

River City Youth Soccer League Board Meeting
August 21, 2019 - 7:00 pm
Mountain Mikes - 1319 Fulton Ave, Sacramento, CA

Attendees: Mike Dallas (President), Shannon Hall (Registrar), Sarah Britton (Secretary), Bill Norris (Scheduler), Jason Allen (SOSC & Coaching Coordinator), Rick Merri (Union), Rob Olmsted (St. Ignatius), David McKay (Treasurer), Norman Tuttle (Rosemont), Jason Sitar (BAC)

- A. Call to Order – 7:02p
- B. Guest Speaker – none
- C. President's Report
 - 1. District Six Meeting –
 - i. wanted to cancel District Cup, RCYSL objected; meeting next Wed and RCYSL needs a representative (Jason volunteered), Mike D. to send info (see attached minutes from Jason Allen who attended August 28, 2019)
 - 2. New CalNorth Heading Policy (attached)
 - i. SYSL, RCYSL, Cap Valley agreement U12 playing up to U14 wear white tape arm band
 - ii. agreement for U14 heading policy for seeding tournament weekend, but intend to revisit and return to prohibiting heading for age group and not age of child
- D. Club Manager Hot Topics –
 - 1. Arden Park: NHA non-participation in 2019 seeding tournament – see Gene Totten's email below
 - i. Rob: St. Ignatius had problem w/ NHA seeding last year – how to deal with it?
 - ii. Bill: had more notice this year of their non-attendance, NHA very apologetic about it, Bill knows NHA teams better and are placing them more appropriately
 - iii. Mike D will talk to NHA league president, won't work again for next year
 - 2. SOSC: parent approached coach about child w/ medical issue noted on registration form, coach feeling stressed about the amount of management parent is requesting
 - i. Bill: suggest parent should be there at all times
 - ii. Mike D.: similar situation previously in DDSC, requested parent to be there all the time and suggested they become assistant coach for field access
- E. Officer's Reports
 - 1. Vice President – none
 - 2. Sportsmanship – none
 - 3. Secretary –
 - i. Approve July 2019 minutes – **APPROVED**
 - 4. Treasurer – invoices coming for registration next week
 - i. Mike D.: will discuss SJUSD permit invoicing and how to handle
 - 5. Registrar –
 - i. Current Registration – will send numbers shortly, right at where league was at end of last year
 - ii. badge printer down, part on order, don't need badges for seeding tournament b/c of this (just pass)
 - 6. Referee Coordinator /PAD – not present
 - 7. Coaching Coordinator –

- i. coaches that did not make a field course have to do online, \$25 online fee/coach to clubs
 - ii. Shannon tracking coaches w/o field course; club coaching coordinators should keep record too
 - iii. SafeSport and concussion may become an annual requirement
 - 8. Scheduling Coordinator –
 - i. seeding schedules distributed; RCYSL hosting lion's share of fields
 - ii. modified schedule for second half of seeding tournament if it's too hot
 - iii. Bill scheduling U16 & U19 for RCYSL
 - 9. Webmaster – none
- F. Old Business –
 - 1. Larkspur field agreement -- finalized soon, field currently being used by RCYSL team
- G. New Business – none
- H. Good of the Game – none
- I. Adjournment – 7:29p



PLAYING POLICY:

California Youth Soccer Association Heading Policy

(Approved by Board of Directors, August 4, 2019)

- Heading is prohibited in 12U and younger small-sided games.
- All players age eleven (11) years old and younger, who are playing up in 13U and older games, are prohibited from heading, and must clearly be identifiable to match official. (i.e. armband)
- When a player, who is eleven (11) years old and younger, deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If a deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred. If a player does not deliberately head the ball, then play should continue.
- All players age eleven (11) years old and younger, who participate in a non-CYSA sanctioned event with their CYSA player pass, must adhere to the CYSA heading policy and are prohibited from heading.

PRACTICE POLICY:

- All players age eleven (11) years old and younger are prohibited from heading.
- It is strongly recommended for players between the ages of twelve (12) and seventeen (17) years old, heading in practice must be limited to a

maximum of thirty (30) minutes per week, with no more than fifteen (15) to twenty (20) headers, per player, per week.

- In addition, CYSA recommends that standard coaching methods to instruct on how to properly head the ball be instituted by all Affiliates. CYSA will assist Affiliates, as needed, in teaching coaches the proper heading techniques as such to reduce the risk of possible concussion.

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NHA/Seeding Discussion @ August Board Meeting

1 message

Gene Totten <totten.apsoccer@gmail.com>
To: RCYSL Board <board@rivercitysoccerleague.org>

Tue, Aug 20, 2019 at 11:07 AM

RCYSL Board & Club Managers,

After reviewing the seeding tournament info from Bill and seeing that North Highlands (NHA) was again not participating, I asked Mike & Sarah if this could be added as a discussion topic for the board meeting tomorrow night (which they did, thank you both). However, I realized shortly thereafter that I have a schedule conflict with my kids' back to school night tomorrow night so I won't be able to attend the meeting, so I am sharing my thoughts here in lieu of stating them in person.

I spoke with Bill last night and he informed me that NHA has had a tumultuous year because it decided to split from CVYSL and start it's own league, which of course is a messy and uncertain process. In the midst of that they again scheduled their Opening Day on the day of the Seeding Tournament... My understanding from Bill is that they were short on options and felt they had to schedule it even though it conflicted with the seeding tournament because the event is a significant fundraiser for them.

Knowing that NHA has formed it's own league, I am a little more sympathetic to their situation than I was prior, however I still feel strongly that RCYSL needs to send a clear message to NHA that, going forward, ensuring the availability of their teams and facilities for seeding must be considered a top priority from the outset of the season, and failing to ensure their availability will result in too be determined penalties (which, in the humble opinion of this club manager, should result in their removal from inter-league participation).

It's fair to ask why their failure to participate for another year in a row upsets me. For one, as a club that hosts several seeding tournament sites each year, preparing our sites in time for seeding presents a significant expenditure of volunteer time/coordination, as well as cost.

Secondly, for the many clubs that field more competitive teams, securing a spot in the first division at seeding is a **big deal**, but comparably skilled NHA teams will essentially have their spots reserved for them with no effort expended. At the other end of the spectrum, there are a fair number of coaches who already know their team should begin the season in the lowest division and they rightly ask "why do we have to sweat it out all day in near-100 degree heat just to prove we are a bottom division team, while NHA is allowed to not even show up?"

I could go on, but I've gone on long enough and I'm sure everyone gets my overall point. I again urge the board to agree on a formal communication to the effect of "We understand you had a rough year (and by the way, congrats on forming your own league), but if you fail to make your facilities and teams available for seeding again there will be consequences, including possibly the exclusion of your league from RCYSL-organized, inter-league play."

Thank you all for your time,

Gene Totten
Manager
Arden Park Soccer Club

Cal North - District 6

District Cup Meeting

8/28/19

Establishment of a Committee

- Ideally a small group of people with very defined roles can be formed to take on District Cup and ensure it continues (and decide future course of action for it)
- Goal is to have a decision by the next D6 meeting (Sep 14)
- Hope for representation on committee from as many different leagues as possible (especially those that participate in the tournament)
- Danny stated that he sees the following in an ideal scenario:
 - Coordinator
 - Someone who will be capable of delegating and overseeing the overall process of making District Cup happen
 - Can attend District 6 meetings (though really not all and most likely the important ones would be Aug-Nov)
 - Scheduler
 - Will be a paid position (\$10/team registered)
 - Goal is to have about 100 teams participate across all age levels
 - Age Group Coordinators
 - Not much discussed here but there was a consensus that this might be an easier role to fill with coaches who are already interested in participating in the tournament)
 - Referee Coordinator
 - Home clubs provide the center ref
 - Coaches supply ARs
 - Discussion held about whether the practice of supplying ARs makes sense still
 - Another discussion held over how payment is made to these referees and if cash payments on the field could (and should) be eliminated

Dates

- Proposed tourney start date of Nov 23-24 for U10, U12, U14
- District Cup must be done by Dec 7
- Discussion of when/where to play games
 - Right after Thanksgiving?
 - First week of December?
 - Weeknights?
 - Sunday?
 - Need all-weather fields with lights
- Start dates of Nov 9-10 for U16, U19

- Finals on Nov 16

Entry Fee

- 2018: \$130 (but didn't include approx. \$100-\$140 in cash payments made to referees at fields)
- 2019: proposed \$160 (still doesn't include referee payments)
 - discussion of "increasing" official entry fee to \$250-\$300 but also have all the referee fees rolled into entry fee and then have that used to electronically pay referees (no more cash payments on the field)

Final thoughts for future years

- Consider getting the regular season for U10, U12, U14 to line up more closely with U16, U19
- This would mean either starting earlier in the year and/or ending sooner
- If necessary, shorten the season to 8 or 9 games with the hope that those teams/families that really care about having a longer season would buy into and get excited about District Cup (and then the tournament could take place earlier)

Next District Cup meeting: Sep 17