

West Contra Costa Youth Soccer League

March 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

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March 08, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

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

1) SPECIAL BUSINESS

The Lifetouch presentation by Joe Viloso started at 7:03 PM. He provided a description of how Lifetouch works and what they offer. He also provided a proposal package which may be reviewed at the next board meeting by interested officers. This will be discussed by the board at a later date.

2) INITIAL BUSINESS

Board Members Present: Aidon, Kelly, Arturo, Lori, Brian, Reynaldo, Raul.

Apologies: Ryan, Tyler, Joe, George, Brian, Julie.

General Members Present: None.

Guests Present: None. (Joe Viloso left immediately after his presentation.)

Call to order: 7:26 PM.

Due to lack of quorum, votes marked *Provisional* will be confirmed at the next board meeting by an assertion vote.

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting, held on February 08, 2017, were distributed via email to all Board Members prior to this meeting, and were taken as read.

Motion to approve minutes: Proposed by Mark. Seconded by Lori.

Provisional Vote: **Unanimous.**

Kelly has agreed to be the Director – U6 Teams.

Motion to approve Kelly: Proposed by Aidon. Seconded by Reynaldo.

Provisional Vote: Unanimous.

Kelly now holds two board positions, one voting (Director - U6 Teams) and one non-voting (Registrar, paid.)

3) ROUTINE AND SPECIFIC BUSINESS (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORTS)

a) President

The President confirmed that Pinole Middle School has been permitted for practices. He will work with Raul and George to schedule Comp and Rec practices.

He has a meeting soon with Hercules High regarding the replacement of the damaged goals. The aim is to have them locked up with only WCCYSL, two High School coaches, and the Athletic Director having keys. The groundkeeper and the janitorial staff will not have keys. A suitable location has been found.

Competitive tryouts have finished for the younger groups. Need to assemble teams but we have a lack of qualified coaches and this is very disturbing. There have been suggestions that we should merge with a local club or league, due to our reduction in numbers. This is probably largely due to "business" clubs having no boundaries or specific operating areas.

There are meetings scheduled with both U12 boys and U12 girls parents to try to address the problem. U14 is probably OK with Raul. The president will work with competitive program to help address the issues and keep the current membership at a minimum.

Field costs are rising and there are now multiple clubs in contention for the same fields. Some clubs/leagues are combining together for the purposing of procuring and sharing fields.

Our overall goal, and the President's goal must be to maintain the membership we currently have.

We will have a Positive Coaching Alliance meeting. The suggested date is Friday April 28 @ 7:00 PM. This would be a one hour mandatory meeting/vital training for all coaches and at least one parent/guardian for each player, and would count as their volunteer hour for the Spring. We are expecting/hoping for about 150 so we will need either the Boys and Girls club Gym, or the multipurpose room at Hanna Ranch. This meeting for adults only. (There is no punishment for not attending, but the meeting will be communicated as being mandatory.) This all must be communicated to the coaches and membership as soon as possible.

b) Director - Equipment

We need pinnies and Raul needs training balls. This color distribution of pinnies was discussed. The Director wishes to work over the summer with the U6 players for one week. It was proposed that July 17 – 23, at Pinole Middle School should be permitted. This camp will run from 4 – 6 PM, and then 6 – 8 PM will be used for other things (comp training for example.) There is no fee for this camp and attending players will receive a participation gift, that the Director Events will arrange.

c) Director - Events

Advertising: many cities require both application and fees for advertising, and the places where banners can be put up is very restricted by each city.

Hercules: Fee is \$35 a month, needs to be reserved. Have already tentatively reserved June and August. A request was made by the President to add April, May and then August, September. Has to be 4' x 6'.

Crockett: No application or fee required, banner is put at the recreation center, only one month at a time. We will do May for our first registration dates.

Pinole: Banner would be placed at Collins school. No fee but need to clear it with the school. We will do May. Mark to email Principal to get permission for May.

Rodeo: Still waiting for a response.

El Sobrante: needs to be done.

We will not do San Pablo or Richmond (depending on location) due to encroachment on neighboring leagues/clubs.

Apparel/novelties: we have beanies, caps, water bottles, coffee mugs and decals. We will give away three packages of apparel/novelties via raffle at the PCA meeting.

The Blue Sky contract will be updated by Aidon to include the possibility of Blue Sky producing one or two items for requesters after termination of the agreement, subject to Board agreement. It will then be sent to the Director and the President for execution.

In the fall, should we do a raffle, dinner with silent auction, or some other fundraising event? Perhaps on a game day in the middle of the season? A soccer festival was suggested.

Opening day was discussed a little and will put on the agenda for next month's Board meeting.

Donation receipts so far include \$400 already given to Joe and another \$170 in the care of the Director.

d) Director – U8 Teams

The last two binders needed to given to the coaches.

e) Registrar

We have 260 U6, U8 and U10 rec players. All groups are considered full except for U10 Girls – still accepting those. George will provide summaries of the U12+ situation via email. He will also provide details of teams/games etc via email to the Director - Scheduling, copying the board. Coaches list needs to be emailed Director – Events.

After discussion, the following Fall registration dates were decided: April 26, May 10, May 27. We may need June 2, possibly even another day beyond that. Last day of the Spring season is May 20. First game of Fall season is September 9. Practices start August 1. Coaches meeting will be July 26.

The Secretary, in writing up the minutes, has determined that May 10 is a Board Meeting date.

f) Director - Competitive

The summer camp hasn't been thought about yet, but considering the same week as the U6 camp proposed by Arturo. The Director will come back with a plan to the next Board Meeting. The camp will need to be advertised.

g) Secretary

The discussion on the 35th Anniversary will be postponed to the next board meeting. Need to find out when the anniversary is.

We have eight new referees (i.e. all passed the test last night!)

4) FINAL BUSINESS

Teams/coaches were not reviewed.

For the first two to three weeks of the Spring Season, we will have the U8 and U10 rec games at Hercules High and U6 rec games at Pinole Middle. It was generally thought that this arrangement has more positives for more members than the other options. The President pointed out the positives the chosen arrangement for the referee program in terms of training and retention (although there are other benefits too.)

The Director – Scheduling needs to be informed of the teams/coaches (Registrar) and game schedule information (Director – U10 Teams.)

Picture day on April 8th has already been permitted, just need the schedule. The next maintenance day needs to be scheduled.

We need protocols relating to how we handle the Facebook page. Names of players should never be used, and we should turn off tagging on all pictures that are posted. We also need to obtain the credentials to the account and determine which director should be responsible for the Facebook page.

The new registration agreement (as modified by the Secretary and Director – U10 Teams) was reviewed after a brief explanation from the Secretary. The only change required by the Board was the addition of an FCA logo.

Motion to approve with change: Proposed by Lori. Seconded by Kelly.

Provisional Vote: **Unanimous.**

Aidon or George will get the updated agreement to Reynaldo for printing and to Brian for uploading to the registration system. Starting in Fall everyone should sign the new agreement even if they have signed the old one before. This will be true of every Fall registration whether the agreement changes or not. They only need to fill out one per year.

There is a new Registration system coming that will be used in the fall.

The 2017 budget was reviewed with the Secretary providing a brief run-down of income and expense categories. As we implicitly had The Treasurer's proxy vote for this due to his submission of the budget to the Executive Board, and explicitly had both George's and Tyler's proxies for this vote via email to the President and Secretary, we had a quorum, therefore this vote is NOT provisional.

Motion to approve budget: Proposed by Raul. Seconded by Lori.

Vote: **Unanimous.**

The 2017 budget is approved.

5) FINAL BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 @ 7:00 PM, WCCYSL Clubhouse. [END]