

**Redwood League Meeting
Minutes
May 21, 2007 7:30pm
Belmont Sports Complex.**

Attendance:

Bennet Weintraub-President; Mike Love-Past President; Valerie Powers-Treasurer; Ken Owens-Secretary; Teddy Ciupitu-Tournaments; Jeanne Beacham Belmont United; Nancy Ditz Alpine FC; Ron Espeseth MP Strikers; Jodi Beloff Abronzino & San Carlos; Tania Sole Scheduler; Henri Pessah Referee Coord.; John Shield Web & San Mateo; Ray Bolanos – Juventus; Mike Kenny -Peninsula; Jose Gutierrez - Madera Roja; Neill Dorward - Palo Alto; Israel Navarrete – Ravenswood; Kathy Winslow – Half Moon Bay;

Fall Registration:

The website is up and running.

Your old bookmarks may still point to the Notes site, please be sure to edit and update your browser links to: www.redwoodsoccer.org Your clubs and teams can always reach the other district sites by using the LINKS on our new site.

Please respond to John Shield to get your userID & PW.

When registering for the fall, it's important to register 1st Team; 2nd Parents; 3rd Players. Abronzino & Delgado teams may have to do both if the respective leagues stay with Lotus Notes for the fall season. John Shield is willing to do website training if requested at the San Mateo Library.

It's estimated for registration to take 2 minutes per entry / player to register. Your club registrars should have all been trained, and should be training your team registrars.

Fall game scheduling & referee assigning:

Fall games will be scheduled on the new system. It is still to be decided individually by clubs as to whether they will assign refs using the new system. It is hoped that most clubs will take advantage of the new ref assigning system. You would give your ref's a single login to multiple games, rather than having to deal with 4-5 clubs separately. The new system allows for mentoring, rating, and managing the ref's to a better level than in the past.

Announcement Guidelines:

Guidelines for posting announcements are up for consideration. It is generally not for advertisement of commercial ventures (someone's summer soccer camp). Referee classes are being announced on the website. Ravenswood is offering the ONLY Spanish language course in the district; please contact Shannon Pekary if you have someone that might attend (June 23-24). Stanford & Burlingame are offering ref courses as well at the end of June.

Coach classes:

Teams hosting or planning on having F, E, E/D courses are asked to submit those and get them scheduled.

Fall Fees going up: Abronzino will be \$250 (125 per team) as RWL has paid half. Delgado will be \$250 (teams pay the full amount).

Club Affiliations:

San Mateo, SAYSO, Alpine FC, Belmont United & Belmont Oaks have submitted their roster of officers and contact information. It's requested that the other clubs get these in soon so that our website can have the current information posted.

U8 League for the Fall

There has been some question for a U8 bracket. It was discussed but there was not a consensus to start one, especially with such a short time frame facing everyone with fall registration already.

Chivas America

Expressed interest in an outreach program for Latino kids on the peninsula, but it was decided that many of our clubs already do this and probably at less cost and given our difficulty getting fields does not seem worth pursuing.

Committees needed

Formulate a standard policy for scholarships from RWL. Jeanne Beacham, Teddy Ciupitu, and Shannon Pekary have volunteered. Rules and Bylaws: Valerie Powers, Bennet Weintraub, Henri Pessah, Ken Owens have volunteered. Updating our R&B. Club Definitions/Standards. Field Funding priorities: John Shield, Nancy Ditz, Teddy Ciupitu have volunteered. (19,000 donated this last year, 200k in fund).

Redwood League

The Redwood League has voted and given \$2500 to Juventus Monarchas matching the District 2 \$2500 donation to help fund the costs for Juventus to go to Las Vegas this summer and compete as the CYSA-North champion.

Spring League T-shirts will be ready shortly to pickup from Bennet's house for your teams playing spring in lieu of trophies or pins.

Addition

There was also discussion of Teddy's proposal for a mini-league to comply with CYSA requirements for entry into State Cup (teams would play a minimum amount of league games--perhaps on a weekend--in order to qualify for entry into State Cup). My recollection is that the group believed that the idea had merit and should be pursued as a possibility for fall 2008.