



**MINUTES OF THE AGM
February 9, 2014**

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 Annual General Meeting at the Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles, California. President and Chairman of the Board, John Mullen, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. A quorum was present.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Mullen, President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Flahan, District 1 Commissioner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Derek Barraza, Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luca Pacelli, District 2, Commissioner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roy Carlson, Vice President-Youth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sue Abadie, District 3 Commissioner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brett Wood, Vice President-Adults (excused) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sharon Kornfield, District 4 Commissioner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Goldman, Treasurer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cindy Quan, District 5 Commissioner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lila Smith, Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Shoemake Young, District 6, Commissioner |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rick Velasco, District 7, Commissioner |

Also present:

- John Weinerth, Chief Executive Officer

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. John Mullen called the Annual General Meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting, the awards banquet and Soccer Nation Expo. Mr. Mullen thanked the staff for the great job they did to put on the Expo and awards banquet. The crowds are a testimony to the hard work they put in.

Mr. Mullen introduced some of the special guests at the meeting. Cindy Baron, Utah Youth Soccer President; Doug Andreassen, Washington Youth Soccer President; Terry Fisher, Washington Youth Soccer CEO; Gregg Falk and Johnnie Garza, Former Cal South Presidents; Joe Cummings NSCAA CEO; Terry Michelitch, Willis Insurance Executive Vice President, and Mark Skeen, Affinity Sports President.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Mullen asked Mark Flahan to handle the roll call. Mr. Flahan commented that the credentialing process was now closed. The roll was read with members acknowledging their presence by saying aye and raising their hand. Due to some discrepancies, the roll was put on hold, and the minutes and reports were taken out of order.

MINUTES (taken out of order):

Mr. Mullen asked for any additions or changes to the 2013 AGM Minutes. Hearing none, a motion was requested.

- Motion #1: Roy Carlson moved to approve the 2013 AGM Minutes.
Sharon Kornfield seconded.
Motion carried with Luca Pacelli, Mark Flahan, and Ken Goldman abstaining

REPORTS (taken out of order):

President-See written report

Executive Vice President-See written report

Derek Barraza thanked the guests who took the time to fly in for Soccer Nation weekend. Mr. Barraza thanked the staff for their hard work , Soccer Nation Expo is amazing.

Vice President of Adults-See written report

Vice President of Youth-See written report

Roy Carlson thanked everyone for their attendance, participation, and hard work. Mr. Carlson also thanked the State Cup committee.

Treasurer-See written report

Secretary-See written report

District 1 Commissioner-See written report

District 2 Commissioner-See written report

District 3 Commissioner

Sue Abadie noted that her report had not been included in the program and thanked everyone for their work in District 3. Ms. Abadie conveyed her appreciation for everyone coming out to the AGM.

District 4 Commissioner

Sharon Kornfield thanked everyone from District 4 for attending, it is important to have you here. Ms. Kornfield commented that Cal South is a proactive and responsive organization and was appreciative of her district's support in her re-election bid.

District 5-See written report

Cindy Quan thanked everyone for attending as it is great to see everyone and for their support.

District 6 Commissioner

Ann Young commented that it has been a real honor to serve on this Board.

District 7 Commissioner-See written report

Rick Velasco thanked those in attendance for taking the time to be at the AGM. Mr. Velasco then thanked the staff and John Weinerth and welcomed the visitors from other states.

Chief Executive Officer-See written report

John Weinerth reiterated thank you to staff for all their hard work, thanked everyone for coming out; many came from a long distance in continuous support. Clinicians, presenters, and staff did a great job at Soccer Nation Expo with over 8,500 people in attendance on day one with many more downstairs during the AGM. Mr. Weinerth offered his congratulations to the award winners and thanked everyone for all that they do at the local level.

Committee Chairs

Sandy Castillo, TOPSoccer Chair, see written report. Ms. Castillo talked about her program being the best program ever, great because it involves kids with special needs and reiterated that her goal for the year was to host a TOPS Fest in every district. Already has commitments from Districts 1, 2, 3,4,6 and 7

Paul Doty, PAD Committee Chair, see written report. Mr. Doty echoed the sentiments of the Board to the efforts of the staff.

George Noujaim, State Referee Administrator, see written report. Mr. Noujaim reminded everyone that the referees are the third team on the field and thanked the President, CEO and the leagues for their support of advancing the referees. On Saturday, they brought in people from FIFA, CONCACAF, and PRO; Cal South is ahead of the curve.

Steve Hoffman, Director of Coaching Education and Player Development, thanked the Board for their support. The clubs are doing a great job of developing the players. Cal South won 10 of 10 regional ODP championships and 4 of 4 national ODP championships and this is due to the clubs. Ours is not a pay to play elite program. Coaching Education is starting a new phase of US Soccer ;that is increasing the demands(requirements) of the coaches in the next 12 months changes will be coming. The waiver is a thing of the past. Mr. Hoffman offered a final thank you to the players and parents; Cal South is the best in the United States.

ROLL CALL (revisited)

Mark Flahan went through the Roll Call a second time.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Mark Flahan gave the following Credentials Report:

- Credentialed Votes: 179 votes
- $\frac{3}{4}$ Majority: 135 votes
- Simple Majority: 90 votes

Motion #2: Sharon Kornfield moved to approve the credentials report.
Rick Velasco seconded.
Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None.

Proposals of amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or Rules and Regulations

None.

Election of Officers

Mark Flahan acknowledged the other members of the elections committee: Sue Abadie, Cindy Quan, Rick Velasco, and Adrian Marquez staff liaison.

- District Commissioners returning to the board:
 - District 2 – Luca Pacelli
 - District 4 – Sharon Kornfield
- New District Commissioner as of the conclusion of the AGM:
 - District 6 – Jack Larkin

Officers up for election: President, Vice President of Adults, and Secretary.

John Mullen and Derek Barraza were running for the Presidential seat. Each candidate would be given a maximum of three minutes to address the AGM. There would be no statements or questions from the floor. The challenger would go first.

Paul Doty addressed the Board and protested the process and requested that questions and comments be permitted from the floor. Luca Pacelli asked if the process was a written policy. Mr.

Flahan responded that the process was past precedent of the last contested election for President in 2010. Sue Abadie stated that she had not agreed to three minutes each.

Paul Doty addressed Point of Order for AGM which includes elections. He has been in the Association for 28 years and Cal South has had 12 contested elections.

Gary Sparks-Coast Soccer has been here for many contested elections. Is Sue Abadie is not aware of no speakers then committee did not agree. Members should be allowed to ask questions.

Bob Turner-Presidio Soccer membership should be allowed to speak and ask questions before the vote

Humberto Jara commented that we are the members of the association and should have the right to speak.

Mark Flahan asked Sharon Kornfield to time the candidates.

Derek Barraza thanked everyone for their attendance. Mr. Barraza commented on his desire to use leadership to build leadership for business. He also mentioned the release and transfer policy, noting that all rules are designed to help and not hurt the members. Cal South is at a fork in the road with important choices before them. Mr. Barraza also offered additional support for travel subsidies to advancing teams of Regional and National events. Mr. Barraza commented that the budget should reflect the values of the association and the need to work on programming excellence.

John Mullen thanked everyone in attendance, again. Mr. Mullen was previously the president of both a recreational club and a competitive club. Mr. Mullen commented on the need for Cal South to continue to create an environment that can be held up as a national model for excellence. Cal South is working on areas that are in need of improvement. One of the main goals is to provide a safe environment for all players by working with the Cal South Soccer Foundation on field improvements and looking at concussion baseline testing.

While the Presidential ballots were being counted, the candidates for Secretary, Ann Young and Lila Smith addressed the AGM; each candidate stated that they had previously sent out their position statements and they appreciated everyone's support.

Brett Wood will continue his tenure as Vice President of Adults by acclamation, as there was not a challenger for the seat.

A short break was taken while the votes were counted.

Mark Flahan announced Derek Barraza had been elected President with 114 votes, and Lila Smith had been elected Secretary with 144 votes and requested a motion to have the ballots destroyed.

Motion #3: Rick Velasco moved to destroy the AGM ballots.
Roy Carlson seconded.
Motion carried.

Mr. Mullen congratulated Derek Barraza and Lila Smith.

New Business

None.

Good of the Game

John Mullen opened the meeting to the floor with a note that speakers would be limited to five minutes.

Gary Sparks, Coast Soccer League Premier Competition Chair, thanked John Mullen for stepping up to take the role of President. Mr. Sparks conveyed his disappointment that the election committee didn't feel it was necessary to get input from the members. They come to have their voices heard and ask questions about what they feel are important issues. Mr. Sparks asked that the members be able to voice and ask questions in the future. He thanked Steve Hoffman for an outstanding job and commented that George Noujaim is a phenomenal inspiration for the referees; the referees are getting better every year.

Gregg Falk, former Cal South President, issued a special thanks to Ann Young, who was his Assistant District 6 Commissioner and has been a big part of the Board as District 6 Commissioner. Ms. Young took on the Regional Championships serving as Chair when Cal South hosted. Mr. Falk offered advice to Mr. Barraza as President-elect. Cal South is huge, not only for what we do here, but most of the people see the fields, players, parents, the heart, but what makes us special is what we do from the administration and what we do outside of the state. Mr. Falk, Mr. Garza, and Mr. Mullen worked hard to establish Cal South's position nationally. John Weinerth has been a critical component since taking over as CEO and maturing the relationships cultivated by Cal South. Mr. Falk when on to thank Mr. Weinerth for his continued influence at the national levels and always looking out for Cal South.

Sandy Castillo thanked the Board for their continued support and thanked the leagues that have TOPSoccer and every organization that supportsher program.

Johnnie Garza, former Cal South President, congratulated the candidates and offered his gratitude for Mr. Mullen and Ms. Young. The Hall of Fame committee and Board did a fantastic job with the Awards Banquet Saturday night. The induction of Steve Bircsak was very touching. Mr. Garza professed his pride for the membership and their diverse set of opinions and thanked them for showing up and voicing their concerns. He also commented on his concern that TOPSoccer is not being resourced enough; Sandy Castillo is doing a fantastic job.

Doug Andreassen, Washington Youth Soccer President, commented that he has been the President for the past seven plus years and felt it was important for everyone to hear from someone outside what Cal South has contributed to the world of soccer. Cal South is looked to as the leader in US Youth Soccer community. Mr. Andreassen is passionate about the underserved communities and concussion prevention. Cal South always stepped up and helped. Volunteers are necessary. Mr. Andreassen commented that he has interacted with many folks at the state, regional and national levels and that John Weinerth is an outstanding CEO and a great representative for Cal South.

Humberto Jara, Inter-America Soccer President, shared that he felt it was too bad the members were not allowed to speak at the beginning of the meeting. He thanked Mr. Mullen and Ms. Young for their service and offered congratulations to the winners. Mr. Jara continued stating the association belongs to the members, and if Cal South makes it difficult to participate then people will not be members. He commented on the Bylaws and how these can be changed and the AGM credential letter needed to be turned in three weeks prior to the AGM. Mr. Jara commented on the four dollar late charge for players that are not entered in CORIS by September 1st. Mr. Jara commented on his request for the VIP list from Cal South and the how it took more than 30 days to get a response. Mr. Jara requested that the remainder of his notes be submitted as part of the minutes. (Notes attached)

Doug Haserot, Temecula Valley Soccer Academy Director of Fields & Equipment, pointed out that the expense report in the AGM Program was illegible. Mr. Haserot asked about the budget for recreational soccer and wanted to know who on the Board voted to not allow the membership to speak at the AGM prior to the election, as this was the first time he was not able to get up and speak.

Ken Goldman replied that he also could not read the financial statement but that it would be posted on the website where people could zoom in to see it better.

Lu Tejada, Hotspurs USA President, thanked Mr. Mullen for his contribution to soccer and welcomed Derek Barraza and Lila Smith aboard. Mr. Tejada went on to share the sentiments of others that they were not given an opportunity to speak prior to the elections.

Motion #4: Sharon Kornfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 am.
Ken Goldman seconded.
Motion carried.