

**River City Youth Soccer League Board Meeting**  
**WEDNESDAY July 21st, 2021 - 7:00 pm**  
**Zoom: Meeting ID 3073109373; Password RCYSL**

**Attendees:** Mike Dallas, President; Shannon Hall, Registrar; David McKay, Treasurer; Sarah Britton, Secretary; Geoff Margolis, Referee Coordinator; Bill Norris, Scheduler; Bill Hodges, SOSC; Dustin Ljung, APSC; Mario Carrasco, BAC; Cyrene Farrell, RSC; Mike Farrell, DDSC; Danny Winslow, BAC Ref Coordinator; Rick Merri (Union); John Ebersberger (APSC Ref Coordinator)

- A. Call to Order – 7:00p
- B. Guest Speaker – none
- C. President’s Report – US Club affiliation filled out for RCYSL, thanks to Shannon and APSC, b/c D6 silent on CPL, Metro info/feedback — SYSL likely has not yet affiliated w/ US Club and will retain CYSA affiliation for rec season this year
- D. Club Manager Hot Topics –
  - 1. Mike Farrell –
    - i. confirming seeding Aug 28<sup>th</sup> (yes);
    - ii. coaching requirements showing “pending” (up to 6 weeks) (per Shannon, can’t print a pass til button green, reach out to registrar, or upload proof docs – like screenshot w/ user name, date, and completed-- and Shannon can approve and get team passes for Aug 21<sup>st</sup>);
    - iii. bye week? (yes, per Bill Norris, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, depending on situation w/ COVID, smoke, etc., CPL two weeks earlier than that);
    - iv. District Cup before Thanksgiving (per Bill Norris, requesting league to put District Cup and SoccerFest for U8-U14 after Nov 20 rec season complete);
    - v. U16 seeding tourney? (no, per Bill Norris & Shannon)
  - 2. BAC – coaches having trouble w/ Intro to Safety (per Shannon, see above for guidance); no info re: Jefferson field (field not affiliated w/ Sac City Unified?)
- E. Officer’s Reports
  - 1. Vice President – none
  - 2. Sportsmanship – none
  - 3. Secretary –
    - i. Approve June 2021 meeting minutes – **APPROVED**
    - ii. SJUSD Civic Permits—most approved & pending application fee payment
  - 4. Treasurer – check put in mail today for SJUSD field permit applications; no billing for Larkspur yet from Arden Manor
  - 5. Registrar –

|     | July '19 | July '20 | July '21 |
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| AP  | 857      | 15       | 981      |
| BAC | 354      | 0        | 253      |
| DD  | 492      | 0        | 444      |
| FEC | 1        | 0        | 7        |
| RSC | 368      | 0        | 406      |
| SI  | 169      | 0        | 137      |
| SO  | 285      | 0        | 255      |

- i. Reg for this year looking good; Registrars doing well; RSC has 1/3 of teams submitted; FEC will have players this year!
  - ii. CPL starts 8/21; teams must be submitted by 8/1
- 6. Referee Coordinator /PAD –
  - i. can 8/28 “reg season” games be at end of day of seeding tourney (i.e. CPL) (per Bill Norris, won’t work b/c of necessary field sizes but only need center refs for seeding; Mario says he can help w/ 2 large size fields)
  - ii. ref courses all online; try to get parents of kids that want to ref (for AR line refs)
  - iii. Geoff will recruit at Big Coaches Meeting
    - 1. SOSC – asks Geoff for paragraph message to push out to clubs (Geoff will, with links to training & certification & background check req’ing self-pay)
  - iv. club ref coordinator stipends/consistency – Geoff motion: \$500 to RCYSL as stipend for ea club ref coordinator (paid by RCYSL, or clubs, or whomever); BAC 2nds
    - 1. Sarah: didn’t hear min qual or Geoff veto power as part of motion, suggest that be included first, not aware RCYSL has min qual or that league ref coordinator has veto power
    - 2. John Ebersberger: long history with RCYSL, Geoff started more professional program, support
    - 3. Mike Farrell: what’s the benefit of having consistency of \$500/per club? (per Geoff, b/c Geoff is the head manager and needs help of a ref coordinator, club cannot operate in isolation, and needs coordinated ref program) (per David McKay, need qualified coordinator for club game quality) (per Geoff, Ref Coordinators will go to higher paying clubs) (per Shannon, if that were the case registrars would club jump, does RCYSL have power to force clubs to pay?) (Geoff, not sure league has power, but imagine can b/c have other per player, per club fees, league can)
    - 4. SOSC: appreciate professionalism coordinators brings, think Geoff’s motion and issue of no min qual rules & veto power intertwined (Geoff: club ref coord doesn’t need to be on Board of club, was on SOSC when not on board but SOSC voted for stipend; ref program really run at league level, and need club assistant for that process, needs to operate as one team of people)
    - 5. RSC: variants w/ club stipends that happened in past are now set in RCYSL rules; any fee increase passed to clubs needs to have been done in Feb (league rule previously passed); thinks important ref coordinator part of the club board; wrong for the league to impose someone to be on a club board – bylaws say is a club manager appoints club ref coord position
    - 6. Mike D – if Cyrene correct and can’t approve new fee after Feb, if approved won’t take place until next year, club manager vote:
      - Geoff modifies motion league will ensure all clubs pay \$500 stipend for ’21, league to pay if clubs do not; Mario continues to 2nd
      - SOSC: why is league sitting out, if league picks up unpaying club slack (Mike D – league will recoup somehow, even if higher per

payer fee next year) (David McKay – currently paying clubs have no impact b/c they pay directly, only two non-paying clubs) (Geoff – maybe motion needs to be clubs assessed \$500 to league, league coordinator will pay club coordinators)

- a. BAC: aye
- b. SOSC: no
- c. DDSC: no
- d. RSC: no
- e. APSC: no
- f. Union: abstain
- g. FEC: absent
- h. SISC: absent

Geoff: not sure need to discuss who appoints club ref coordinators at this point

- v. if can't run program from league level to ensure consistency, resigns
  - 1. BAC: effective immediately not fair to kids; ask Geoff to reconsider
  - 2. SOSC: respect Geoff's desires in light of challenges, bringing this motion less than a month before season starts is a difficult position for club managers; issue not that SOSC doesn't support Geoff, timing off
  - 3. APSC: appreciate role, didn't feel comfortable with league making this decision, thinks is club choice, totally support the program
- vi. Mike D to talk to Geoff for transition

7. Coaching Coordinator – none

8. Scheduling Coordinator –

- i. older teams (U16/19) have to start play on Aug 21<sup>st</sup>; Mario concerned deadline to reg a team has passed (for NorCal, per Shannon); Bill Norris can schedule these older teams to give them a season (starting Aug 28<sup>th</sup> & play Labor Day weekend)
- ii. CapValley & NHSL (retaining CYSA affiliation b/c use Cherry Island) interested in combining U10s, prob 6-7 boys divisions, 5-6 girls divisions; Bill Norris motion to play U10s with Cap Valley & NHSL, DDSC 2<sup>nd</sup>; BAC: aye; SOSC: aye; RSC: aye; DDSC: aye; SISC: not present; APSC: aye; Union: abstain; FEC: not present --  
**APPROVED**
- iii. CapValley U14s not participating w/ RCYSL essentially b/c gone US Club and NorCal
- iv. Need teams list by Thurs Aug 5 from club managers; see email with info needed

9. Webmaster – none

F. Old Business –

- 1. Return to play: Union back to playing tournaments, league starting soon; COVID protocols submitted w/ SJUSD permit apps; planning on normal seeding tournament; situation evolving; will discuss more at next meeting; league carefully watching what's going on, and have protocols drafted but want to play as normal as possible; CDPH guidance all obsolete
  - i. SOSC: happy to help draft a consistent league message; Mike D will draft, wait until end of next week (July 30<sup>th</sup> to circulate)

G. New Business –

- 1. Fields – Sac Unified not issuing field permits, yet, hard for BAC and RSC; couple available

parks but not big enough for many fields

- i. RSC: Sac Unified meeting with risk management tomorrow with info by Fri (got Sequoia permit, which someone said can still be used; talking to "Amna" 916-643-7435); RCYSL will help w/ alt parks permits, etc, discuss and have special board meeting if necessary; check about Jefferson (Cal Montessori Project), may permit it separately (per Bill Norris; BAC: had issues w/ CMP wanting soccer there after hours at all, and Sac Unified previously done the permitting); RSC waiting on Carver, Einstein, and Marshall
  - ii. Larkspur: Shannon doing the field scheduling, contact her
  - iii. APSC: got Orville Wright from MORPD (behind Country Club plaza); also have Edison permitted
  - iv. don't use fields in other league "territory" w/o checking w/ league
2. BAC: U15G team playing competitive, as kids age get less kids, believe lots of kids missing out on soccer b/c nowhere to go, if want to try comp there is a way to do it, really appreciate transitioning teams to comp and league and Union support, needs a couple kids to fill out roster – appreciate clubs getting word out (2007, potentially 2008 girls), lot of soccer for a few months (Sat & Sun), tournaments
  3. Union: big thank you to Shannon for reg help; second what BAC saying, looking to add middle tier of soccer, to collaborate with everyone so kids that love soccer but might be multi-sport, etc., keep playing ("seasonal comp soccer")
- H. Good of the Game – none
- I. Adjournment – 9:14p