

River City Youth Soccer League Board Meeting
WEDNESDAY April 19th, 2023 - 7:00 pm
Mountain Mikes, 1319 Fulton Ave. Sacramento

Attendees: Derek Warken (RSC), Allen Hodge (APSC), Shannon Hall (Registrar), Sarah Britton (Secretary), David McKay (Treasurer), Bill Norris (Scheduler), Michael Wong (SOSC), Andrew Slocombe (BAC), Joe Romo (SISC), Gene Totten, Erik Hall, Frank Cockrell (DDSC)

- A. Call to Order – 7:07p
- B. Guest Speaker – none
- C. President's Report –
 - 1. Election – Gene had nice talk with Mike Dallas, up to speed on known issues, would approach RCYSL Board as 2-3 year commitment w/ positive energy, cultivate successor
 - i. Sarah: 'retiring' club managers might be good fit for league president successor
 - ii. David: would you give 2 year commitment? what if identified successor bails out? Gene: would be flexible, but definite 2 year commitment
 - iii. Sarah: any procedural issue w/ nominating and electing today? AGM is seating the Board, regular meeting is nominating and electing
 - iv. David motion to nominate Gene as President, DDSC 2nd, all in in favor, no opposed, no abstentions
 - 2. D6 -- none known (Shannon didn't go, not sure if Mike D did)
 - 3. Zoom w/ Union (see draft minutes, attached): discussed whether Brandon w/ come on as Coaching Coordinator for RCYSL, Union happy to support, put together coaching classes, licensing, but doesn't want to be appointed for administrative function, or on the Board; we need a Coaching Coordinator for RCYSL
- D. Club Manager Hot Topics –
 - 1. DDSC: need a Treasurer
 - 2. RSC: had meeting w/ City of Sac Unified, back to fairly normal pricing, port a potties allowed where placed traditionally
 - 3. SOSC/DDSC: bye week schedule good to know soonest (field sharing)
- E. Officer's Reports
 - 1. Vice President/Sportsmanship/PAD – none
 - 2. Secretary –
 - i. Approve March, 2023 RCYSL Board meeting minutes -- **APPROVED**
 - ii. Field updates – Larkspur work delayed by electrical issue in irrigation, Sarah will follow up
 - iii. SISC wants to move away from Gen Davies, can use U6/8/10 @St Ignatius
 - 1. SOSC/DDSC offered to discuss helping for U12 game field
 - 2. Sarah: Arden Manor Crabtree Park might work for practices
 - 3. Treasurer – D & O insurance haven't had since before COVID, will look into renewing
 - i. BAC: does each club need it's own D&O? David: BAC operates under RCYSL umbrella
 - 4. Registrar –

	Players '23	Players '22	Coaches '23
AP	529	494	45
BAC	69	0	12
DD	190	148	22
FEC	2	0	1
RSC	92	120	9
SI	12	15	4
SO	57	39	0
Union	0	0	0
Total	951	816	93

- i. numbers up 130ish from this time last year
 - ii. new club Board members and league board members that don't have reg/certs from last year need to reg and complete classes; returning members can register but should wait until after June 1 to complete classes/certs
 - 5. Referee Coordinator –
 - i. Need Game Officials straightened out
 - ii. Spring League going well
 - iii. SISC helped FEC assign last fall; Jose to get w/ RSC re: fall assigner
 - 6. Coaching Coordinator –
 - i. RSC: what admin functions would be needed for the position?
 - 1. David: checks w/ club Coaching Coordinators re: coach licensing complete/up to date, coordinates Coaching training, liaison between league and clubs, what do clubs need?
 - 2. Shannon: pull NorCal/USClub definition of Coaching Coordinator
 - a. Allen: min US Soccer D license, role = build a development platform starting from oldest kids on down at club level; from league level, Coordinator could develop the training/development drills and play
 - b. David: league Coord w/ supply training for coaches looking to move up – licensing and/or age group coaching
 - c. RSC: made a handbook for 7v7 & 9v9, happy to share, intend to do an academy style training for U6 & 8; D6 is paying for coach training – they'll pay for D license; Shannon will reach out to D6 to clarify \$\$ support
 - 7. Scheduling Coordinator –
 - i. Has D6 mentioned season scheduling changes? EG league, EDC leagues start two weeks earlier than RCYSL/SYSL (EG/EDC don't do seeding); Sat before Labor Day = U8-14 seeding; Fri/Sat after Labor Day = first U6-14 games, 5 weekends of games, bye weekend for reseeding, 5 more weeks of games; Could go earlier and play Sat of Labor Day weekend, could squeeze x2 games into a week/weekend; Club Managers please ask your coaches/families about compressing schedule ideas
 - 1. BAC: what's the impetus to compress the season? Bill: D6 threatens to push District Cup to mid-Nov, then shift it back to Dec b/c RCYSL and SYSL are still playing; other leagues complain b/c their season is over and they wait 3 weeks for District Cup
 - ii. Combined league play w/ SYSL – we've got enough numbers to not inter-league for U10s; Gene and Bill will be talking to Shandi
 - 1. Shannon: Fruitridge moved to US Club
 - iii. Spring League: few changes, no seeming problems
 - iv. if team and coaches cleared (and field permit obtained) can start practicing before Aug 1
 - v. Allen: what about moving seeding back one week? Bill still needs a week to construct schedule, so would need to move seeding back two weeks, to play first game last weekend of Aug
 - 8. Webmaster – none
- F. Old Business –
- 1. Combined League Play update – Mike D has not yet talked to Shandi; Gene to talk to Shandi
 - 2. Referee recruitment & training committee update (Erik Hall): Content and method of mentoring proposed (will send email tomorrow, observe weekend games, give feedback)
 - i. mentors w/ have laminated/printed checklist, items to go over w/ referees before & ½ time explain what to do physically
 - 1. 3 of 7 checklist items = rule based (offsides & handballs); takes about 7 minutes
 - ii. demonstration based approach
 - iii. DDSC: will there be a required pre-season meeting for Referees this year? Erik: suggest do as a station-based demonstration approach
 - iv. Questions about who is the mentor (one of the three-man team? 4th person at field? does a mentor on a three-man team get the mentor fee?)
 - 3. U6 Micro Soccer Rules (for intra-league play): amend to add FEC, and approve attached? Defer to May
 - 4. Union Coaching training –

- G. New Business –
- H. Good of the Game – US down 0-1
- I. Adjournment – 9:00p

MICRO SOCCER RULES

PARTICIPATING CLUBS: Rosemont, Sierra Oaks, St. Ignatius

I. FIELD SET-UP

- a. Field Size: 20yd X 30yd (+/- 5yd)
- b. Lines or a combination of lines and cones can be used to outline field.
- c. Corner flags can be used to help define field.

II. EQUIPMENT

- a. Goals: 4ft X 6ft
- b. Ball size: Size 3
- c. Players: Need their team uniform and shin guards to play. Coaches should have pennies/alternate jerseys (t-shirts) in case playing another team with the same color uniform, i.e. when two teams of the same club play each other.

III. COACHES, REFEREES, & FANS (along touchlines, not goal lines)

- a. Coaches should be with their team along the touchline encouraging play and sportsmanship – not roaming the touchline and/or goal line
- b. The referee on the field will determine possessions, keep running time, direct the game and ensure player safety.
- c. Coaches: Wear badge and bring coaching/player cards to games. **NO COACH CARDS/PASSES = NO COACHING/PLAYING**
- d. All spectators (non-team personnel, e.g. family and friends) for both teams will be along touchlines of the field for the duration of the game.
- e. Set-up/Clean-up: Home team coach is responsible for setting up and putting away goals/cones/flags/signs, etc.
- f. **Note:** U6 games are the primary source for referee training. Allow the referee to do their job and learn how to referee. *Coaches are responsible for their team from the touchline and bench area.*

IV. RULES OF PLAY

- a. Number of Players: 3v3 - No goalkeepers (discourage players hanging back as a de facto goalie)
- b. **Game length:** four 8-minute quarters with a 10-minute half time. One-minute breaks between quarters. Time adjustments can be made to accommodate the weather. Teams switch sides (direction of attack) at half-time.
- c. **Kick Off:** Home team starts with possession, kicking off from center spot.
NOTE: *This recurs after any goal scored for the team who was scored upon.*
- d. **Out of Bounds**
 - (i) Throw-ins: They should be used as a teaching experience. Referees will accept that throw-ins may not be technically correct but the players should begin to learn to perform throw-ins.
 - (ii) Goal Kicks: A ball kicked out of bounds across the goal line by the attacking team results in a goal kick for the defending team from within their goal box.
NOTE: *The defending team must retreat to the midfield line.*
 - (iii) Corner Kicks: A ball kicked out of bounds across the goal line by the defending team results in a corner kick for the attacking team from within corner arc of the side the ball went out of bounds.
- e. **No official scores and standings are kept.**
- f. The intent of the game is for *ALL* players to be involved with the play on the field. Coaches should encourage all players to touch the ball before the team scores.
- g. After game: Teams cheer, high-five, shake hands, etc. with each other and with referee if present.

II. SUBSTITUTION RULES

- a. Substitutions may occur during any stoppage of play
 - b. Equal playing time for all players.
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River City Youth Soccer League Board Special Meeting
THURSDAY March 30th, 2023 - 8:00 pm
ZOOM

Attendees: Rick Merri, Mike Dallas, David McKay, Matt Wheeden, Shannon Hall, Dustin Ljung, Brandon Cavitt

- J. Call to Order – 8:05p
- K. RCYSL/Union Partnership –
 - 1. Rick: trouble finding volunteers, maybe possible for stronger partnership
 - 2. Mike D: long-standing coach training been an area of need, need League Coach Coordinator to work w/ club Coordinators and push info out, how to manage team and parents on the sideline
 - i. when is Union available? really need U6/8/10 and a coach showing up at individual clubs for mentoring, in addition to the general coach class
 - ii. Timing different for U6 coaches who come on board late
 - 3. Dustin: have standards for what each age group should focus on, someone to identify the outline of a practice; rec soccer gets compared to commercial sports businesses, and the latter are more organized
 - 4. Matt: invested in curriculum for club, can put on coach clinics; officiating is a void, have a program for that, too; need to know when and where to provide this help; have economies of scale for uniform suppliers, how to train officials, etc.
 - 5. Sarah: you mentioned officiating...what are you doing in your program to recruit, retain?
 - i. Brandon: difficult everywhere, have a pretty good support program for training in their platform
 - 6. RCYSL to put this on next agenda, return for more discussion
- L. Coach Training, Brandon Cavitt – July & August for individual club trainings, best time for Union (slower time)
- M. Adjournment – 9:08p