



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 8, 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 April 8, 2006, at the State Office in Fullerton, California. President and Chairman of the Board, Gregory Falk, called the meeting to order at 9:11 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 checked="" 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"/> Mick 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
CharlieENZler, PAD Chairman	Steve Marquez, League Accounts/CORIS
Adrian Marquez, Corp Office	Stormy Medley, Asst. District 5 Commissioner
Jonathon Murtaugh, Dir. of Marketing/Recreation	

Agenda:

- Motion #1 Mr. Paul Doty moved to approve the March 15, 2006 minutes. Mr. Chris Gallup seconded.  
Discussion: One typo to correct on page 3.  
Motion passed.

President's Report: Presented by Mr. Gregg Falk. Mr. Falk reported on the Region IV election campaign. Mr. Jim Tilley has resigned from the New Mexico Presidency and is becoming the Executive Director of New Mexico Youth Soccer. Those traveling to Regional & National Championships for this summer need to make arrangements. The semi-annual USYS meetings will be at the National Cup finals. The Region IV meeting in October will be in Seattle.

COO Report: Presented by Mr. John Weinerth. Mr. Doty asks about the Santa Ana entry in the written report. Ms. Sandy Castillo notes the Santa Ana event will include a TOPSoccer presence with a field, booth, and video presentations.

Corporate Office Update: Presented by Mr. Adrian Marquez. The league application process has been much smoother than ever before. New leagues are starting and the office has been very helpful. Those leagues up for approval have met all requirements, financial and otherwise.

League Account Management Update: Presented by Mr. Steve Marquez. Mr. Doty noted the CORIS system can be confusing in the drop and release process where a player remains on a roster until the District Commissioner approves the release. The District Commissioners requested the system be modified to make the tracking of players more user-friendly.

Ms. Lois Sanford asks about transferring teams from one league of registration to another and the charge required for making the transfer. The individual fee for transfer is \$25, but the question raised was about the fee for moving an entire team. Ms. Anna Murphy asks about the advisability of moving teams during the course of a season, and if we should be discouraging the movement of entire teams during a season. Historically, Cal South has encouraged teams to maintain continuity between players to team, and team to league/club throughout the season. A more comprehensive policy needs to be formulated and established, and then personnel in Cal South need to be educated on the policy and the processes for movement. Further discussion will take place in May.

A training class tour will be coming for CORIS training around the State. Cal South and ADG are working to clarify the process for fixing software fixes and the communications between the software vendor and our customers. Training in San Diego will be on April 22, in Irvine on May 6, and in Burbank on April 29. E-mails will be sent advertising the locations and more details. League registrars and other league management personnel are the suggested attendees. Additional training classes can be scheduled for those who may need it.

The situation of teams/clubs delaying transfers was discussed. District Commissioners and the State Cup Committee in particular are encouraged to refer all such incidents to PAD for follow up and action.

Mr. Derek Barraza asked if a page can be created for each District with content provided or under the control of the District Commissioner. Mr. Weinerth stated it would be investigated. Such a page would be a good way to disseminate information from the District Commissioners to the leagues/clubs.

Marketing and Recreation Update: Presented by Mr. Jonathon Murtaugh. 2007 Soccer Nation and the Cal South AGM will be February 17 & 18 in the Los Angeles Convention Center. Hotel situations are still under discussion. Nike and other sponsors are excited at the move of Soccer Nation to the Los Angeles Convention Center as a more media friendly location and one that gives opportunity to expand the Cal South brand.

In meetings with Nike, an ad that was produced by Nike highlighting the Cal South-Nike relationship is being made into a poster and Nike will help distribute the poster to retailers throughout southern California. Nike will also be working on a "goodie bag" for children at Soccer Nation.

A Los Angeles Galaxy sponsorship has been obtained. July 8 has been selected for the President's Summit and it will in conjunction with a Galaxy game. The intent will be to distribute team kit materials for the 2006/2007 season will be at the summit. Another date for a Cal South night has been established for Sept. 16 at the Galaxy.

Best Western sponsorship activation materials will be going out the second week of April. Best Western will also provide customized materials such as flyers and discount cards upon request.

State Tournaments Update: Presented by Mr. John Weinerth in the absence of Mr. David Lamb. Regional IV Championships hotel rooms may be questionable for June and Mr. Lamb is working with the Region over this issue. The suggestion is to have the State reserve rooms in advance and in anticipation of the results of our National Cup.

Mr. Ken Goldman brought up the issue of State Cup Committee persons allowing a team to begin a game without game cards present. Even though the game was stopped, the error of not requiring cards should not have been allowed at all. A discussion followed about various State Cup issues including Friday night registrations, performance bonds, and the status of volunteers. The State Cup Committee could use more volunteers.

Coaching Education Update: Presented by Mr. Weinerth in the absence of Mr. Steve Hoffman. Cal South had three ODP State teams at the ODP National Championships. All three teams made the finals which were suspended due to weather. Teams were all declared co-champions as a result and medals were given based on a coin-flip. In one case, a Cal South ODP team in the lead when the games were suspended was presented second place medals. Cal South will arrange for correct medals to be presented to the ODP teams.

TOPSoccer Update: Presented by Ms. Sandy Castillo. The TOPSoccer Coaches Workshop went well. Cal South will have a TOPSoccer program in every district this coming season, which is very exciting. Cal South banners were given to every program. Coaching education is very important for every coach working in TOPSoccer due to the unique nature of the players. The TOPSoccer Fest will be July 8 at Yorba Linda Middle School.

Risk Management Update: Written report, only.

PAD Update: Presented by Charlie Enzler orally in lieu of a written report. PAD hearings are moving forward normally. An incident occurred recently with a referee and player assault by a player who was an AYSO registered player who played based upon a tryout sign-up sheet. The AYSO Regional Director has been invited to the hearing. Another incident occurred at a tournament with a team from the Los Angeles Youth Soccer League. The league registered teams but not players. Insurance is in question and the player involved in this incident assaulted a referee. The LAYSL website erroneously advertises linkage to Cal South and USYS, and USYS is contacting them to correct their website.

Ms. Castillo mentions the State Association in Washington has adopted the PAD manual and process developed by Cal South and they are quite happy with the results.

Motion #2 Mr. Barraza moved to receive and file all written reports. Mr. Gallup seconded. Motion passed with Mr. Doty abstaining due to having missed part of the presentations.

Mr. Ken Goldman and Mr. Mick Dawson presented a draft Code of Ethics document. The document drafted was based upon a number of sources including non-profit assistance organizations. The document was discussed by section in detail. Mr. Goldman and Mr. Dawson will take the comments and rework the document for the May meeting.

Mr. Dawson raised the issue of Club-wide registrations, and they were discussed. The concept is to allow registrations to clubs without affiliation with the team. The Board general consensus is to open opportunities for the benefit of the organization. The CORIS system will accommodate multiple variations on how to register players. Mr. Weinerth and Mr. Dawson will investigate the options in the CORIS system and report back to the Board.

District Registrars were discussed. Problems include the movement of teams and players from leagues/clubs without a place to go as a registered player/team. Discussions included past reviews and evaluations of using State Association based registrars and the conclusion that it was not in the best interest of Cal South to assume that responsibility. However, CORIS capabilities were discussed and the ongoing initiative of Cal South to better educate leagues, clubs, and registrars as to the registration procedures and problems.

The transfer date rule was discussed. A request has been made by the Coast Soccer League to adjust the transfer date for the 2006 season to accommodate their league cup schedule. Mr. John Mullen noted a number of directors of coaching have indicated they would support having a transfer date freeze through the end of the league season. Other District Commissioners concurred. Mr. Doty brought the Board up to date with some history on the transfer date rule and issues that have been addressed in the past.

Mr. Mullen opined the need for a freeze date is to maintain the integrity of the teams, leagues, and gaming circuits and to keep teams from raiding teams for players and destroying teams and hurting gaming circuits. A poll will be taken of Directors of Coaching to see what the response will be to a freeze date of August 1 and a release the first Monday after Thanksgiving.

Mr. Clive Watson of an SASC BU-16 team requested an opportunity to bring an issue to the Board to allow his child to transfer off the team and be allowed to play for another team in National Cup. He had previously been apprised of the Cal South rules that tie players to teams for National Cup. He asks that his son Marcus be allowed to have his cup tie broken and be allowed to play for another team in National Cup.

Motion #3 Mr. Barraza moved to allow Marcus Watson to be released from his cup tie to the SASC team and be allowed to play for another team. Mr. Mullen seconded.  
Motion failed unanimously.

The issue of licensed coach requirements was brought up during the Tournament Directors meeting at the AGM. Cal South tournaments that bring in teams from outside of the Cal South organization place the Cal South teams at a disadvantage when a Cal South licensed coach is not available on the sidelines when other organizations (such as other State Associations, US Club Soccer, AYSO) rules do not require this.

Motion #4 Mr. Barraza moved to allow a team to play during any sanctioned Cal South Tournament with any coach so long as the coach holds a valid and appropriate Cal South coaching license and has satisfied Cal South risk management. Mr. Doty seconded.  
Motion passed.

National Cup seeding for 2006 was brought up as an issue for discussion. The issue is this year's National Cup seeding which went away from previous years' criteria de-emphasizing National Cup as a seeding criteria and giving greater importance to league play.

Motion #5 Mr. Mullen moved the Board direct the Cal South State Cup Committee to develop seeding criteria that will be published and consistent from year to year, and also promote the National Cup as the premier event of the year and the number one criteria for seeding; said seeding to be brought to the Board prior to publishing. Mr. Barraza seconded.  
Discussion: The seeding criteria should be brought to the Board at the July Board meeting.  
Motion passed.

Mr. Dave De Leon updated the Board on a bill in Sacramento to supply funds to local communities for the development of sports fields and facilities. The bill is to place an initiative on the ballot in November for a \$37 billion bond act which will include the soccer fields. We are prohibited from lobbying by the non-profit corporation laws; however, we can possibly be involved in education and awareness.

Mr. Weinerth updated the Board on a presentation he attended for the Great Park initiative in Irvine. The Great Park is a project designed for the public/private development of the old El Toro Marine Corps Air Station. The public presentation was designed to gain political and public support for the development of the sports park. The park will be a comprehensive sports park covering many sports and providing facilities and fields. Cal South is positioning itself to be a key player in this park's development from the soccer side.

Motion #6 Mr. Doty moved to enter Executive Session. Ms. Sanford seconded.  
Motion passed.

Returned from Executive Session at 5:00 pm.

Motion #7 Mr. Doty moved to approve the leagues applications compiled on the spreadsheet provided to the Secretary. Mr. Barraza seconded.  
Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm