, who was part of the staff on the sideline with the team, shook the opposing coach’s hand and then left complex without attending the awards ceremony. The head coach would not shake the hands of winning team’s coaches. John and Lou were both extremely embarrassed at the behavior demonstrated by the adults and felt it set a very bad example for the players. Lou spoke with several of the parents of players on the team and reported that they too were upset by the display of poor sportsmanship. He will contact Rage club president, Lisa Douglas, regarding what steps should be taken to address the situation. John reported that the U19R division would be held at Cherry Island. The boys’ games start on June 5, with finals on June 13th. There are only two girls’ teams entered. They will play a championship game on June 13th. Bob Maas reported that the new Val Vista sports complex is open and that PYSL may apply to host Cup finals next year.

Association Cup – No report.

Tide Cup – Corey Nelson reported that CYSA 3rd Vice Chairman, Jay Johnson, has directed the cup committees to work toward creating a standardized set of rules for all of the cup competitions. She doesn’t know the status of that project.

Recreation – Corey Nelson reported that she held a meeting for the league representatives to the recreation program. All of the leagues were represented with the exception of the club rep from Pleasanton girls and a league rep from Newark. There were lots of good ideas presented. Pre F course information has been sent to the leagues. Corey will talk to CYSA Recreation Committee Chairman, Danny Marquez, about getting more information posted on the CYSA website. There was discussion about how to ensure that the Copper division teams get their member passes processed on time. Diane Scott has given assurances that she will make every effort to assist leagues in accomplishing this task. She has extended the deadline and has given league until September 1 to submit their Copper division credentials. The committee's opinion was that if the district does not set a firm deadline with consequences for not complying, there would be no expectations for the leagues and/or teams to fulfill their obligation to have the paperwork completed. LYSL has volunteered to do scheduling and statistics. The committee would like to operate the division 4 traveling house program as a separate division of the AC program. Brian Leonard indicated that he would not support that change.

It was moved and seconded that the District III U16/19 Division 4 teams that choose to participate in the district playing league will come under the direction of the Recreation Program as a separate division of the AI Caffodio League (Nelson/Scott)

The motion carried. (5 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention)

Corey will confer with her committee and come back to the June meeting with recommendations regarding member passes.

Referees – No report submitted

TOPSoccer – Sue Gagne thanked PYSL for sponsoring a TOPSoccer fun day on May 8. Seven TOPSoccer players showed up. There was soccer golf, soccer bowling, soccer croquet, and a small field to shoot on goal. Chips, cookies, and hot dogs were served. She and Donna Cook were able to get some input from parents in attendance on how to recruit more TOPSoccer players. Sue will submit the photos of the weekend to post on the BUSC, District III, and CYSA websites. Donna and Sue will continue to register players. The \$50 fee includes league fees as well as a uniform and a trophy. Donna hopes to have another fun day in June. The hope is that the attendees from the May event will bring a buddy to future fun days and increase the exposure. Donna and Sue are seeking more participation from volunteers within District III, including buddies and referees.

State Premier League – No report submitted

Fields – No report

District III Cup – No report submitted. Lou is working on the appointment of new D-III Cup representative.

District Commissioner – Lou Gagne reported that the number one cause of insurance claims against CYSA is goal-related accidents. He reminded the leagues that they are responsible for ensuring that goals are staked and in safe conditions before allowing them to be used at practices and games. Injuries caused by dangerous field conditions causes the second highest number of claims. Golf cart related accidents are also high on the list.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS - none

GOOD OF THE GAME – nothing reported

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathi Killion, District III Secretary

NEXT SCHEDULED DISTRICT III BOARD MEETING

7:30 PM, Monday, June 14, 2004
CYSA Conference Room