

# Redwood League Minutes for Oct 21, 2002

Meeting called to order @ 7:10 PM

Board members present: Mike Love, Linda Wright, MJ Lee

Board members absent: Terry Pipp, Alysia Cappa

Board positions unfilled: Secretary, Referee Coordinator, Treasurer, Vice President

## District Cup Report

Mike Love went over U17-U19 district cup hosting. Redwood League was responsible for hosting U17B and U19B Class 1 and Class 3 at 5 sites, a total of 23 teams and 39 games. Jack Oslan (Juventus) was the RWL rep for D2 meetings, Michael Lindeburg (SAYSO) did the referee scheduling, MJ Lee (Alpine) helped with last-minute site hosting, and Juventus, San Carlos, Burlingame, and Ravenswood hosted the sites. (We had only one field at each site, which became a little of a logistical nightmare).

Many thanks to [Jack Oslan](#) and [Michael Lindeburg](#) for the huge amount of prep work they did to fulfill RWL's hosting obligations for District Cup. Please note that the following clubs did not assist in this D2Cup and may be asked to step up in the next one: Palo Alto, Belmont, Mid-Peninsula Strikers, Millbrae, Half Moon Bay, Madera Roja, and Hillsdale. In addition to the site hosts, the Alpine-Menlo Ajax, Stanford FC, San Carlos Arsenal, Stanford JV, Peninsula Blizzard, and Alpine Thunder teams helped man the tournament desks at Marlin and Pacific Shores.

As far as U10-U13 District Cup on Nov 23-24, Redwood League is responsible for field marshalling and check-in for U11 and U13 at Morgan Hill. Given the large number of teams signed up, RWL may be asked to come up with fields again! **As a minimum, any Redwood team playing at MHSC should expect to perform some tournament responsibilities.** Linda Wright volunteered to be the RWL point person at MHSC. There is a D2Cup rep meeting this Thursday at 5 or 7 PM at Dave Mann's office, which Linda or her designee must attend.

## New RWL Tournament Coordinator

Mike announced that Henri Pessah 650-401-5999 has agreed to be RWL Tournament Coordinator. He will coordinate all tournament activities for RWL, as, similarly to District Cup above, we will be responsible for helping to provide logistics for Association Cup, State Cup, and the clubs' tournaments. E.g., all clubs must turn in their tournament application forms to Mike by Oct-31 so that he can turn them into Dave Mann by Nov-1 with Mike's signature and a check written by the RWL. Clubs will have to give RWL a check, who will then write an official RWL check to go with the app.

## Red Cards and Officiating Complaints

Mike reported that he is receiving a lot of red cards, complaints about referees, use of unlicensed referees, assaults by coaches on coaches, game protests, etc. In past years, many of these problems have arisen in the District 1 Mission league, but this year, it is endemic across Redwood teams as well. Mike believes a key contributor to the problem is the lack of quality referees, which is leading to referee, coach, and parent/spectator abuse. Every league in D2 except RWL assigns referees at the league level. RWL does not do this and it has been delegated to the club level. Mike received several complaints just this week on 3 games where club linesmen were used. It appears that many games are being officiated by young uncertified club linesmen. We had a case where a coach told a referee to confiscate all the passes of the visiting team. The referee did this, but this is

not allowed by the rules. Would this have happened if good qualified referees are used?

We will be having our next annual AGM in January. Mike asked for everyone to review the rules and regulations on the website.

Anyone who has filed a protest must be accompanied by a \$10 check payable to the Redwood League, or the protest will not be considered. Note that the protest must be written on the game card at the game.

If someone has a conflict because of any district or state-sponsored tournament, you should reschedule the game and try to play it. Note that all RWL games MUST BE completed by Dec-1.

Mike noted that many people have not been filling out the required documentation to prove that the player has served his/her suspension. He has been getting some flack from the district for being too trustworthy on some players and allowing them to play. Also note that Abronzino's Steve Dippert has been adding 2 games to the usual suspensions, so don't get a red card. Some cards seem to be getting lost. If your player got a red card, let Mike know so that he will look out for the pass to be returned to him.

Mike also noted that if you feel the field is not safe to play, corner flags are not present, field is not lined, then point it out on the game card (?? mj not sure what he said to do).

### **Treasurer's Report**

Linda Wright reported that RWL has \$55k in the bank, of which \$50k is designated for our field development fund. We are owed \$11k by the District for accidental duplicate payment of player fees, plus \$3k for D2Cup ref/hosting expenses. As far as this year's expenses so far, \$7k was for our League Registrar, plus league trophies will cost around \$2k.

Mike explained that the RWL Field development fund was started ~2 years ago in anticipation of a future requirement by the District to contribute to the District field fund. Sometime in the next 1-3 years, MHSC is going to be turned into a multi-sport complex for Morgan Hill residents and will not be available to CYSA as a soccer complex anymore. District 2 has formed a foundation to build a new complex near Coyote Creek (between South San Jose and Morgan Hill), which is expected to cost \$2-3M, or \$15-30 per player per year. The District is currently collecting \$4 per player for this fund.

Mike noted that RWL originally set a fee of \$30 per player to cover all the expected team and player fees for District, State, Abronzino, Delgado, etc. This past year, many of these fees went up but the RWL \$30 player fee did not. Therefore, expect this fee will have to go up next fall.

### **Registrar's Report**

Linda reported that the new District Registrar is Melinda Rainville. We now have to send foreign document translation documents to her. Turn in any tournament travel apps in January. Someone at the State office is having issues with the paper passes that have been used in District 2 Spring League the last 4-5 years, so Linda advised for people not to ask questions about spring league registration yet until this question is resolved.

Seven teams did not attend the mandatory coaches meeting. We will discuss these cases at a private Board meeting, but according to the rules, those teams will be subject to a 3 point deduction in the RWL league standings.

### **Publicist's Report**

9 teams have reported 4 games or less. Generally, we have observed that teams who do not report their scores are normally the last place teams who want to avoid the embarrassment. However, RWL does require that all teams report their scores, so the club prez's were asked to make sure these teams report their scores.

### **Coaching Coordination**

Terry was not present, but Mike announced that if a club gets a room and date and time, you must give RWL Coaching coordinator Terry Pipp 8 weeks notice so that he can get the class set up through D2 Coaching Coordinator Lorraine Siadat. If the class is posted on the District website, then the District will pay for it. Belmont would like to have an E class in January. If you took the F class in Fall, you can take the E class as soon as January.

### **Referee Coordination**

If you want to offer a ref class, give Mike Love 8 weeks notice. Redwood league will continue to administer these classes as done previously, i.e., RWL will pay for hosting the class as well as pay for youth referee licenses.

### **Proposals for CYSA-North AGM on Feb 1-2, 2003 in Sacramento**

Mike submitted 10 proposals for the CYSAN AGM. Mike asked that coaches attend the Feb-2 CYSAN AGM to help support these proposals, especially the ones that address the ability of competitive teams to play in non-USYSA events. CYSAN created a set of rules to make it very difficult for any CYSA team to play in a non-USYSA tournament such as SuperY, Nomads, and USClubSoccer. They have also created barriers to prevent any CYSAN league to aid or to provide use of CYSA equipment by any CYSA teams who cross-register in these non-USYSA organizations. Several Districts feel that these new CYSAN PIMs work against competitive teams, so some of Mike's proposals are part of a united effort of these districts to change the PIMs. All of these districts are encouraging coaches to get out the vote for these proposals. Every team is allowed one vote, which may be cast by any representative of the team (coach, manager, parent, or player). Mike will post his proposals on the redwood website, but they should also be posted on cysanorth.org soon.

### **RWL AGM to be scheduled in January**

We will try to hold the RWL AGM on either Sunday, Jan-26 or else Monday, Jan-27. If you wish to propose changes to the RWL playing rules or constitution, please submit them at the next RWL meeting or no later than 60 days prior to the AGM.

### **New Business**

A SAYSO parent asked that a U10B team be established in San Mateo so that her child can play locally. Peninsula and Belmont United club prez's noted that their clubs have tried to provide practice space for San Mateo players, however, it is an issue for Foster City and Belmont to accept players from outside the towns. If people in San Mateo want to form teams, Peninsula has only 9-10 teams and would add teams to its club, however, a San Mateo team would have to get fields through SM Parks & Rec or their school district, which is apparently a big issue. The parent was encouraged to work with one of the existing clubs, including Hillsdale.

Michael Lindeburg of SAYSO announced their U8-U9 Spring league for teams or individuals. This is not associated with the District 2 spring league.