

DISTRICT VII MEETING

March 12, 2008

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner, Sect-Treasurer, Registrar, State Cup, Coaching, Referees, Tournaments, ODP, D7PP, Top Soccer, Recreation, Association Cup, Founder's Cup, Leagues 1,5,7,8,9,10,12,13,14,15,16,18,19,22

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Assistant Commissioner, Rules & Revisions League 20

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leagues 2,3,4,6,11,21

GUESTS: None

MINUTES: *M/S/C To approve the minutes of the February 13,2008 meeting.* Unanimous

REPORTS

TREASURER: No report.

REGISTRAR: Catherine reported that there will be a registrar's meeting on April 12th and 13th. Brian Siwy from the CYSA State Office will be in attendance.

TOP SOCCER: Gary is going to Washington for the Region IV workshop. He is trying to get certification for Top Soccer coaches.

RECREATION: No report

STATE CUP: We had one team from North Fresno in the finals. They did not win. The older age prelims will be held in the last part of March and in April at Hanford and Lemoore.

ASSOCIATION CUP: We just finished the preliminary games. One team in Morgan Hill caused problems. Lemoore and Selma advanced. There were some good games.

FOUNDER'S CUP: Prelims have been held. Lemoore's U-16 team, 3 Clovis teams and one Madera team advanced. They are trying to change the format to be the same as State Cup.

TOURNAMENTS: The calendar will be out soon. If there are any changes please let John know. They are trying to streamline the application forms. Teams can apply for tournaments after May 1 but must have a roster. The draft roster can be used for Division I teams until June 15 and for Division III teams until July 15. After that they must have an approved and signed roster.

REFEREES: We are sending three referees from the Coarsegold area to Morgan Hill.

D7PP: Bob has not heard from any league about paying for fields at the Regional Sports Park. The cost is approximately \$4000. for the 6 Fresno leagues.

COACHING: Do not apply for a residential National D clinic yet. The fee is \$1000. Any questions, call Clay at 559-348-1119

ODP: Bill is still trying to find coaches. They need a National D and cannot coach the same age group that they coach during league play. If you know of anyone interested, call 559-977-7633.

SPL: John is the Chairman of the committee that is studying the new State Playing League format. This may be called the Champion's League, the same as Europe's format. League winners would play four games. John gave a rundown on the concept which they hope to have in place by May 1. This would be for the U-15/16/17 District League winners.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Sideline behavior has been very bad this year. Last year we had one incident and this year we have had two. District VII will not tolerate this type of behavior at any of the cups and he will pull any team off the field that does not comport themselves properly. John got into trouble with CYSA because of the coaching clinic discussion at the last meeting. The 1st Vice Chair wanted to raise this year's affiliation fees but the proposal did not pass. The 1st Vice Chair then brought a proposal for the 2008-2009 season for \$200. This proposal passed. Fines will be \$200. for late filing. Be sure you have a copy of your current D & O Insurance on file.

The meeting in May will be a Treasurer's workshop. All Presidents and Treasurers are invited. There will be other workshops for different subjects throughout the year.

OLD BUSINESS: The new fees for coaching clinics was brought back to the table. John explained the new fee structure specifically as concerns the "F" clinics. The current policy states that ALL second year coaches must have an "F" license when coaching Division 4 teams. We have over 1500 coaches that would require an "F" license and we only have four instructors. Question was asked that if we suspend this policy, can a league still require coaches to get an "F" license? John indicated that if a league wants to require this, they certainly can. After discussion on the ramifications of the suspended policy and the approval of the leagues to be more stringent if they wish, the following motion was made.

M/S/C THE DISTRICT COACHING POLICY FOR DIVISION IV COACHES BE SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR (2008-2009 SEASON) AS STATED ON LINE ONE OF THE POLICY. THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE FOR DIVISION I AND III TEAM COACHES.

UNANIMOUS

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD OF THE GAME: Fuego will be introducing their new team at the World Sports Café from 6 to 9:00 P.M.

There will be an U-12 boys team from Coarsegold playing in the District League this year.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gladys Olsen
Secretary

