

November 21, 2011  
Redwood Jr. Soccer League  
Monthly Meeting  
Foster City Rec Center

Attending: Bennet Weintraub - President; Jodi Beloff - VP; Tom Snider - Belmont; Cindy Turgeon - HMB; Israel Navarrete - Ravenswood; Diana Gil - Registrar RYSC; Sara Gil - Registrar; Tony Johnson - Registrar; Hugh Loveless - Juventus; Nancy Ditz - Alpine Strikers; Sammy Khatri - Madera Roja; Ken Owens - Secretary;

CCSL Fall Season. Most have said it was a good season. Nancy requests that all participants be sure to respond to the forthcoming survey with feedback and comments as to suggestions and improvements. Approximately 1900 teams participated. With the new director, there is still a lot to do and learn. North - South cup was a benefit and the teams did well, though not all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams decided to go and some 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place teams represented the North. Primarily due to scheduling conflicts and other tournaments that teams had previously committed. Some issues on rules and forfeits, as it seems some teams would rather forfeit than drive a long distance. A few field and ref issues (fields not available, booked too tightly, refs abusive). They are working on getting the Fall 2012 registration opened much earlier. D2 & D6 was 90% of the league play.

Someone is needed to run the Spring League. The League is willing to pay 5k for the Spring League and 5k for the Spring Cup. Nancy and her group are focused on the Fall league. Urgent need to get this going soon. Large job, but much of the hard work was done last year by Sandra Todd and John Shield.

Question regarding participation in the State Cup and that some might try to not play in an actual cysa playing league and yet still be allowed in to the State Cup. It is clear that playing in a Fall league is the primary intent, and that except in those areas where there is Fall High School Soccer, Winter or Spring leagues (paper rosters) are not sufficient. Trying to use Spring or a 4 game 2 weekend "league" is not acceptable.

Last year in office for Bennet and many RWL officers. Club Presidents are not expected to also run RWL, but many of your club officers have the experience and background to help run RWL, or even more critically consider assisting Nancy Ditz and D2 help manage the CCSL. As always getting your club involved benefits your teams and kids. Sammi Khatri has begun taking on much of the Referee issues instead of Henri Pessah.

Jill Lounsbury from the SF Knighthawks has presented a proposal for their WPSL team to help manage and create a U-20 girls league. Several teams/clubs have indicated interest in participating. City College, Juventus, Northstars, Burlingame, Redwood City. This would be focused at girls looking to play in a season from June 2<sup>nd</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup>, while back from school. They would like 6-8 teams and the play would be local, but at a high level for their summer play. They would leverage WPSL games and likely have double headers of U-20 games and WPSL games at the same location. 10 to 16 games expected. Those with older teams wishing to provide their girls/teams with a playing outlet this summer should contact Jill on the SF Nighthawks website. They are trying to have this formed within the next month

before their annual meeting Jan 21<sup>st</sup>. Some discussion on whether it should be U-23.

It was also discussed and approved that the RWL would continue supporting the Nighthawks this upcoming year with a donation of \$5000. This is similar to what the league has done for the last few years. Clubs wanting to leverage this donation should talk with Bennet to work with the KnightHawks.

The D2 Palm Avenue soccer field project is effectively over. Local opposition, and an inability to get some necessary approvals and permits in advance made the successful development unlikely. The San Benito property is still under contract to be sold. The District is still committed to trying to build a 14 field complex in the area.

Tony Johnson has emailed everyone a spreadsheet showing the registrar data for the RWL this fall season. This is broken down to club data that shows #teams, #boys; #girls, and #players. It is also broken out for total kids in each age group and gender. We have approximately 4110 kids playing, 142 boys teams and 120 girls teams. 7 clubs have 400+ kids with Alpine Strikers now having 628 kids.

Sammi is planning on an F course during the first week of January and an E course during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January. If you have interest in attending send him a note. It should be posted on the website in December when John returns. A referee class is also planned by Sammi at the end of February.

Bennet plans to update the website with a more current view of the soccer world since CCSL has been implemented, as well as getting the rules, regulations and information updated.