

CYSA North District V Meeting
Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Novato
Call to Order 7:30pm

Roll Call:

Leagues Present:

Mill Valley	Frank Bonardi
West Marin	Dylan Arroyo
Napa	Luigi Cervone
WESCO	Art Feagles
Rohnert Park	Barry Commerford
Novato	Grant Fairlie
Central Marin	Steve Better
Tiburon	Vicki Sodaro

Staff Present:

Tournaments	Ken Stelling
Registrar	Steve Pinner
Secretary	Kelli Bohanan
Association Cup	Barry Commerford
Founders Cup/R&R	Luigi Cervone
Coaching	Dan Dykstra
Division I Fall	Vicki Sodaro
Division I Winter	Suzanne Suskind

Minutes: Minutes from District Meeting held October 16th, 2007, motion to approve made by Steve Better/Central Marin, 2nd, by Art Feagles/WESCO. All 8 leagues in favor. Minutes approved with no corrections.

Minutes from District Meeting held November 20, 2007, motion to approve made by Luigi Cervone/Napa, 2nd by Barry Commerford/Rohnert Park. All 8 leagues in favor. Minutes approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

- Financials report out. The playing league account show a high balance though there are a lot of outstanding bills that will need to be paid for by the district.
- The auditors want all treasurers on a quickbooks program and want separate accounts for each account rather than writing a check from one account and listing under subaccounts. District V audit went well as far as checks and balances.

Registrar's Report:

- As of 1/15 we have 27452 registered players. Approx 400 from spring league. So we will have a little more than last year. Last day to submit Roster changes for Cup play must be in my hands by:
 - Founders Cup U16, U19 February 8, 2008
 - Association Cup U16, U19 February 22, 2008
 - State Cup U11 U13 second group January 18, 2008
 - U14,15 boys, U16,17 girls March 14, 2008
 - U14,15 girls, U16,17 boys March 21, 2008
 - U18,19 boys & girls March 28, 2008
- A flyer went out to all our registers to for the workshops that will be at the AGM/Expo in January. The afternoon session will go over Club registration.
- There is a work flow which is part of League one. It was voted down by all. Dist 9 ran the program and went very well. Steve feels that the program would work well for DV because of demographics (taking a long time to mail). It will have to be approved at the league levels first, then by the district then by the state. League registrars received the info in their LeagueOne training manual and is on pages 8 & 9. This will save a tremendous amount of postage and gas money.
- Staff Changes, when registrars change, Steve needs to know because all of the supplies are ordered and they are going to a different registrar.
- Greg.lopez@active.com – please contact him if you are interested in the clubreg program.

Commissioner's Report:

- Schedule of events brought for the AGM for those of you who are going. District V is hosting the president's round table. Open forum style. There are a lot of events and the Expo will have all the vendors there if your league is looking for equipment. Would like to see you there.

- The District is trying to put together a “due date” calendar/timeline for league presidents so everyone knows when applications are due, insurance certificates are due, etc. This will go up on the website as soon as the information is received. A preliminary email will go out if anyone will like to add to it, please email Kelli Bohanan D5Secretary@comcast.net.
- We are going to try and put scores up on the website. Cheri will need to receive an email with scores for her to post. An email will be sent out with more info. Any feedback or ideas would be great. Grant Fairlie in Novato YSL President will email info to commissioner for who they use to post scores. The program also helps to schedule games, referees, etc.
- CYSA State asks that league presidents remind their leagues that they need to have field marshalls or come up with a side line behavior program. There are an abundance of referee assaults and red cards.

Unfinished Business:

- WESCO proposed a rule change. We will be voting on the district playing league bylaws at the March district meeting. Please review for the meeting.

Association Cup:

Scores not turned in right away but we should know by later this week to find out who will advance. The rain killed us, about sick teams dropped. Turn-outs were very positive. Next round is this weekend in Ripon (1/19-20).

Coaching:

- Early December received a package which was full of useless information of all the coaches in the District. But it did have what licenses the coaches have. He can partially verify if you have questions for a coach. Patrick Stranahan from Humboldt was voted the coach of the year for Girls and Darren Nakatani from Rohnert Park was voted as the coach of the year for boys. They will be congratulated at the AGM.

Director of Assessment: No Report.

Founders' Cup:

- U12 Boys & Girls U14 Boys & Girls competed in December. District V teams did very well. One U12 boys team advanced, went all the way and won – Napa league. U14b 4 teams went to quarter finals 2 teams advanced to semi finals both Petaluma. Petaluma came in at 2nd and District 9 won. No U12 teams advanced. U14 girls 3 teams went to quarter finals, 2 to semi finals and 2 went to championship and Novato won, Central Marin was 2nd. Olders draw was last weekend but was not there so do not know the results.

ODP:

- Erik has resigned. We will be looking for an ODP rep. If you know anyone who would like to be the administrator for the program please let me know. Erik has really built the program up and is a great program to take over.

PAD: No Report.

Recreation: No report.

Referee Administrator: No Report

Referee Director of Instruction: No Report

Youth Referee: Please let Commissioner know if there is anyone interested in this position.

Rules & Revisions: No Report

State Cup:

- Youngers is starting this weekend. They are hoping to have Cherry Island this weekend. If you have teams going to that venue, please check the website to see if they are still playing there. Morgan Hill has a new complex and is really a nice facility. Like Cherry Island they are charging for parking. We are not going to Redding for State Cup, but will be going to Hanford, Lemoore, Mustang in Danville, as we are not age group specific for venues.
- Olders draw was this last weekend and the results are out.
- U19 are playing early this year and not in June.
- 2 weekends in youngers for prelim rounds and 3 weekends for the olders. It has really grown this year. The year schedule is available.

TOPS: No Report

Tournaments: Tournaments. In limbo waiting for board to approve calendar in March

Division I Fall League: finally got last results. Trophies are here to take home with you. Cheri is posting the results.

Division I Winter League: got through the first weekend. This will be a relatively short season. Thank you for your patience while getting out the schedule.

Division III Fall League: Regarding the Age Pure experiment...

There are success stories and also failures. Some of the age groups have yet to form enough teams to have a flight of their own, forcing us to combine the "orphan" teams with mixed age teams to form a flight.

Sometimes the age pure teams are much weaker than the rest of the flight, sometimes they are much stronger. This can't be predicted ahead of time, so often times the flights are very unbalanced - not good for the morale of the players on the teams that get beaten week after week.

My trophy dilemma is very sticky. In the flights with 1, 2 or 3 age pure teams, I have instructed scorekeepers to keep separate standings for the teams. For the mixed age teams, they are told to disregard games involving the age pure teams, and visa versa. The teams don't play each other an equal number of times, and this can really skew the results. We've been using a points ratio method to try and make it fair, but I'm really unsure if it is anything more than a very big mess.

The best of the age pure teams get a 1st place trophy no matter how they do in the overall standings. Jan was always very conscientious about the budget so I traditionally stick to the rules regarding how many sets of trophies are awarded for the total number of teams in a flight. This knocks out 2nd or 3rd place mixed age teams from receiving trophies in those flights. There are lots of disappointed kids out there, so it might be nice to change the rule and increase the trophy budget.

If the greater expense needs to be justified: Since the schedules have been sent only electronically for the last 2 years, I no longer make copies of the game schedules to mail to the leagues. This saves a bundle each year. If there is ever a new coordinator, I would hope they would follow suit and not go back to the old fashioned distribution methods (save those trees).

This year we had enough age pure teams for the following age groups:

11B (7)
11G (5)
12G (4) (it is kind of boring playing the same 3 teams over and over)
13B (5)
13G (7)
14G (7)

The flights that had to be combined were the following:

12B (3 AP teams, 19 mixed)
14B (2 AP teams, 17 mixed)
16B (1 U15 AP team, 5 mixed)
16G (3 U15 AP teams, 6 mixed)

Any suggestions for improvement would be greatly appreciated. Frankly, the age pure interest seems to ebb and flow with the coaches who are involved. I seriously doubt if most kids know or care if their team is age pure or mixed. Yes, the team age affects tournament competitions, but for league play age pure can be a serious pain in the rear. Is it time to go back to only mixed age teams, or should we strive to encourage the leagues to create more age pure division 3 teams?

Division III Winter League: No Report.

Division IV: No Report.

Good of the Game: Milt Woods passed away 1/2/08. Our condolences go out to his family. Sonoma and Marin County was well represented by the referees who attended his memorial service 1/12.

Next meeting: February 19, 2008 @ Rohnert Park Soccer Building