



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 8, 2011**

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 January 8, 2011 at the Embassy Suites San Diego Bay, 601 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA. President and Chairman of the Board, Johnnie Garza, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Johnnie Garza, President
David DeLeon, Vice President
Roy Carlson, Vice President-Youth
Brett Wood, Vice President-Adults
Ken Goldman, Treasurer
Lila Smith, Secretary (left at 3:05 p.m.)

Chris Gallup, District 1 Commissioner
John Mullen, District 2, Commissioner
Sue Abadie, District 3 Commissioner (absent)
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
David Lamb, Director of State Tournaments
Bill Lewis, Director of Sales & Marketing
Steve Marquez, Director of Registration
Luis Salcedo, Director of Membership Development & Competition
Lucinda Williams, Secretariat

Visitors:

Rick La Salle – Presidio Soccer League
Mark Flahan, Incoming District 1 Commissioner

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes

Motion #1 Rick Velasco moved to approve the December 4, 2010 Meeting Minutes.
Roy Carlson seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

President's Report:

Johnnie Garza reported that Frank Sanford's wife, Peggy, passed away unexpectedly and asked the Board to keep Frank and his family in their thoughts.

Mr. Garza acknowledged Mark Flahan, incoming District 1 Commissioner.

Consent Calendar

Staff Reports

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

Mr. Weinerth reported that he is discussing a short term renewal of an agreement with Affinity Sports. He will initiate negotiations and report progress to the Board.

Sangita Nichols has submitted her resignation and will leave Cal South.

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

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

Bill Lewis gave an update on negotiations for a new agreement with Chivas.

The Soccer Nation Expo website will go live in the next week or so. Mr. Lewis has confirmed Power Bar as a vendor. He hopes for a larger partnership with the company and a presence at events like the State Cup.

Ken Goldman asked for a financial report for Soccer Nation Expo. Mr. Lewis will provide that information to the Board.

Mr. Lewis noted that the Galaxy soccer team would like to outreach to District Commissioners. The Board agreed it was appropriate for District Commissioners to talk to the team as long as they maintain a Cal South corporate mindset.

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 Update: Presented by John Weinerth. See written report.

Committee Reports

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.

Lila Smith reported that she needs to send a second risk management letter to outstanding VIPs and asked for Board input. The Board agreed that Cal South should hold applications until personnel have gone through risk management. Mr. Weinerth will add this information to the administrative hot sheet. Every District web page will also have this information. The second letter will go to individuals needing risk management with a copy to the league Executive Board and District Commissioner.

David Lamb and the Board discussed referee risk management and agreed that the assignors should verify that referees are risk managed.

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

Ken Goldman noted that the Board Members on the PAD Committee should recuse themselves from hearings as they also sit on the appealing body. Mr. Garza said this is a discussion for a future meeting. He will follow up with Paul Doty to ascertain how the current members were appointed and what criteria were used.

Nominations Committee Update: Presented by John Weinerth. See written report.

Motion #2 David De Leon moved to accept the Consent Calendar as presented.
 Rick Velasco seconded.
 Motion unanimously passed.

Recurring Monthly Business

Youth League Approvals

None.

Adult League Approvals

Motion #3 Rick McCown moved to approve the Temecula SoCal Adult League.
 Rick Velasco seconded.
 Motion unanimously passed.

Sanctioned Tournament Approvals

Motion #4 Rick Velasco moved to approve the Tournament of Champions.
Ken Goldman seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Motion #5 Rick Velasco moved to approve the North vs. South San Luis Obispo Tournament.
Lila Smith seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Roy Carlson noted that the Copa Cabana Beach tournaments had withdrawn their application. Mr. Weinerth explained that Cal South decided to not sanction those tournaments as they had outstanding fee issues.

Old Business Items

RTF Recommendation Discussion

The Board reviewed the report from the Recreational Task Force, prepared by Rick Velasco, and asked clarifying questions.

Mr. Weinerth suggested extending the nominations period to include nominations for a Recreational League of the Year, as recommended by the Task Force. The Board agreed to set January 14, 2011 as the deadline for nominations. The Board will discuss the nominations during the week of January 17, 2011.

Johnnie Garza will form a smaller group to prioritize Task Force recommendations as well as determine the feasibility and budget impact of the recommendations. He will provide a briefing on the recommendations at Soccer Nation Expo.

Initial Bylaw Review District Meeting Feedback and Takeaways

Mr. Garza said Districts 1 and 2 have received a Bylaws update, an update on the Recreational Task Force and heard from both candidates for the Executive Vice President position. The meeting had good participation with both competitive and recreational leagues represented. They wrapped up the meeting with a question and answer session.

Roy Carlson asked District Commissioners to let the Board know when they hold District Meetings as he would like to attend and get an understanding of the issues. District Commissioners agreed to email invitations to their District Meetings to all Board Members.

New Business Items

Soccer Nation Expo, AGM, Awards Banquet Deadline Walkthrough / Reminders

John Weinerth reviewed Soccer Nation Expo meeting times with the Board. The Board asked Mr. Weinerth to include a District Commissioner panel discussion at the event.

Mr. Weinerth said the bylaws require reports published prior to the AGM. He asked for report submittals no later than January 17, 2011.

Mr. Weinerth asked for names of honorees and ticket requests from Board Members.

Concussion Policy Discussion

Mr. Weinerth explained that concussion education has become a hot topic in the media, legislation and at the youth workshop in Denver. He noted that California Assembly Bill 25 would place mandates regarding concussion safety on organizations including Cal South. He asked the Board if Cal South should now consider a concussion policy as it is an important issue and legislation may soon require such a policy anyway.

Mr. Weinerth shared education information regarding concussions gathered by staff.

Motion #6 Johnnie Garza moved to post and promote concussion safety information gathered by staff on the website.

Lila Smith seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

(Lila Smith left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.)

2011/12 Affiliate Member Sanctioning Application Review

Mr. Weinerth said this area will have a lot of potential terminology changes pending approval of the Bylaws. As a follow up to the last Board meeting, he has reviewed the affiliate member application and made adjustments. The seasonal year starts September 1st.

Mr. Garza asked the Board to review the application, consider the number of teams per league and look at the impact on the leagues for the next Board meeting.

Field Foundation Update

David De Leon reported that the Foundation has met twice since his appointment as Chair. The Foundation will revise its bylaws and provide greater definition of its purpose. The Foundation has three grant programs: small grants, medium matching grant program and a field development grant program. The first funding cycle starts in June. He has scheduled training sessions on topics such as lighting and the grants process. He hopes to create a sustainable grants program, improve marketing efforts and develop partners for matching grants. Mr. De Leon thought members should serve four year terms to ensure projects get completed.

Ken Goldman cautioned continued reliance on Cal South funding for the Foundation. Mr. Weinerth suggested a name change for the Foundation as the focus becomes wider than just field development.

Hall of Fame Nominations

Rick Velasco presented the Hall of Fame nominees and reported that the Committee recommended Tad Bobak for this year's award.

Motion #7 Rick Velasco moved to accept the nomination of Tad Bobak for this year's Hall of Fame.

John Mullen seconded.

Motion passed with all present voting in favor except Ann Shoemake and Chris Gallup, who voted in opposition.

The Board discussed using a two track nomination process in the future one for a player based nomination and one for administrators.

Transfer Request (Santa Barbara Soccer Club Girls U13)

Rick Velasco reported that he had refused this request. The appellants claim confusion over the transfer cut-off dates and want two girls transferred to a lower lever team so they will get more playing time.

Motion #8 Rick Velasco moved to grant the waiver request.

Ken Goldman seconded.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Set March, April, May BOD Meeting Dates and Locations

The Board set the following BOD Meeting dates and locations:

- March 12 – Corporate Office
- April 1, 2 or 3 – Meeting in Bay Area with Cal North
- May 14 - in Lancaster in conjunction with the College Showcase.

Equipment Donations

Johnnie Garza reported that he has received a request to send used soccer equipment to U.S. troops in Afghanistan to help the military foster relationships with local population. The Board forwarded this request to the Field Foundation.

Federation AGM

(Brett Wood Left the meeting at 4:22 p.m.)

Johnnie Garza noted that the US Soccer Federation AGM overlaps with Soccer Nation Expo, but felt it was important for Cal South to have a presence at the Federation AGM meeting. Ken Goldman will attend the Federation AGM meeting in Las Vegas and then return for the Soccer Nation Expo.

Motion #9 Rick Velasco moved to enter Closed Session at 4:28 p.m.
Roy Carlson seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

(Brett Wood returned at 5:01 p.m.)

Motion #10 Rick Velasco moved to exit Closed Session at 5:18 p.m.
Derek Barraza seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Motion #11 Ken Goldman moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m.
Rick Velasco seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.