



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
August 20, 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 August 20, 2011 at the Corporate Office in Fullerton, CA. President and Chairman of the Board, Johnnie Garza, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Johnnie Garza, President                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Flahan, District 1 Commissioner   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Derek Barraza, Vice President (arrived 9:08 a.m.) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Mullen, District 2, Commissioner  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roy Carlson, Vice President-Youth                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sue Abadie, District 3 Commissioner  |
| <input 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"/> Rick McCown, District 5 Commissioner   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lila Smith, Secretary (excused)                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Shoemake, District 6, Commissioner   |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rick Velasco, District 7, Commissioner (called in at 12:58 p.m. for Closed Session only) |

Also present for various parts of the meeting:

- John Weinerth, Chief Executive Officer
- Lucinda Williams, Secretariat

**Also present:**

Bill Lewis, Director of Sales and Marketing  
Brittney Gamble, Sales & Sponsorship Account Manager  
Steve Hoffman, Director of Player Development  
Luis Salcedo, Director of Competition & Membership Development  
Adrian Marquez, Office Manager  
Craig Mues, State Cup Chairman  
Vic Fodor, National Cup Chairman

**Public Comments**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Board made the following corrections to the July 2011 Minutes:

- Corrected comments regarding Roy Carlson's trip to Florida to read "to represent and observe" in both the President's Report and Veteran's Cup agenda items.
- Incorporated language to Youth League approvals to show that the Board held a separate, unanimous vote to approve Anahuak, contingent on approval of the promissory note.

Motion #1      Mark Flahan moved to approve the July 2011 meeting Minutes as amended.  
                    Roy Carlson seconded.  
                    Motion unanimously passed.

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

Johnnie Garza reported that the President's Summit went well and had good attendance.

Mr. Garza reported that USASA has selected its adult insurance carrier. Many state associations have expressed concerns with the USASA selection process because USASA did not give state associations an opportunity to provide input prior to the selection. Many states had promised a higher level of insurance to teams and will now need to retract that promise.

Mr. Garza noted that the national office is relocating to Chicago and undergoing personnel changes. He also said that he had received inquiries regarding the new transfer rules.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **Committee Reports**

Roy Carlson noted that Cal South has limited access to San Bernardino fields this year. John Weinerth said he is working on securing fields in Riverside and will look at fields in Camarillo. Derek Barraza asked about fields at the Great Park in Irvine. Mr. Weinerth said the Great Park should have four fields available in November 2012. Johnnie Garza directed Mr. Weinerth to take an inventory of all Southern California fields.

### **Staff Reports**

Derek Barraza asked for a report on attracting unaffiliated teams at the next Board meeting.

Roy Carlson asked if staff anticipates changes with the new national coach. Steve Hoffman said he has seen lots of changes on the women's side. He is not sure what will occur on the men's side but thinks the new coach will place a lot of focus on the Olympics. Johnnie Garza said he would like to give the Federation and the new national coach a speaking opportunity at the next AGM.

Bill Lewis reported that Cal South has started the Kohl's clinics in each district and will have six clinics completed by the end of the month. Mr. Garza acknowledged the good work in renewing the agreement with Sports Authority as a Cal South partner.

Derek Barraza suggested that Cal South create a web page specifically for recreational soccer as well as a page for onboarding new affiliates.

Rick McCown asked about the coaches gift for this year and who receives it. Bill Lewis replied that both recreation and club coaches will receive pinnies with the Cal South and Sports Authority logos.

Roy Carlson commented on the 80% selection for the regional pool and asked about PCI. Steve Hoffman reported that PCI went well. He also brought up their new focus on the two youngest age groups. He has some suggestions for how Cal South should address this that he will discuss with Mr. Garza.

## **Recurring Monthly Business**

### **Youth League Approvals**

Motion #2 Sharon Kornfield moved to approve all youth leagues except League 0150.

Mark Flahan seconded.

Motion unanimously carried.

## **Adult League Approvals**

Motion #3 Sharon Kornfield moved to approve all adult leagues.  
Roy Carlson seconded.  
Motion unanimously carried.

## **Sanctioned Tournament Approvals**

Motion #4 Sharon Kornfield moved to approve all Sanctioned Tournament Approvals except League 0384.  
Derek Barraza seconded.  
Motion unanimously carried.

## **Old Business Items:**

### **CSP: Travel Policy**

Derek Barraza reviewed the draft travel policy with the Board. Board Members made suggestions for revisions to the policy. Mr. Weinerth suggested that that Board continue discussion of policy revisions and edit the document in SharePoint.

Motion #5 Derek Barraza moved to continue Board review of the travel policy in SharePoint and continue this item to the September 17, 2011 meeting.  
Sharon Kornfield seconded.  
Motion unanimously carried.

### **Veteran's Cup Update**

Roy Carlson reported that he and David DeLeon attended a meeting regarding the Veteran's Cup event where David DeLeon expressed interest in preparing the Robb Fields complex for future State and National Cup use. John Mullen suggested Cal South have clearly worded agreements in place giving Cal South continued access to fields should the Foundation agree to refurbish fields on city property. Roy Carlson noted that Noah Gins has been very helpful in working with Cal South in connection with the tournament. The Board also agreed to pursue holding the USASA Region IV tournament in Southern California.

### **Transfer Waiver Policy**

The Board discussed the current transfer waiver policy, noting the three current exceptions to the policy. The Board agreed that a different body should hear transfer waiver appeals. Johnnie Garza created a committee composed of the Vice President – Youth and all District Commissioners consider appeal requests. He also encouraged that group to poll the membership and propose revisions to the transfer waiver policy to the Board.

Motion #8 Derek Barraza moved to increase the cost for a transfer waiver from \$25 to \$50 as soon as feasibly possible for staff to implement the necessary changes.  
Rick McCown seconded.  
Motion failed 4-5-1 (Ayes: Shoemake, McCown, Barraza, Garza; Noes: Flahan, Goldman, Mullen, Carlson, Abadie; Abstain: Kornfield).

Motion #9 Derek Barraza moved to require a \$100 fee for appeal of a denied transfer waiver request, refundable upon a successful appeal, effective as soon as feasibly possible for staff to implement the necessary changes.

Sharon Kornfield seconded.

Motion carried 9-1 (Noes: Goldman.).

### **Best Practices Guidance: Ownership of Funds When a Team Moves to Another Club**

John Weinerth explained that the Ownership of Funds When a Team Moves to Another Club document provides guidance to Cal South members when they find themselves in such a situation. The best practices guidance should also take staff and district commissioners out of the discussions.

Motion #10 Ken Goldman moved to adopt the Best Practices Guidance: Ownership of Funds When a Team Moves to Another Club adding a clear indication that Cal South is not the adjudicating body in these issues.

Sue Abadie seconded.

Motion unanimously carried.

### **FY 2012 Budget Process**

The Board received an update on the FY 2012 budget timeline adopted at the June meeting, noting that the budget will come before the Board for approval in October.

### **Core Clarity**

Johnnie Garza said he would like the Board to work with a consultant to identify board member strengths. He will include the cost estimate in the FY 2012 budget.

### **New Business Items**

#### **Billing Walk Through Presentation (*item taken out of order*)**

Adrian Marquez reviewed the corporate office accounting department league billing process with the Board.

#### **October Event Attendees Determination: USYS Region IV Workshop (Montana), USASA Mid-Year Meeting (Clearwater, FL)**

Johnnie Garza and Board Members determined who would attend various October events to represent Cal South.

#### **Automation of Release & Transfer Process**

John Weinerth said he and Rick McCown have resolved this issue.

#### **State & National Cup Rules Event (*item taken out of order*)**

Craig Mues and Vic Fodor reviewed the draft National Championship Series 2012 rules with the Board and highlighted the main issues. The Board also discussed the concept of a club pass. Johnnie Garza created a task force chaired by Roy Carlson, Vic Fodor, Craig Mues, John Weinerth,

Steve Hoffman, Mark Flahan and Ann Shoemake, representing District Commissioners, to review the proposed rules and resolve outstanding issues. Mr. Garza asked the task force to consider the impact on CORIS, implementation issues and a club pass.

John Mullen commended Mr. Mues for his work at the Region IV tournament.

### **Inter-America: Late Fee Deferral to Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**

Sharon Kornfield said Inter-America's leagues start later than most other leagues and has asked for a deferral of their late fees

Motion #11 John Mullen moved to defer late fees for Inter-America to October 1, 2011.

Ken Goldman seconded.

Motion unanimously carried.

### **Imperial Valley United Soccer Association**

Mark Flahan reported that the previous Imperial Valley league has had organizational issues and has not renewed with Cal South for this season. Mr. Flahan said the league has not returned any of his phone calls or emails and he has learned that the previous league has reserved fields in the area, ostensibly for use through AYSO or other competing organization. A group of parents have organized to form a new league under Cal South jurisdiction. Mr. Flahan has requested that the board reduce fees to assist this league during their start up season and to maintain a Cal South presence in the Imperial Valley.

Motion #12 John Mullen moved to reduce the fees for the Imperial Valley United Soccer Association to \$10 per player for the initial season, pending completion of all required paperwork.

Sharon Kornfield seconded.

Motion unanimously carried.

### **Cal South Policy Around Rule 1.4.3 – Playing Up and/or Playing Down**

Sue Abadie reported that she received an inquiry regarding allowing a child to play down within a competitive league. The Board reviewed the policy for playing up and/or playing down in Rule 1.4.3. Ken Goldman suggested researching how other states address this issue and the medical concerns involved. John Weinerth will remove the flags for this in CORIS. Ms. Abadie will let the player and team know they do not have restrictions in moving the child up at this time.

### **Wholesale Team Movement Policy and Procedure**

The Board discussed who has ownership of a team or club and agreed that Cal South should have a policy outlining team / club ownership that emphasized that once registered, a team is locked in until after competition.

### **Closed Session (*item taken out of order*)**

Motion #6 Mark Flahan moved to enter Closed Session at 12:58 p.m.

Derek Barraza seconded.

Motion unanimously carried.

Rick Velasco joined the meeting via conference call for the Closed Session only.

Motion #7      Mark Flahan moved to exit Closed Session at 1:46 p.m.  
Roy Carlson seconded.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Adjournment**

Motion #13     Roy Carlson moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 p.m.  
Derrick Barraza seconded.  
Motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm.