

May 8, 2000 Redwood League General Meeting

Called to order at 8:10pm

Norrie read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were deemed SWELL. Linda moved to accept the minutes, David Hale seconded. Passed.

Linda did a brief treasurer's report which stated that little had changed since last month's statement. We still have about \$3000 in the bank. She will prepare a more detailed report next month.

Alysia's registrar report: Has a computer that works. E-mail communication has been going well. Question, should she mail in the Premier application? Yes, probably to State office but be sure to keep a xerox copy.

Question: Are you getting club registrars? Yes

Reviewed tomorrow's (May 9) walk-in registration.

Mike Love: no report

Michael Lindeburg: Anyone here from the Stanford Club? No? Asking because I have some red cards to return. Sentence has been served.

There is no written procedure for red card processing now. Red cards used to be distributed back only at RWL meetings. If you missed the meeting, you had to wait another month. Part of the new plan, Michael would like to begin to implement the policy of returning cards at meetings only. The Board did not have a chance to review the red card policy drafted by Michael so it will be presented at a later date.

Why is there not a representative from every club here? Every club should have a rep here. It is not a great idea to mail the cards if they get lost in the mail it's a problem. Vic Montoya commented that this was a good idea to make it clear who has the passes and the team coach will need to track it down if he wants it. Procedure will be reviewed and presented. It will be similar to last year's form to fill out accounting for games served. Red card soccer hotline 593-5161.

Michael will receive all red cards next year during the season. Eventually the cards will get to Michael. Not many now, 6 spring league red cards more red cards than gamecards !

Will be scheduling more ref courses between now and the beginning of the season. Terry asked the clubs to think about sponsoring some of these ref courses like Palo Alto did for the last one by providing the location.

What we are doing now to try to teach people to change their ways by issuing red cards is not working. Michael plans to implement some process to improve the learning curve. Experiment with various methods of behavior modification. (Prozac, Abdominizer)

Michael ironing out the kinks for the red card procedure and learning and suspension enforcement this spring and Board will discuss and let you know details.

MJ's report: Website shows 81 teams having completed online registration including 2 D1 teams. 32 requesting release to class 1 so far.

REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ON JULY 1 for all teams.

Wanted all the teams to put club names with their team names. Nice if everyone had somewhat unique names also. Ref Class: 40 signed up, 30 attended, 15 passed (4 Stanford, 5 Alpine, 2-4 Palo Alto) A bunch from Peninsula. 1/2 were youths, need more adults. Need to find out about underwriting whistles, badges, shirts for the youths.

Vic Montoya's report: Abronzino has been trying to put together preliminary numbers. As usual the 13, 14 and 15 boys groups are pretty full. We'll be able to send our typical 2-3 but after that there will be little space. What normally happens is that the boys have two divisions in each age group encompassing 20-22 teams. (except the u10's) The girls usually have 1 section of 11 or less. Maybe one age group with 2 brackets.

Abronzino release meeting Friday. We'll look at each application and look at the teams merit.

Terry said he hoped our good working relationship with Abronzino will continue; if we have a qualified team they will consider that team to play.

Returning teams should not be a problem.

Complete packets must be turned in for us to consider it a real team that is applying to Abronzino.

Discussion about poaching by coaches based on "Premier" status. Deceptive cuz they have not achieved Premier status for sure. There is a tournament this year. Dave Mann very focused on poaching.

Can a team play in Class 1 tournaments in August if they are not accepted into Abronzino? Only on last year's passes. And pragmatically speaking, no they cannot.

There is a seasonal year : Sept 1 to Sept 1 and there is a tournament year which is August 1 to August 1. They need to be aligned to avoid this confusion.

Terry reviewed the stuff we discussed at the RWL Board meeting.

We will meet to review Abrozino release requests for teams on Friday. We want to release teams that are qualified to maintain the level of play in RWL. Don't want class 1 teams in Redwood, not good competition.

Team sponsorship is fine. Can give \$ to team but cannot use RWL non-profit status to make it deductible. Logos on jerseys are ok but no booze or tobacco and some size restrictions. We will work on a method to process donations through RWL in the future.

Club reports:

Palo Alto, David Hale: Volunteer shortage is severe. People are willing to pay. PA has explored the idea of a paid director. There are some very highly paid club directors, from \$60-\$150,000 people. People seem more willing to pay than give their time.

Vic suggested making it mandatory to volunteer to be in their club to solve the problem.

Pumas went to Dallas Cup, played professional 18 year old teams. Great fun, very tough.

Alpine/Menlo, Cynthis Gibbs: New club- 12 teams- and growing fast. They have a lot of interest and a good core of volunteers.

Juventus, Eva Lyssand: They have identified the new club registrar. He is inexperienced so he will need support. Have a ref coordinator.

Burlingame, Mike Love: We have a beautiful new field. 70x120 and like a carpet.

Millbrae, Pat Spiers: Taking his team to Brazil this summer. Raised \$30,000. Sponsored a dance. Did sponsorships. Did a raffle. Going in August. Playing 6 games. Saw Brazil and met several Brazilians who knew Norrie and Tony from Victory soccer. Staying at the University for a few days and then go to a tournament.

Peninsula, Vic Montoya: Club has a new registrar and a new president

WASA, Alysia: Added several teams.

Old Business

All adults affiliated with the team must fill out the volunteer forms. They will be available at walk-in registration and can be turned in anytime before the start of the season. The carpool part of the form is not necessary.

Terry Pip: Wants a coaches meeting before teams can get their passes and/or schedule to get all the information out and no team can claim ignorance. It must be attended by a member of each team or their games will not count in the standings. (Games will be forfeited until meeting is attended.) Review forms, policies, etc. The meeting will be in late August, specific date, time, location to be announced on the internet.

Terry Pipp moved that the meeting be adjourned. MJ Lee seconded it , passed. 9:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Norrie Cavallero
RWL Secretary