

# West Contra Costa Youth Soccer League

## 2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes

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November 08, 2017, 7:00 PM

WCCYSL Clubhouse, 4660 Appian Way, Building 2, El Sobrante, CA

### 1) INTRODUCTION

The Director U12+ Teams and de facto Vice President (George Dias – “The VP”) brought the meeting to order and made a small introduction. This included a quick run through of the agenda as well as providing an opportunity for all members present, both general and Board, to introduce themselves.

### 2) VOTE ON PROPOSED BY-LAWS

The Secretary (Aidon Jennery) provided a review of the confined set of changes proposed to the League’s By-Laws. Each change (contrasted with the existing By-Law language) was displayed for all attendees and explained. The biggest change was allowing for the Board to call a Special General Meeting, and the mechanism by which they must do so, for the purpose of allowing the membership to vote on the adoption of proposed new By-Laws. These changes had been posted to the League prior to this meeting. Questions regarding the changes were solicited and answered. A simple show of hands was called for to vote on the proposed By-Laws.

**Vote to adopt proposed By-Laws, dated 2017/11/08, as presented:**

**Unanimous**

The Secretary indicated that these By-Laws were effective immediately.

### 3) BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ ELECTION

The VP introduced the election and the Secretary handed out ballot papers. Of the 10 Board positions open for elections, all but three had candidates. The ballot papers were explained, questions solicited, and then anonymous, secret voting took place. The ballot papers were collected and the Secretary determined the results, which were announced later in the AGM proceedings, but shown here for clarity.

Board Position († Executive Board Position)	Nominee	Result
President †	George Dias	Elected
Vice President †	Lori Kidwell	Elected
Treasurer †	Joe Miner	Elected
Director – Referees †	Tyler Darke	Elected
Technical Director †	OPEN	N/A
Director – Fields	Ryan Wilson	Elected
Director – Events	Kurt Kidwell	Elected
Director – Field Maint & Dev	Emily Wilson	Elected

<b>Director – U11/U12+ Teams</b>	OPEN	N/A
<b>Director – Field Marshals</b>	OPEN	N/A

These newly elected Board members were welcomed to either another two years in their existing position, or to two years in their new position. The Secretary noted that these “new” Board members do not start their two-year term until December 1, 2017. The remaining positions were not included in the election because those positions were already filled with an incumbent having completed only the first of their two-year term, or because they are Board appointed positions.

#### **4) PRESIDENT’S HIGHLIGHTS**

The President (Reynaldo Montano) described some highlights for the League for 2017, including:

- a. Zero significant injuries
- b. No rain-outs for Spring due to strategic use of turf fields
- c. Successful summer camp with t-shirts
- d. Successful movement of players between programs
- e. Despite poor condition of grass playing surfaces a recovery was made on turf fields for in-house
- f. The feedback received is that the turf fields are better for everyone involved in League soccer

The President said that he enjoyed working with everyone (Board members, coaches, players, referees, and parents) both during the past several years while he has been working with/on the WCCYSL Board, and the last two years as President. It has given him great satisfaction seeing players progress and grow.

#### **5) BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ ELECTION RESULTS**

The Secretary announced the results of the election, as depicted in the table in section 3, above. All nominees were elected.

#### **6) MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS AND IDEAS**

Questions and ideas/suggestions were solicited from the membership:

- Q: Are we going to have U11 in the Spring? It is our intention, yes but depends on externals.
- Q: Events like 4<sup>th</sup> July parade were very good, are we doing more of these? It is our intention, yes.
- Q: What can we do to fund-raise, can we hold a tournament? We don’t really have the resources to run a real tournament, but we can certainly consider working up from the Jamboree or doing something similar, but jumping in to a full tournament is not realistic at this time.
- Q: Is our advertising sufficient? We are working to do better and some of the things we are looking at were detailed. It was discussed that a player moving from in-house to FCA requires a huge commitment from the parents including time and money. A “fun day” was also suggested, to encourage new FCA players (either from outside or from in-house.)
- Q: Sometimes FCA appears not to have the focus of the League, why is that? Resources have been tight, but now that we have close to a full Board, Board members can work on both programs where applicable. We want to see players and coaches migrate from in-house to FCA where that is a good fit for that family.

#### **7) CLOSE**

The VP closed the Annual General Meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance and participation.