

CYSA North District V Meeting
Tuesday, October 16th, 2007

Rohnert Park Soccer Building
Call to Order 7:30pm

Roll Call:

Leagues Present:

Cloverdale	Carlos Jimenez
Tiburon	Vicki Sodaro
WESCO	Art Feagles
Rosa	Paul Booker
Petaluma	Don Angotti
Mill Valley	Frank Bonardi
Sonoma Valley	Sam Honey
Rohnert Park	Barry Commerford
Napa	Luigi Cervone
Central Marin	Steven Better

Staff Present:

Registrar	Steve Pinner
Treasurer	Ron Ciarasso
Coaching	Dan Dykstra
Division 1 Fall	Vicki Sodaro
Secretary	Kelli Bohanan
TOPS	Paula Rudd
Recreation	Steve Senecka
Tournaments	Ken Stelling
Referee Director of Instruction	Michael Carlston
Founder's Cup/R&R	Luigi Cervone
Assistant Commissioner N.	Kurt Barthel
Association Cup	Barry Commerford
Director of Assessment	Cole Keller
Referee Administrator	Spencer Bader
ODP	Kristen Lehrer

Minutes: Minutes from District Meeting held September 18th, 2007 meeting, Art Feagles / WESCO made motion to approve, Vicki Sodaro / Tiburon 2nd the motion. Leagues voted and minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: August & September financial report complete. All Information was sent in for the Audit. Ron has not heard anything back yet. No news is good news. He expects everything to be back to the district by January/February. 10-15 outstanding referee checks still. Expense balances are \$0.00 because we started new fiscal year!

Registrar's Report: As of 10-15-07...26,108 registered players, up 400 from September. Still no transfers fees in with transfer paperwork. Now fees, no transfer. The fee is \$5.00 per transfer. Many received for Cup play. For State Cup and Association Cup, you cannot release players off of a team to change to a different age group. But, you can for Founder's Cup. Registrar Committee meeting was held recently, though Steve was not able to attend and have not received minutes from the meeting. Some changes have been made. Those changes to be out soon. Still have 6 leagues that have not paid any registration fees to the district registrar. A new billing will be going out this next week.

Commissioner's Report: District V is looking for some individuals to fill some open positions. One really pressing, is the Division 1 Winter Playing League Coordinator position is needed as soon as possible.

-Red Card Reports: Embarrassed that District V is leading in Referee Assaults. There are 5 Referee Assaults, 7 player red cards, and 2 coach red cards. Reminder that if a report is made for referee assaults, it goes directly to the state office not to the commissioner. You can get information from Michael Carlston for how to handle the assaults/abuse when it happens at a game.

Unfinished Business: At the September District meeting there were some motions made to make an amendment to the District Playing Rules regarding a coach who is sent-off with multiple teams. The issue was taken to the CYSA Chairman of the Board, John Murphy. His email response is attached. A proposal was made that states:

“DISTRICT COMMISSIONER AND PAD CHAIRMAN (MIKE MULLINS) TO BE THE DISTRICT V PAD COMMITTEE FOR ALL COACH SEND-OFFS ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS, AS PER CYSA’S CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD (JOHN MURPHY) RECOMMENDATION AND PER CYSA BYLAW 4:08”.

Paul Booker / Santa Rosa, makes a motion to rescind the motions made at the September District meeting because they do not comply with CYSA guidelines. Vicki Sodaro / Tiburon 2nd. All leagues in favor, motion carried. Paul Booker / Santa Rosa, made motion to approve above proposal. Don Angotti / Petaluma 2nd. All leagues in favor, motion carried.

Association Cup: Applications due November 1st by 5:00pm. Anything after 5:00pm will NOT be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS. Venues are to be U12b Cherry Island, U14b Turlock, U14g Morgan Hill, U16b Morgan Hill, U16g Cherry Island, U19g Turlock, U13g Lemoore, U12g Fremont. Semis and Finals for U11-U14s will be a Sycamore Fields in Danville. No venue as of 10/16 for U11b, U13b and U19b. Referee fees have changed. Draws are on the 18th of November at the State office, coaches are welcome

Coaching: LP, COY nominations, would like to have those in by the 7th of Nov. so that they get into the state office by the 15th. Coaching requirements, district by district breakdown that require or do not require...see breakdown, and maybe come up with some requirements for coaches.....in the past it has been left up to the leagues. Commissioner feels that it is best left up to the league to decide that coach requirements.

Founders’ Cup: Deadline, u14 Nov 1st, u16 & 19 January 2nd by 5 pm NO LATER, Draws Nov 18th

ODP: We are in the middle of play days. State tryouts are earlier this year than previous years, which is in January. There is no longer a U17s. It ends at U16s and then is a national team at the next level.

PAD: No Report.

Recreation: Working on a “District Cup”. More information to follow after fall league.

Rules & Revisions: State deadline has passed...

Referee Administrator: Tom Starr has wanted to go out and look at refs. Haven’t heard anything else from him. He is getting names for State Cup. Spencer is available to go out and look at the referees. If leagues can email Spencer who the refs are and we can send them to State, Association and Founders Cups.

Director of Assessment: trying to move some people up, Spencer went earlier this year. Assessors clinic this weekend. Learning how to debrief the referee. Really changed the assessment process significantly, refs should no longer be afraid to be assessed any longer. Please encourage leagues and let them know where their refs are so they can be assessed. Let try and get them a little help. This maybe able to help with some of the assaults the district is getting. They will go up north to do some upgrade clinics! Please do not send an email 2 days before. Please notify them at least 1 to 2 weeks ahead of time to arrange their schedules.

Referee Director of Instruction: 2005 1070 referees, (1 FOUR, 1 FIVE, 2 Six, 14 sevens)
2006 1177 referees (1 FOUR, 2 FIVE, 6 Six, 16 sevens)
2007 roughly 1000 (1 FOUR, 2 FIVE, 6 Six, 12 sevens)
2 more sixes ? sevens? (338 of 11,053 CNRA refs are above 8)

2007 trained 420 new referees (2006 trained 475 new refs, 2005 - 437)

Five fewer classes. 52 classes processed. 8 were cancelled (Ukiah requested too many and cancelled 4, Cloverdale and Napa both requested a class late in the cycle on the same dates with other classes already booked, Del Norte refused assigned instructor and ignored emails about a “flown-in” replacement from outside the district, one District-sponsored refresher for Marin cancelled as no league offered space) 290 attended **refreshers** – 262 for 5 hours!!!

Compared to 2006 nearly doubled the number of refs attending refreshers and nearly quadrupled the number getting their required 5 hours Bravo to the leagues for requesting these classes and making them 5 hours

Room for improvement – PLEASE consider arranging to hold some refreshers in the winter/spring AND DURING THE SEASON – During the season is very hard – every bit as much for the instructors so it must be scheduled well in advance but, like every fall, I got a call almost every day from some active referee who missed the preseason refreshers. Remember to direct your refs to the district website for class listings. Almost always, each league welcomes outsiders in the classes they sponsor

Several **spanish** language classes – entry level/bridge class with 2 professional referees up from Mexico (one worked Mens and HS games here with many of us) Also district sponsored a spanish language refresher
Classes taught by State SDI: No assignor classes, No R9, No 9->8 bridge classes

This years upgrade clinic is this Saturday

Tarek Khan

Jennifer Bennett was going to come fresh from WWC

Instructional staff

Annual entry level associate instructor class was in June

Newest instructor Spanish –speaking (also one of our new State Referees) and he has helped bring a number of highly experienced Spanish speaking refs into the USSF community

Our DRA had to drop out of the class sue to his back

There was going to be another instructor class and I had 2 very good candidates who are both highly experienced State or State Emeritus referees but the class was cancelled for lack of numbers from other districts

Upcoming instructor upgrade class – Spencer and Steve Larsen are planning to attend

State Cup: Cup Applications are due November. Draw will be Saturday the 17th. Coaches welcome, will be held at the state office. We will draw for 11, 12 and 13. AGM the 14 and 19s are drawn. 19s are in Spring, the are not separate like last year. Venues will be, all ages at all venues. Please DO NOT mail your state cup apps to Ken Stelling. They are state events.

TOPS: A letter issued to sports city. The intention to start 1st week in November. A snafu happened...we had some registration issues. Fall/winter indoor.

Tournaments: PLEASE DO NOT SEND your STATE CUP application to me. Mandatory tournament meeting is in Rohnert Park at the soccer building 11/14 @ 7:30pm. Must have rep here and have an application and a check, out of state USYS form, cd & floppy must have their rules. Can email rules to Ken provided they are received before the 14th. NO EXCUSES, if you are not there, not tournament, no complete info, no tournament. Per Joyce at the state office 2008/2009 tournament packet was posted on the website today, current forms are posted. Tournament packets were sent out to all leagues. Has talked to everyone up north. A league rep CAN represent more than one league.

Division I Fall League: Raining and they are playing!

Division I Winter League: OPEN position.

Division III Fall League: *The games were going very smoothly until Mother Nature reminded us that this is the time of year when she likes to refill our reservoirs.*

Every effort should be made to play all rained-out games. It is the responsibility of the home team's league to find a date/time/field that works for both teams.

My recommendation is to get the games played as soon as possible, using tournament weekends if both teams and qualified referees are available.

In most leagues, the "rain-out" weekend of November 17-18 should also be available for makeup games, since no Division 3 games were scheduled that weekend.

If all efforts fail and rained out games cannot be played before Thanksgiving, we will use a points ratio system to determine standings. If a team refuses to play on the assigned makeup date, then it is a forfeit.

Division III Winter League:

Division IV: Commissioner Reported current standings as of 10/16/07. Games will be played through to November 17-18. Please find standings listed on the Dixie website.

Good of the Game: Thank you Kurt from coming down from up North!

Next meeting: 7:30 pm, November 20th, 2007 @ **Novato Police Department, 909 Machin Avenue, Novato, CA 94945**