

River City Youth Soccer League Board Meeting
WEDNESDAY February 15th, 2023 - 7:00 pm
Mountain Mikes, 1319 Fulton Ave. Sacramento

Attendees: Derek Warnken (RSC), David McKay (Treasurer), Shannon Hall (Registrar), Michael Wong (SOSC), Bill Norris (Scheduler), Mario Carrusco & Andrew (BAC), Allen Hodge & Dustin Ljung (APSC), Sarah Britton (Secretary), Erik Hall (Referee Committee), Larry Sveitch (District 6), Frank Cockrell (DDSC), Jason Allen (VP), Jose Moreno (Referee Coordinator)

- A. Call to Order – 7:06p
- B. Guest Speaker – Larry thanks everyone for being here, D6 and Larry available for support; upcoming 5v5 Memorial Day Tournament @Cherry Island; restarting Metro League; Spring League focused on recreational level
- C. President's Report –
 - 1. Nominees/Election: Sarah received none
 - i. RSC, SOSC reached out to Board and coaches
 - ii. APSC: Allen already devotes 30-40hrs/week
 - iii. Jason (VP): no one volunteered to assume his current duties
 - iv. Sarah: Mike D contacted Sarah, will come back as a last resort but we need a plan in place to find a successor
 - v. DDSC and RSC both have new boards still trying to backfill there
 - vi. Shannon: maybe Mike comes back, works on divvying Jason's stuff up so he can assume the job
 - vii. Bill: discussion of historical makeup of PAD committee, will Jose coordinate PAD committee as Chair w/ rotating 3 clubs by month(s)? VP has historically been Sportsmanship Chair for things that aren't referee'd; Jose: yes, will Chair intra-league PAD
 - viii. Sarah will call Mike D, and ask that he start inter-league play convo
 - 2. D6: approved \$1000 toward coaching classes (x2 grassroots and x2 D level), approved \$1000 to referee training (Game Day Facilitator) (Shannon abstained, info on D6 website); Larry: both classes include ongoing training
- D. Club Manager Hot Topics –
 - 1. APSC: APSC would like to take over Howe Park for APSC Select; Shannon: how does this affect FEC? Allen: FEC had two teams, right down the street is Dyer Kelly; David: how is APSC working w/ FEC? Allen works w/ the FEC asst club mgr every year, APSC pays for FEC's field permits, would continue to work together
 - 2. BAC: introduced Andrew Slocum as BAC's new manager
- E. Officer's Reports
 - 1. Vice President/Sportsmanship/PAD – none
 - 2. Secretary –
 - i. Approve Jan, 2023 RCYSL Board meeting minutes -- **APPROVED**
 - ii. Larkspur field update – work to start 2/27 barring weather; will acquire storage container after field work complete, will need help prepping area and on delivery day
 - iii. SJSUD Fields Update
 - 1. Handbook revisions re: user categories, season dates, and use during school breaks/holidays: rec user categories only good for "regular" season, but users allowed during school holidays
 - 2. RCYSL spring '23 use of Sierra Oaks: got permit at fall user rate, but agreed to work with any in-season users that may show up
 - 3. Post-season tournament/Dec use of SJSUD fields: will have to pay out of season (category 2) rates in December, note for timing of end of season tournaments
 - iv. Substitute Secretary for June 21st meeting – and September meeting
 - 3. Treasurer – none
 - i. Financial Status update
 - 1. Budget Committee – late April/early May, Exec Board

4. Registrar –
 - i. Spring League: 17 teams in D6 reg'd, more expected, deadline March 1
 1. APSC not promoting; Shannon: why? APSC: lots of cross over sports (baseball, etc)
 2. RSC: propose shift to smaller sided games next year for older teams, easier to field teams, line fields, makes distinction from fall play
 3. Scheduling will be through Sally and Bill, Jose to get schedule post March 1
 - ii. Mandatory Registrar Meeting Feb 21: via Zoom, June 1 is restart date for coaches/board members certification/licensing
5. Referee Coordinator – recruitment ongoing, need to send flyer from last year out
6. Coaching Coordinator – nominees? Bryan Holland (FEC) and Brandon Cavitt (Union), expressed interest but want more info on responsibilities, not present tonight so invite to next meeting
 - i. David: position = recruitment of coaches, ensuring licenses w/ Registrars, holding training(s)
 - ii. Larry: D6 can be reactive to what the leagues need for coaching classes
7. Scheduling Coordinator – necessary to come to an inter-league agreement for inter-league play rules/PAD, needs to be common rules; will assign fields for spring league, needs to know field availability
8. Webmaster – nominees? Sarah will handle, Dustin (APSC) willing to help

F. Old Business –

1. Combined League Play: Common Rules & PAD – need committee? New President to appoint committee? Sarah to talk to Mike D and make it our first request; Jason: Mike D historically disagrees w/ proposed sideline rule; Sarah: D6 rules for Spring League? Larry: yes, but rules much more flexible; Shannon will pass D6 Spring League rules to everyone
2. Referee recruitment & training committee update (Erik Hall): proposes new style of referee training
 - i. shift in less-strong style of refereeing happening at all levels, ex: coaches coming up to referees post-gaming prior week(s) game, upset w/ referees, predisposition to arguing
 - ii. fewer referee registrations, not returning post-COVID
 - iii. leagues tried to address w/ things like Silent Saturday, sequestration of referees, where to set spectators, all address symptoms of bigger problem – referees have poor command and control of the field
 - iv. annual/recertification training sufficient, very informational if you pay attention to it, weaker refereeing isn't lack of Laws of the Game knowledge, it's command and control
 - v. recommend RCYSL ref training is various 15 min "learning stations" for practical application scenarios on how to apply US Soccer approaches for refereeing, not classroom/academic setting – SHOW how to referee situations, not TELL
 - vi. also recommend giving new referees support on the field for first two or three assignments (as both AR and Center), a mentor
 - vii. more work by committee re: assigning referee teams to games vs individual people
 - viii. RSC: parents know less about rules, but can go crazy, RSC may hold a parent education meeting pre-season
 - ix. Jason: parents need to be educated re: interacting respectfully & w/ Sportsmanship
 - x. APSC: send out sportsmanship reminder for every weekend

G. New Business –

1. U6 Micro Soccer Rules (for intra-league play)—deferred to next month
 - i. adding FEC, confirming SISC, RSC, SOSC
2. Rules Changes to U10 -- none
3. Rules Changes to coach/team/spectator location (see attached paraphrased comments & draft Rule change):
 - i. Bill: this rule may be a tough sell for inter-league play
 - ii. Larry: what about coach being responsible for their parents? DDSC: referee goes to coaches, telling them to address the parent(s) outside of earshot of parents; Larry: referees need to be trained to hold the game until coach has addressed parents
 - iii. RSC motion, APSC 2nd, Bill, Shannon, Jose abstain, no noes, **APPROVED**
4. Rules Changes to Referee Fees:
 - i. Sarah: didn't include mentor fee which is \$30/game no more than 2 games/weekend/club, IF all

the referee spots are filled, will bring that portion back next month

- ii. DDSC motion for increase in fees, 2nd Shannon: Allen (APSC): proposed fees puts RYCSL above comp last year, but hear comp is changing; Larry: D6 will put together a database of ref fees for reference for fall; Shannon: East Sac pays more; Jose: told Roseville pays high; Jose abstaining, no noes, **APPROVED**

5. Union Coaching training – deferred to next month

6. Spring League '23 fields and ancillary costs: Sarah: who pays? RSC: charging families an additional fee for spring league to cover the field costs; Bill: should be same as fall, where clubs cover their own costs

H. Good of the Game – David had mom bring him a historic team jersey, very cool

I. Adjournment – 9:00p

Spectator/Team Location Rule

BAC: Credential players and coaches on the same side, and the opposite side of spectators.

Union: Spectator behavior needs to be respectful, part of the coach job is to teach the kids sportsmanship and appropriate sideline behavior, coaches have background checks, too much intermingling w/ uncleared, untrained personnel if players/coaches are on the same side as spectators – need players/coaches on the same side and opposite of spectators

SOSC: Coaches on the same side as each other benefits RCYSL coach responsibilities of supporting the referee, as the RCYSL coach can hear frustration building and discuss it earlier with the coach rather than the first intervention being with the referee – sees benefits and challenges to both sideline scenarios, so no strong preference; hopes to emphasize appropriate spectator behavior prior to start of the season

SISC: teams on opposite sides allows coach to roam sideline further to coach both offense and defense, particular for younger kids (U10/12) – opposing teams, coaches and spectators on different sides

RSC: players and coaches on the same side, and the opposite side of spectators; parents on opposing sides seem to behave worse – more “Us” vs “Them”; also makes it harder for spectators to be de facto coaches

DDSC: teams on one side, spectators on the other; will update our map signage so home and away know where to sit

APSC: teams and coaches on one side, spectators on the other; coaches next to each other creates a better opportunity to build respect amongst competitors and foster a more sportsmanlike environment

RCYSL Treasurer: as a 20+year referee, won't take games where players & coaches aren't separated from spectators b/c 1) it slows the game down and does not allow for the referees to monitor the substitution properly, 2) spectators don't interfere as much w/ coaching, referee can contact both coaches simultaneously if there is an issue, asking BOTH coaches to address the spectators (remember Talk, Warn, and Red should be the proper method of handling a situation with a coach regarding a spectator), and 3) player and coaches separated from spectators is required in competitive clubs, state teams, regional & national teams, college, and pro, let's be consistent

RCYSL Referee Coordinator: Teams on one side and spectators on another as simpler to control both coaches to request assistance to discipline parents or spectators.

RCYSL VP: Coaches and players should stay within their designated bench areas, regardless of positioning as this helps referees identify team personnel from spectators; kids lack the ability to hear and/or process feedback and do something meaningful with it in live action