



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 16, 2006

The Directors names in these minutes of the California Youth Soccer Association-South, constituting the Board of Directors of said California Corporation, held their regular meeting September 16, 2006 at the State Office in Fullerton, California. President and Chairman of the Board, Gregory Falk, called the meeting to order at 9:20 am. A quorum was present.

Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gregg Falk, President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Mullen, District 2 Commissioner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Doty, Vice-President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anna Murphy, District 3 Commissioner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David De Leon, Vice-President | <input type="checkbox"/> Derek Barraza, District 4 Commissioner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Goldman, Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Rito Chisholm, District 5 Commissioner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Dawson, Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Shoemake, District 6 Commissioner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Gallup, District 1 Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lois Sanford, District 7 Commissioner |

Also present for various portions of the meeting:

John Weinerth, COO

Sandy Castillo, TOPSoccer

Adrian Marquez, CORIS/Corporate Office

Steve Marquez, League Accounts Manager

Jonathon Murtaugh, Marketing & Recreation

Charlie Enzler, PAD

Bob Karmann, PAD

Mike Rosa, Lancaster Parks & Rec

Luis Salcedo, Director of Competition & Membership Development

David Lamb, Dir. of State Tournaments

Johnny Garza, State Cup Committee

Cindy Garza, State Cup Committee

Heros Baghoumian, SYRA

Ernie Yagger, PAD

Fran Karmann, PAD

Kim Dyer, Marketing

Agenda (some items taken out of order):

The minutes of the previous Board meeting were reviewed. Discussion was joined concerning the comments in the minutes regarding paying mileage for referees during State Cup. It was noted the minutes reflect the issue is to be resolved after further investigation by Mr. John Weinerth and Mr. David Lamb. Mr. Ken Goldman is also to have input.

Motion #1 Mr. Paul Doty moved to approve the minutes as written. Mr. David De Leon seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gregg Falk made the President's report and noted briefly that Mr. Steve Hoffman was appointed to the Region IV league committee and Mr. Steve Bircsak was appointed to the ODP committee.

A special presentation was made to the Board by Mr. Mike Rosa of the Lancaster National Soccer Center regarding a proposal to host the Region IV tournament in 2009. Mr. Rosa is of the City of Lancaster Parks Department. Their proposal is to host the 2009 Far West Regional Tournament and to have Cal South sponsor that proposal to Region IV. *See* overhead presentation handout.

Questions were raised about the weather and the availability of hotel rooms. More hotel rooms are under construction with 1,000 new rooms due to be opened in 2007. Questions were raised about the control of the rooms and how they would be managed and it was suggested an entity such as the Chamber of Commerce set up a reservation service for the event. Some improvements such as shaded pavilions are being made to the facility.

Motion #2 Mr. Doty moved Cal South put in a bid to host the 2009 Far West Regionals at the Lancaster National Soccer Center. Ms. Lois Sanford seconded.

Discussion: Mr. Falk noted a vote in favor involves a commitment as there will be a lot of work on the part of Cal South. Mr. Lamb noted the State Cup Committee was in favor of supporting the efforts.

Motion passed unanimously.

TOPSoccer Report – Presented by Ms. Sandy Castillo. *See* written report. Ms. Castillo noted the Fox Soccer Channel will be filming TOPSoccer games later in the day. There are several new programs opening up in Cal South. Ms. Sanford noted the El Camino League is working on setting up a new TOPSoccer program. The Cal South TOPSoccer program will be able to accept children with Atlanto-Axial Instability. While this subset of Downs Syndrome children have not been accepted to the program before, it is now possible under certain circumstances for these children to participate. A special release form is now available with approval by our insurance carrier and the association's attorney.

SYRA Report – Presented by Mr. Heros Baghoumian. *See* written report. Mr. Baghoumian noted there has been an issue in league games with referees being very inconsistent regarding the approval of players with braces and casts. He will work with the leagues and referee associations to try to provide more consistency.

COO Report – Presented by Mr. Weinerth. *See* written report. Mr. Goldman asked if there was any new news on the Orange County fields project. Mr. Weinerth noted they are waiting for requests for proposals, which should be out shortly. Cal South is partnered with an experienced company in the business of converting old military bases.

Mr. John Mullen asked about the Anthony Travel proposal discussed in the report. Anthony Travel had asked for guarantees for the Host Hotel in events. Mr. Weinerth explained more fully the discussions that have been on-going with Anthony Travel.

Corporate Office Update – Presented by Mr. Adrian Marquez. *See* written report. Mr. Marquez brought the District Commissioners up to date on efforts to consolidate their banking accounts. Mr. Marquez noted the nominations for District Commissioners (odd numbered districts) elections will be going out shortly. The District Commissioner elections are scheduled for November 14, 2006. Mr. Marquez also noted receipts are due for the next audit.

Mr. Goldman noted in the financial reports note our revenues in excess of expenses exceeded our budget and the staff should be commended. Billings for league fees are running much more smoothly. Mr. Weinerth noted the monthly invoice system has helped and we are not experiencing any cash flow problems as the association had in the past.

Competitions and Membership Development Report – Presented by Mr. Luis Salcedo. *See* written report. Mr. Salcedo has been attending district meetings, meeting key personnel in the association and get involved in business planning and staff activities.

League Account Report – Presented by Mr. John Weinerth in the absence of Mr. Steve Marquez. *See* written report. Mr. Goldman asked about a decrease in player registrations, which Mr. Weinerth explained is a normally slow process for recreation leagues. There will be a catch up process on-going for some months.

State Tournaments Report – Presented by Mr. David Lamb. *See* written report. Mr. Mick Dawson asked about a proposal to delay checking birth documents until Quarterfinals for National Cup. Mr. Lamb noted the Region has not been asking for original documents for several years. The State Cup proposal is to look at copies of birth documents at the original team registration and then only look at originals at the Quarterfinals.

Mr. Lamb noted two years ago, Cal South hosted a German girl's Under-16 team in southern California. A reciprocal arrangement is on the table and the German state organization is willing to establish a home-and-home cultural exchange program. An ODP team may be the answer, but will be investigated. Another idea is to extend the invitation to the State Cup (Open) champion in the age group.

Mr. Lamb related a concern from Mr. George Minton regarding referee associations who are contracted with tournaments sanctioned by Cal South. Discussion revolved around referee association contracts with tournaments and the processes around which referees are assigned. The tournament manual and sanctioning process includes a contract with a referee association. There is no actual follow-up as to the referee association's actual performance. Mr. Baghoumian volunteered that he would be willing to review referee association contracts during the tournament sanctioning process as well as reports on referee association performance afterwards. Mr. Frank Sanford will look at process improvements along these lines.

Ms. Charlie Enzler presented to the Board concerning issues regarding tournament manual rules and referee issues. *See* handout. Mr. Ernie Yagger discussed tournament manual vs. Cal South discrepancies. Discrepancies between the manual and the rules revolve around the disposition of player cards or coaching cards when serious issues such as assaults or falsification of documents. Discussion included situational issues with not only Cal South players and coaches, but players and coaches from other associations outside Cal South who participate in Cal South tournaments.

Mr. Baghoumian stated it is important for the SYRA to be kept involved in working with referee associations for reporting and other requirements. Issues regarding Tournament Manual changes and Cal South rules were referred to Mr. Sanford and Mr. Yagger for additional work prior to changing manuals.

Mr. Yagger asked that Cal South consider establishing a referee report page on the Cal South website that provides correct information on referee reporting and provide the necessary forms.

Mr. Yagger also brought up a situation where a league registrar or president bypassed the registration system and convinced the CORIS system provider to register a player who had already been registered to another team. Mr. Weinerth opined that situation has already been dealt with and will not happen again.

Tournament Committee Report – Presented by Mr. Frank Sanford. *See* written report. Mr. Sanford noted there were no tournaments to present for sanctioning. Mr. Sanford noted he needs booth volunteers for the NSCAA Convention in January. This year, the convention is in Indianapolis. Mr. Sanford also mentioned the ad sales are progressing for the next year's tournament ad booklet. He stated they were working to generate some new ad design templates to make the booklet more pleasing.

Coaching Education Report – Presented by Mr. Weinerth in the absence of Mr. Steve Hoffman. *See* written report. No questions were asked.

Mr. Johnnie Garza presented a follow-up to the presentation made last meeting for competition structuring. Mr. Garza met with Mr. Lamb and Mr. Weinerth during the interval since the last meeting to discuss additional issues regarding the proposal. Mr. Weinerth opined the feedback was mostly positive and there were discussions on what the next steps should be. An ad hoc committee should include Mr. Luis Salcedo and Mr. John Mullen as well as other office staff.

Mr. Weinerth presented a report on reimbursement of expenses policies. *See* handout. The policy was discussed and questions were directed towards group travel arrangements and the decision process towards attendance at the event.

Mr. Goldman and Mr. Weinerth will re-work the section on travel arrangements for the next meeting.

Motion #3 Mr. Mullen moved the Reimbursement of Expenses policy be approved with the reimbursement request time limit is 90 days, and excluding the section on Travel. Mr. Goldman seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Lois Sanford raised the issue of dual registrations and asked for CORIS to red-flag registrations that are questionable. Mr. Weinerth provided a list of players culled from the CORIS system that appear to be dual registered. The office staff will get with the District Commissioner to resolve all such issues.

Motion #4 Mr. Goldman moved to enter Executive Session. Mr. Doty seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

Returned from Executive Session at 3:38 pm.

Mr. De Leon presented a memo concerning improvements in PAD. *See* memo. The memo outlines recommendations for improvements in PAD. Key elements of the recommendations include: staff involvement in initial reports of misconduct and their disposition, hearing panels that are diverse, and sentencing guidelines that are published. Mr. De Leon and Mr. Doty will present their memo to PAD and discuss possible implementations of the recommendations.

Marketing and Recreation Report – Presented by Mr. Jonathon Murtaugh. *See* written report. Mr. Murtaugh reported on closed sponsorship deals. The Soccer Post signed for four years and they will be the “official” retailer for Cal South. The National Collegiate Scouting Association has signed to be an official scouting organization for the organization for three years. Best Western has re-signed for two more years as a sponsor. Brookside Fruit Company has signed as a sponsor with their brand Extreme Fruit Bites as the official fruit snack of Cal South.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.