



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
July 31, 2010**

The Directors named in these minutes of the California State Soccer Association-South, constituting the Board of Directors of said California Corporation, held its regular meeting on July 31, 2010 at California State University Dominguez Hills, Loker Student Union Room 322, 1000 Victoria Street, Carson, CA. President and Chairman of the Board, Johnnie Garza, called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Johnnie Garza, President**  
**David DeLeon, Vice President**  
**Roy Carlson, Vice President-Youth**  
**Brett Wood, Vice President-Adults (absent)**  
**Ken Goldman, Treasurer**  
**Lila Smith, Secretary**

**Chris Gallup, District 1 Commissioner**  
**John Mullen, District 2, Commissioner**  
**Sue Abadie, District 3 Commissioner**  
**Derek Barraza, District 4 Commissioner**  
**Rick McCown, District 5 Commissioner**  
**Ann Shoemake, District 6 Commissioner**  
**Rick Velasco, District 7, Commissioner**

Also present for various parts of the meeting:

**John Weinerth, Chief Executive Officer**  
**Steve Marquez, Director of Registration**  
**Suzanne Walters, Accounts Payable**  
**Adrian Marquez, Office Manager**  
**Arthur Rieman, Attorney at Law | The Law Firm for Non-Profits<sup>®</sup>, P.C.**  
**Terry Michelitch, Vice President | Hilb, Rogal & Hobbs**  
**Lucinda Williams, Secretariat**  
**Cynthia Garza**  
**Cynthia Barraza**

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion #1 Rick Velasco moved to approve the July 10, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes as amended.  
David De Leon seconded.  
Motion passed all voting in favor except John Mullen who abstained.

**President's Report:** Presented by Johnnie Garza. Mr. Garza reported the following:

- The joint Cal North / Cal South meeting earlier this month has generated significant energy and he has received several comments about the meeting from people all over the country. Cal North is looking forward to the next joint event in November.
- Mr. Garza spoke with the Washington State President about regional issues including Elite Development, ODP and a possible tri-state discussion.
- Ric Listella elected as new US Youth Region IV Deputy Director, Jolene Nielson re-elected as US Youth Region IV Director and Gregg Falk as Region IV Treasurer. Ron Cook remains in place as a Deputy Director.
- The Nevada State President will take a leave of absence. Nevada will probably have a new President soon.
- John Sutter was elected as US Youth President and John Murphy Member at Large at the Annual General Meeting in Overland Park, Kansas. The meeting had much discussion about potential cuts to the youth budget and the perception that the national office budget remains intact at the expense of regional budgets. The proposed one dollar fee increase was deferred until February.
- US Youth Soccer General Counsel has issued a Cease and Desist letter to US Club Soccer and the ECNL. They are precluding participating clubs from playing in sanctioned State Association events (i.e. State Cup) which is in direct violation of US Soccer Federation bylaws. US Club has yet to respond and a grievance filed by US Youth Soccer may follow. Cal South won three US Youth Soccer National Championships -

- Mr. Garza remarked that this was one of the best National Championship events he has attended.

**Staff Report:**

John Weinerth reported that Cal South has received the reasoned order on the LAFC vs. Coast Soccer League arbitration decision which includes a provision to reimburse Cal South for any administrative expenses. USL has submitted a letter to rescind their U20 league application filed with US Youth Soccer.

**CEO Update:** Presented by John Weinerth. See written report.

**Corporate Office Update:** Presented by John Weinerth. See written report.

**Sales & Marketing Update:** Presented by John Weinerth. See written report.

**Competition and Membership Development Update:** Presented by John Weinerth. See written report.

**League Accounts Management Update:** Presented by John Weinerth. See written report.

**Coaching Education and ODP Update:** Presented by John Weinerth. See written report.

**State Tournaments Report:** Presented by John Weinerth. See written report.

**Committee Reports**

Sue Abadie said she received an inquiry regarding District Commissioners serving on the State Referee Committee. John Weinerth said District Commissioners or any Board members for that matter are only required to sit on Standing Committees per the California Corporate Code. Our pending bylaw revisions will classify the State Referee Committee and other similar committee's as advisory committees who do not carry the authority of the Board of Director's and therefore do not have to meet the two director requirement.

**Sanctioned Tournaments Update:** Presented by John Weinerth. See written report.

**State Referee Committee Update:** Presented by John Weinerth. See written report.

**TOPSoccer Update:** Presented by John Weinerth. See written report.

**Risk Management Update:** Presented by John Weinerth. See written report.

**Protests, Appeals, Discipline Update:** Presented by John Weinerth. See written report.

Motion #2            David DeLeon moved to approve the Consent Calendar.  
                             Rick Velasco seconded.  
                             Motion unanimously passed.

**Recurring Monthly Business:**

**Youth League Approvals:**

Motion #3            Derek Barraza moved to accept Youth League approvals in Districts 3, 4, 5 and 6 with stipulations as noted to Staff by District Commissioners  
                             Ken Goldman seconded.  
                             Motion unanimously passed.

**Adult League Approvals**

Motion #4            Rick McCown moved to accept the Adult League approvals.  
                             Derek Barraza seconded.  
                             Motion unanimously passed.

Derek Barraza reported that 0408 has paid their past due balance. They have some outstanding paperwork due, but they are making progress.

Motion #5           Derek Barraza moved to approve 0408 Cerritos United.  
Ken Goldman seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

### **Sanctioned Tournament Approvals:**

Rick McCown explained that the Celtic Cup have changed their tournament dates to avoid conflicting with the State Cup tournament. The team has asked the Board to waive late fees for the date change.

Motion #6           Rick McCown moved to waive the late fee and fee for changing the date of the Celtic Cup tournament due to a conflict with the State Cup tournament dates.  
David DeLeon seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

### **Old Business Items:**

#### **Nominations Policy / Appointments**

Johnnie Garza noted that Sue Abadie cannot chair the Nominations Committee this year because she is up for re-election. The Board of Directors needs to rotate the chair every year based on the District Commissioner election calendar.

Motion #7           Rick Velasco moved to nominate Ann Shoemake as Chair of the Nominations Committee this year.  
Sue Abadie seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

Motion #8           Sue Abadie moved to add John Mullen to the Nominations Committee.  
Rick McCown seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

Motion #9           Sue Abadie moved to add Lila Smith to the Nominations Committee.  
David DeLeon seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

#### **402 League Approval Closure**

Johnnie Garza discussed issues should the Board allow League 0402 to continue operations to ensure the player members do not suffer the impact of the Board's decision regarding League 0402.

Ann Shoemake asked how long the Board plans to let League 0402 operate. Johnnie Garza would like to allow the players and teams already registered to continue to play and asked the Board for suggestions to get through this transitional phase.

Motion #10           Rick Velasco moved to allow League 0402 to continue to operate this year with the condition that they cannot configure for the fall 2011-12 season unless it meets the conditions set forth by the Board.  
Ann Shoemake seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

#### **Bylaw Revision Review *(Item taken out of order)***

John Weinerth reviewed the Bylaws review process to date with the Board and shared an executive brief on the proposed revisions.

The Board began review of the proposed Bylaws revisions with attorney Arthur Rieman. Due to time constraints, the Board will continue discussion of the proposed Bylaws revisions at a future meeting.

### **Odyssey Cup Tournament Overview**

Derek Barraza, Roy Carlson and Ken Goldman, along with the Tournament Committee, have collected tournament data and will meet to discuss. They will also discuss the larger issue of who owns the tournament and report back to the Board.

### **Release & Transfer Update**

Staff reviewed a revision of the release and transfer rules with the Board. The software includes some of the changes noted at the last Board meeting.

Motion #11                      Derek Barraza moved to remove September 1<sup>st</sup> as the implementation date for the release and transfer software and delay implementation indefinitely until Staff is ready to implement the system along with the newly revised rules

Ann Shoemake seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Roy Carlson will work with the District 1 Assistant District Commissioner, Kathy Stanton and Steve Marquez on the Release and Transfer rule revisions to coincide with the software automation of the process.

### **Risk Management & League VIP Directory**

Staff reviewed the risk management VIP list with the Board. Staff and Lila Smith continue to scrub the list to ensure it captures all VIPs. Lila Smith will send a letter to outstanding names on the VIP list and check any names approved more than five years ago.

### **New Business Items:**

#### **Youth Insurance Overview** *(taken out of order)*

Terry Michelitch, Willis insurance broker said he is working on youth policy quotes. He gave an overview of the 2010-11 Cal South insurance renewal. The soccer accident program is better this year and Cal South continues to bolster the overall general liability and umbrella coverage along with a very robust Directors and Officers package which extends to all member leagues.

### **Investment / Reserves Update**

Ken Goldman updated the Board on Cal South investments and reserves. He noted that the commitment to the World Cup Committee and the overall state of the economy have reduced investment numbers somewhat. He has restructured investments to meet the Board's targets.

Johnnie Garza asked Ken Goldman to bring monthly investment reports to the Board. Mr. Goldman will upload the monthly statement into SharePoint.

### **Referee Certification Increase Item**

The State Director of Instruction had implemented a fee increase for referee certification that effected Grade 8 and 9 recertification in June and July. There was also a change in protocol in collecting money. John Weinerth noted that this appears to be a byproduct of the transition over the past year and a half, and all monies should come through the Cal South system. He suggested refunding those funds collected for the referee certification increase.

Motion #12                      Derek Barraza moved to authorize staff to process refunds for any referee certification increase.

Rick McCown seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

### **Board Meeting Schedule – 9/18 Changed to 9/19; 10/2; 11/6 and 11/7 Cal North; 12/10 Santa Barbara**

Johnnie Garza announced the following upcoming meeting dates:

September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting changed to September 19<sup>th</sup>

October 2nd – regular meeting  
November 6 and 7 – Cal North  
December 11 – Santa Barbara.

### **Professional Help**

Johnnie Garza reported that he is looking for a facilitator for professional development for the Board.

### **League / Club Approval Process & Requirements**

Carried to next meeting

### **Referee Risk Management**

Johnnie Garza said this is an area in which the Board should never compromise and asked Staff to push this item forward as a priority.

### **Closed Session – Personnel**

Motion #13      Derek Barraza moved to enter Closed Session at 1:54 p.m.  
Rick Velasco seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

Motion #14      Rick Velasco moved to exit Closed Session at 2:24 p.m.  
Roy Carlson seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

### **BOD Meeting Wrap/Recap**

None.

### **Adjournment**

Motion #15      Chris Gallup moved to adjourn at 2:24 p.m.  
Rick Velasco seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.