

## CYSA-N DISTRICT 5 MEETING

**MEETING DATE:** October 18, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER:** 11:20 AM, Hilton Inn, Santa Rosa

**ROLL CALL:** Commissioner: Bruce Weaver, presiding

<b>Leagues:</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>League Name</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>League Name</b>
	Kim Brown	Santa Rosa	Ron/Pat Raetz	Konocti
	Luigi Cervone	Napa	Jackie Zlokovich	Del Norte
	Barry Commerford	Rohnert Park	Debby Bauman	WESCO
	Owen Edwards	Coast	Karl Asbell	Ukiah
	Erin Mooney	Mad River	Becky Davy	Humboldt
	Sam Honey	Sonoma	Carlos Jimenez	Cloverdale

<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Job Title</b>
	Bruce Weaver	Commissioner	Cheri Hardaway	Secretary/D3/Website
	Kurt Barthel	Asst Comm	Ken Stelling	Tournaments
	Andrea Cameron	Treasurer	Steve Senecka	Recreation
	Luigi Cervone	FoundersRules & Rev	Barry Commerford	Association Cup
	Debby Bauman	D3 Summer/Winter	Jan Bull	Division 4
	Jim Moraga	Referee DDI	Steve Larsen	Referee Administrator
	Spencer Bader	Referee DA	Drake Delzell	Youth Referee Admin

**MINUTES:** Motion to approve: Jackie Zlokovich. Seconded: Barry Commerford, approved with correction to spelling of Jackie's last name.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT:** League Presidents should have gotten PAD Manual, guidelines set up by CYSA. Hearings are being held without proper notification of parents, players, etc. Notify in writing, with information about how to appeal. If all of those things are not done correctly, the parties have the right to appeal to the district. If you did not receive the manual, it can be downloaded from the CYSA Website: [www.cysanorth.org](http://www.cysanorth.org). Reminder: Red Cards for District Playing League games go to Mike Mullins, within the required 24 hour timeframe. Bruce gets the send-off reports for Tournaments ONLY. Have all the CYSA Team Manuals been distributed? This year the new vendor was later than normal. Important information is included, so even if the state office is late, please distribute the books. Risk Management, page 59 is very important. For the protection of the adults and players, please ask coaches to review this section very carefully. Case Reports (injuries) do not go to Bruce – they go directly to the CYSA office, attention Debbie Alvarez. There will be a follow-up questionnaire asking for very specific details in order to isolate CYSA cases from non-affiliated incidents.

**TREASURER:** No written report. The District is in the process of becoming compliant with CYSA requirements. Electronic version of the report will be shared via email.

**REGISTRAR:** Steve is unable to attend, as he is in Disneyland. See Report: 18,590 players as of 10/07/09, 49 Division 1 teams, 169 Division 3 teams, 90 Division 4R teams.

### **ASSOCIATION CUP:**

**COACHING:** Kevin is sorry to miss the meeting, but is having a great time in Hawaii. He wanted to remind everyone to submit Coach of the Year nominations, due at the CYSA office by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

sent to Kevin McDonnell. The form is available on the website Coaching page. This is our opportunity to honor our coaches.

**ODP:** Absent, no report.

**PAD:** Mike is unable to attend and reported by phone that there have been several red carded coaches, mostly due to sideline misbehavior. He advises that we do not overreact when Hispanic parents talk to the players during the games, since it is very difficult for them to not do so. He also suggested more teaching/training referees about not overreacting to sideline behavior (if there is no intended insult, don't worry about it). He was not aware of any red cards or referee assault involving U16 Division 3. Bruce underlined the need to get the send off reports submitted to the correct person in a timely manner. Mike is very fast about turning around the reports, but can't do so without the report.

**RECREATION:** Steve Senecka spoke about Santa Rosa YSL (three clubs) pilot program for small sided (5 v 5) games for U8 teams. Full size fields were divided in two, playing crosswise on the turf. Karl Dewazian came to Santa Rosa for a symposium and coach training. Benefits include more touches on the ball, with several coaches available for each group. Two games simultaneously per team, which resulted in development of about 30 new referees in just one club. Parent awareness and enthusiasm were additional side benefits. Santa Rosa is looking into doing a Spring League. Anyone interested – Steve will share their two-page prospective. Luigi/Erin say they have been doing small sided games in D4 for several years. The improved skill development is very notable. Bruce encourages Springs Leagues – we can make the registration process happen for those players.

**TopSoccer:** Flyer distributed, no problem with late entries. Registration continues throughout the season. Steve and Kim are happy to give instruction/classes to interested leagues.

**RULES & REVISIONS:** Luigi reports there are 21 rule change proposals, mostly moving from general procedures to PIM's, on regarding adding another board position (4<sup>th</sup> Vice Chair). There is one proposal having to do with reducing the waiting time to four days for added/transferred players. Bruce reminded everyone that all leagues should review their rules/bylaws. Leagues are hampered by their own rules, which are submitted to the district on a yearly basis with the League Affiliation paperwork. Some rules/bylaws are as old as 1979 – 1980. Luigi gets a copy yearly, which he reviews and sends to the state office.

**FOUNDERS CUP:** Same as A-Cup except older team application deadline is in January. Venue to be determined when numbers are known. Be sure paperwork is completed by November 2<sup>nd</sup> – team roster needs to be sent with the team application.

**STATE CUP:** Open to all divisions. Teams that feel they are up to that level are welcome to enter. We have had several D3 teams do very well in State Cup. U10's are included.

**ASSOCIATION CUP:** The draw is November 15<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm at CYSA underground bunker in Pleasanton. U10 A Cup December 5/6 and 12/13. Venue at this time is Livermore (Robinson Park), 8 v 8 format. Deadline to apply is November 2<sup>nd</sup> by 5:00 PM. Draw is November 15<sup>th</sup>. The youngsters play in January, olders in March (U16 and U19). U10's are included.

**TOURNAMENTS:** The Skunk Classic and the Redwood Classic went very well this year. Also, I have not gotten any negative feed back on any D-5 tournaments. Good work by all of our TD's. The most important thing is a reminder to all tournaments that they are NEVER to write or "stamp" or alter a golden rod (team roster) in any way. Some tournaments are adding a tournament stamp to the golden rod which is a "no-no" for any reason. Good report on referees, overall. There were field complaints (as always), and one complaint about lodging. Owen suggests camping when you go to Coast tournaments, as an alternative to staying at a hotel.

**REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR:** Steve reported that only 7 leagues had refresher courses, resulting in fewer referees. Approximately 800 referees are out there without being re-licensed. Register, Refresh, Renew. Coaches teach, referees can only react. It is not too late to have refresher courses. Spencer reminded everyone that there are more instructors available now than when there are a lot of classes going on. Please read the playing league rules and instruct the referees accordingly. We need more courses – referees need help and encouragement. If there is a set pay rate per game, reward upgraded/good/returning referees with bonuses. These valuable referees deserve more than a referee who is inexperienced. Has your referee program improved? If not, evaluate your program and ask the District representatives for assistance.

**REFEREE DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION:** Jim reports that we are looking to host advanced referee instruction, location TBA, November 20<sup>th</sup> somewhere in Sonoma County, and in Eureka/Arcata December 5<sup>th</sup>. CNRA is hosting the courses – Jim/Steve will provide info later.

**REFEREE DIRECTOR OF ASSESSMENT:** Spenser says that if you are hosting a tournament, let them know so they can go out and mentor/assess your referee pool. This is free help and helps to improve confidence and performance. Any referees interested in officiating post-season cups need to be recommended by the district to Ken Geisler at the state level. If anyone wants to upgrade from level 8 to level 7, please contact Spenser for assessment. Winter league games are an excellent opportunity to be assessed. Spenser reminded everyone that the referees should not be blowing the whistle as often as in the past, in order to improve the flow of the game. There will be more physical play with fewer calls on what would be considered a trivial offense. Bruce feels that it is important to remember that the referees need to see the difference between the upper levels of play and the recreation levels. Jim clarified that the referee advancement criteria has changed, with the “new” instructions being taught. This should not change the youth program to any extent.

**REFEREE DIRECTOR OF YOUTH:** Drake reported that he will be in Fort Bragg this weekend. We are currently reaching out to the leagues for candidates for Youth Referee of the Year Awards. The criteria are as follows: A youth referee who has contributed to his or her league and also who has outstanding community/school accomplishments. We would hope that each of our Leagues would nominate at least one boy and girl for this honor. We are also looking for youth referees who would like an opportunity to officiate at the various cup competitions, State, Association and Founders. This is a chance to do games without sideline interference. Please contact Drake or Trish Delzell at 707.795.9571 or at [drake@dlandrealty.com](mailto:drake@dlandrealty.com). We also would like to go on record that behavior of parents and coaches is still a major issue wherever we go. One club in particular has been very difficult to deal with as have several other leagues/teams.

#### **DISTRICT 5 PLAYING LEAGUE:**

**DIVISION 1** Absent, no report

#### **DIVISION 3**

**Fall:** Many flights have very weak teams – with a huge difference in skill level. Match Secretaries report that there are very young players on some teams. Coaches report that numbers were down at tryouts, and that teams were formed with a larger number of division 4 players due to loss of D3 players to D1 and other programs. Most age pure teams are holding their own playing in mixed age flights, with some notable exceptions. One Tiburon team dropped out after their first game. **REMINDER:** Game times are specified in the CYSA Team Manual, page 35. Each League needs to follow the guidelines. Humboldt has expressed interest in including U10 teams in the playing league next season. Please advise your teams about the additional travel involved for this age group.

**Summer/Winter:** I'll be starting the Winter Schedules soon. Want to be sure I know who to contact for fields outside of Santa Rosa Schools. Napa? Trione? Ukiah? Does

anyone else have fields available for winter games? We need to be able to play rain or shine. Looks like we will have 7 teams in U-16B, 12 in U-16G, 9 in U-19B and 5 in U-19G. I hope to have the schedules out by mid-December (if not sooner) so everyone can prepare. It look like the season will start the weekend of January 9-10.

**DIVISION 4:** Jan provided a U16's standings report. Brad Praun has the U19 standings. The playing league has been going well. Jan reminded everyone that red card/send off reports go to Mike Mullins.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 2:15 PM**

**Submitted by:** Cheri Hardaway