



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 13, 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 annual meeting on February 13, 2011 at the at the Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, California. President and Chairman of the Board, Johnnie Garza, called the meeting to order at 12:26 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Johnnie Garza, President
Derek Barraza, Vice President
Roy Carlson, Vice President-Youth
Brett Wood, Vice President-Adults
Ken Goldman, Treasurer
Lila Smith, Secretary (left 2:56 p.m.)**

**Mark Flahan, District 1 Commissioner
John Mullen, District 2, Commissioner
Sue Abadie, District 3 Commissioner
Vacant, District 4 Commissioner
Rick McCown, District 5 Commissioner
Ann Shoemake, District 6 Commissioner
Rick Velasco, District 7 Commissioner (left 2:56 p.m.)**

Also present for various parts of the meeting:

**John Weinerth, Chief Executive Officer
David Lamb, Director of State Tournaments
Lucinda Williams, Secretariat**

Visitors:

**Mark Jacobsen, Vice President WAYS
Bob Turner, President Presidio SL
Juan Arevalo, Director of Fields Colton YSO
Rita Carter, Treasurer Colton YSO
Paul Doty, PAD Chairperson
George Noujaim, SRA
Chris Gallup, Outgoing District 1 Commissioner**

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes

Motion #1 Derek Barraza moved to approve the January 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes.
Rick Velasco seconded.
Motion passed with all members in favor except Mark Flahan who abstained.

Motion #2 Derek Barraza moved to approve the February 5, 2011 Meeting Minutes.
Ann Shoemake seconded.
Motion passed with all members in favor except Mark Flahan who abstained.

Derek Barraza officially resigned his District 4 Commissioner position and declared the position vacant at this time.

President's Report:

Johnnie Garza reported that he attended nine town hall meetings since the last Board meeting and thanked the Board for rearranging their schedules to attend the meetings. The town hall meetings had great membership representation. Attendees appreciated the forums and hoped for more in the future. Meeting topics included the proposed bylaws and issues brought up by attendees such as insurance and referees. Staff will provide a list of issues for the Board to review at the March Board meeting

Mr. Garza reported that USASA has offered to host a joint meeting next weekend in Los Angeles. He will attend that meeting.

Mr. Garza attended the Cal North Soccer Expo in Monterey. He said it was a well-run event, but smaller than Soccer Nation Expo. He also attended the Cal North Board meeting where they discussed the idea of a pacific coast invitational for ODP. He invited Cal North teams to participate in the Ventura tournament over Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. Garza said Cal North is working on the itinerary for the April joint meeting.

He reported that Jolene Nielsen asked Presidents to submit names of individuals to consider for committees by the end of April. Dan Trainor was elected as the new USASA Region IV Director.

Mr. Garza and Brett Wood reported on the USASA Adult Council meeting. Duncan Riddle is the new Executive Director.

Ken Goldman and Roy Carlson reported that they attended the USYSA Youth Council meeting. Mr. Carlson noted that US Club Soccer admitted it is a competitor with US Youth Soccer but did acknowledge the wasted energy with both groups competing for the same membership.

The meeting also consisted of heated debate over reducing fees and the relationship between the Federation and US Youth Soccer.

Consent Calendar

Staff Updates

None.

Johnnie Garza thanked John Weinerth and staff for coordinating the Soccer Nation Expo event. Mr. Weinerth said the credit goes to his staff that have done a tremendous job

Committee Updates

David Lamb provided an update on the State Cup tournament. Registration increased for the older group from the previous year. Registration for National Cup closes on February 25, 2011. The registration numbers for National Cup are slow this year.

Recurring Monthly Business

Youth League Approvals

None.

Adult League Approvals

None.

Sanctioned Tournament Approvals

Motion #3 Sue Abadie moved to approve a tournament date change for the Extreme Cup in Huntington Beach due to field availability issues and waive the date change fees.

Derek Barraza seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Motion #4 Sue Abadie moved to approve Rangers Summer Classic, FC Irvine Showcase and Arsenal FC Summer Showcase.

Rick Velasco seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Motion #5 Rick McCown moved to approve a date change for the Arsenal Winter Showcase, pending approval from David Lamb, Raicheal Sutherland, and George Noujaim.

Ken Goldman seconded.

Motion passed with all members voting in favor except John Mullen abstaining.

Old Business Items

Affiliate Member Requirements / Impact of Going to 8 Team Requirement

Mr. Weinerth asked the Board to consider streamlining the application fees so renewing affiliates would pay \$100 and new affiliates would pay \$200, noting that the newly approved bylaw changes would accommodate this structure. New applicants must provide verification of practice and/or game field availability for their teams. The Board noted some cities may not release fields until teams have registered as affiliates and discussed ways to accommodate this.

Derek Barraza expressed concern about saturation and suggested further investigating credentials before accepting competitive leagues. John Weinerth acknowledged the importance of feedback from leagues but would like to settle the issue of field verification first. Johnnie Garza thought the District Commissioners should reach out to the competitive leagues and perhaps have a policy setting standards for their role. Mr. Weinerth cautioned allowing one affiliate group to have sway over another affiliate group.

Jonnie Garza reviewed the data provided on leagues with eight or fewer teams. The Board will discuss this data at the March meeting.

Motion #6 Derek Barraza moved to approve the affiliate member sanctioning requirements as modified.
Roy Carlson seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Club Access to CORIS to Register Players (Added Agenda Item)

John Weinerth explained that staff needed direction from the Board regarding affiliate member requirements, which it now has. Staff will now need a few days to incorporate the changes with the online application. Mr. Weinerth suggested allowing online registration with staff approval to register players only. The Board would then approve sanctioning for the season and teams could then print cards in accordance with Cal South policy for the appropriate season.

The Board discussed the timing of tryouts and the opening of registration.

Motion #7 Mark Flahan moved to authorize Cal South corporate staff, upon verification of fulfillment of affiliate member requirements, to open registration for affiliate members for the fall season in the online registration system. The Board shall consider ratification of those affiliate members at an upcoming Board meeting.
Rick Velasco seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Soccerland USA (Added Agenda Item)

Johnnie Garza said he met with representatives from Soccerland USA and shared information with the Board. Soccerland USA has asked Mr. Garza to sign a letter of intent. Lila Smith read the letter of intent from Soccerland USA into the record. Mr. Garza said the concept of this complex in the San Diego area appeals to him but he would like legal review before signing the letter of intent.

Soccerland is currently seeking sponsors to help with construction costs.

Staff will have the attorney review the letter of intent, research the Soccerland organization and bring back for discussion at the March meeting.

Federation Meeting Next Weekend (Added Agenda Item)

Johnnie Garza said he will attend this meeting in Los Angeles next week. Derek Barraza, Brett Wood, John Weinerth and appropriate Cal South staff will also attend.

TOPSoccer Video (Added Agenda Item)

Mr. Garza discussed opportunities to market Cal South using the TOPSoccer video shown at the annual banquet and similar messages on radio and television outlets. Staff will contact the Cal South public relations consultants and report back to the Board.

Tournament Director Meeting (Added Agenda Item)

Johnnie Garza reported that he attended the Tournament Director meeting. The main issues at the meeting included saturation of the tournament environment and adherence to administrative procedures. He thinks the Board will need to discuss these issues.

John Mullen said the tournaments have grown to the point where Cal South may need to use staff in addition to volunteers to provide proper support. Mr. Garza added that Cal South needs to be sure tournament workers have proper training. Mr. Weinerth suggested the Board reset the standing committees, including the tournament committee, and provide Frank Sanford with a job description to clarify his role.

District 4 Vacancy (Added Agenda Item)

Johnnie Garza will reach out to District 4 to solicit candidates for the District 4 vacancy. The Board will interview candidates and select an applicant to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

Cal South / Cal North Event (Added Agenda Item)

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

District 1 Transfer (Added Agenda Item)

(Rick Velasco and Lila Smith left the meeting at this point.)

John Mullen said a U10 team replaced a goalie that had a broken hand and later learned that the player is cup tied. The teams are in the same club and the parents would like the player to play with the team.

Ken Goldman recalled that the Board gave District Commissioners the authority to decide state cup issues. John Mullen said he would take care of this issue.

Conflict of Interest Annual Updates (Added Agenda Item)

Ken Goldman asked to hold this item until the March meeting.

Recreational Task Force (Added Agenda Item)

Johnnie Garza asked Roy Carlson and Rick McCown to assist him in prioritizing the list of RTF recommendations. They will bring their findings to the Board and discuss which options they can implement and related timelines.

Team Transfer from Nomads to Carlsbad

John Mullen explained that players had expressed dissatisfaction with the Nomads coach departing and incoming coach selection. The Nomads team administrator had sent an email to parents saying no player could leave the team without first meeting with the new coach. The email said the District Coordinator and Cal South supported this policy, which they did not. The Nomads team did not take action on transfer requests. Chris Gallup and John Mullen agreed to let the whole team transfer and let them play in the State Cup.

Johnnie Garza expressed concern that policies are not matching up with practices in this instance. He wants to be consistent in how Cal South handles these kinds of situations. The team has not filed an appeal at this point so there is now action for the Board to take.

Closed Session Items

The Board deferred the Closed Session items to the March meeting.

Adjournments

Motion #8 Ken Goldman moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Roy Carlson seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.