

**DISTRICT VII
MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2008**

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 by the District Commissioner.

Everyone shouted CONGRATULATIONS to Gary Waltz for his National Youth Recreational Coach of the Year Award.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Sect-Treasurer, Registrar, Coaching, State Cup, Referees, Tournaments, ODP, D7PP, Top Soccer, Recreation, Assoc. Cup, Founder's Cup, Rules & Revisions Leagues 1, 2, 3,5, 7,10,12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leagues 4,6,8,9,11,18

GUESTS: Bill DeMarinas, Tom Metry, Randy Corrales, Elena Zamora, Joseph Rodriguez, Richard Perez, Armando

MINUTES: M/S/C TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9,2008 MEETING
Unanimous

REPORTS:

TREASURER: In the mailboxes were financial reports for the office and All Stars. There were no questions.

REGISTRAR: We have 23,544 players registered for the season. Registration forms should be in next week. There will be new 1628 forms. Do not use the old forms. Destroy immediately. Catherine recommended that leagues discontinue separate clubs and register all of the players in the league section. The roll-up to make this happen was explained.

TOP SOCCER: Gary is preparing to go to Washington for the Region 4 meeting.

RECREATION: The recreation committee held a meeting at the Soccer Expo. It went very well. Topics covered were "How to work with coaches", "How to retain referees", and "How to start a new league".

STATE CUP: We had three teams that were able to make it to the quarters or semis in Turlock. Madera Mad Town Scorpions, CVSA Cyclones and South Valley United Black.

ASSOCIATION CUP: The cup is over for the younger age group. One team made it to the semis. We will be hosting the U-19 girls on March 8/9. The U-16 boys will be at Cherry Island, girls will be at Morgan Hill. Finals will be in Redding.

FOUNDER'S CUP: The U-16 and U-19 groups will be playing next weekend in Morgan Hill. Three teams in the younger group got to the semis and finals. Clovis Fast & Furious was champion.

TOURNAMENTS: The new tournament calendar will be approved in March. Teams cannot apply to attend tournaments until May 1.

REFEREES: Mick submitted two reports. One is the minutes of the meeting at the Expo and the other is his regular report. There were questions about the new uniforms that have been answered in Mick's report. We have 506 referees licensed for 2008 in District 7.

D7PP: The committee is working on the book for the coming season. If Fresno leagues wish to play at the Regional Sports Complex, they will have to pay for the privilege. Thank you to Bullard for the last season.

ODP: We are looking for coaches. If anyone is interested please call Bill at 977-7633.

COACHING: Defer to Old Business

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: League affiliations are due next week, Feb. 15. You must submit proof of D & O insurance with your application. The policy says it is good for three years but you must pay each year. The CYSA AGM/Expo was fun. John gave the District VII Merit Award to Catherine Weston for her work with the new registration program. Voting at the AGM has changed. Coaches will not be eligible to vote. Each league will get one vote for every 500 players registered. John attended the presentation ceremony for Gary Waltz in Pittsburg, PA.

OLD BUSINESS: John explained that CYSA raised the fees for coaching clinics. It is now \$650. for an F Clinic with only 15 coaches paid for. He gave a run down on the difference between last year and what it will cost for this year. It will cost \$43.33 per coach for the F Clinic. All other clinics are also more this year. We have approximately 1500 coaches who need licenses under our current policy. Discussion was held on the number of coaches needing licenses and how to handle the situation. We have only 4 or 5 instructors available. Suggestion was made to suspend the D7 policy and not hold any F Clinics this year. The Commissioner asked that the attendees go back to their leagues for input and we will continue this item to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD OF THE GAME: Tom Metry announced that Roosevelt wants to hold a spring league. Each team would get 6 games beginning in April. Clovis will hold a spring league for U-10 and U-12 with 8 teams per group.

We hope to hold a Treasurer's workshop. John will get a schedule out for different topics for the D7 meetings.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gladys Olsen
Secretary