

Redwood League Meeting
Monday July 16, 2007
7:30pm Belmont Sports Complex

Attending: Israel Navarette / Ravenswood; Shannon Pekary / Ravenswood; Teddy Ciupitu / Belmont; Michelle Morgan / Palo Alto; Terry Pipp / San Mateo/Risk; Kjell Bostrom / Burlingame; Charlie Ringgenberg D1; Tony Morin Registrar North; Bennet Weintraub / President; Valerie Powers / Treasurer; Henri Pessah / Ref; Tim Nixon / Coach; Jody Beloff Abrz/S.Carlos; Greg Bacchetti / Union FC; Mike/Monica Linnell / Juventus; Michael Maylan / Juventus; Michelle Matthews / Delgado; Tania Sole / Scheduler; Ken Owens / Secretary/Peninsula, John Shield / SanMateo/Webmaster.

Registration Update: RW North has approximately 128 teams; Paperwork submission has been cleaner; League 1 software has been powerful and impressive. Only the new forms can be submitted and can be downloaded from CYSA-North, old forms will be rejected.

The late formation or movement of teams between clubs to keep a team viable through merger and change impacts the registration process tremendously and may need review and a policy. The Linnels attended and commented since they were involved with a team that just changed late. Having the clubs participate with forming elite teams from the area cooperatively versus individually by teams and clubs may offer a better choice than the current situation. The question was also asked as to who controls the Abronzino approved slot and what criteria is used for maintaining that slot when teams merge, change, or disband. Team? Club? League? Abronzino?

John Shield reported we have approximately 204 teams in RWL for the fall, which likely will go down to 180-190 due to age and bracket considerations that will move a few teams to Delgado or back to D1. Approximately 90 teams from RWL to Abronzino.

Delgado has not yet met for seeding; 9 teams are asking for release to play Delgado.

There is a mandatory meeting for teams playing in RWL in the fall. A registered/rostered coach, asst, or manager must attend or you will lose -3 points to begin the season. Monday Aug 27th for U9-12; and Tuesday Aug 28th for U13+ at 7pm at the new San Mateo Library 55 W. 3rd. Either night can be attended if you can't make your scheduled age bracket night.

Teams playing RWL if they expect to play in the proper bracket should state their record and ask for seeding. If you want to play class 1 eventually, and you aren't seeded in the top bracket, then you will not have the chance to move up the following season. Only the winner of the top bracket is selected for class 1 the following year.

Playing season will begin the weekend of Sept 8/9.

District Cup is online and accepting registrations with 37 teams already signed up. RWL teams will have an easy application process.

Positive Coaching courses were scheduled and listed, but few have signed up and so the first 2 will be postponed. New coaches must attend a course or enroll online. Coaches must attend at least every other year. Courses are listed on the RWL website.

There is a youth focused Ref course scheduled in August in Menlo Park.

Teams & Clubs are reminded that all coaches for U16 Abrozino teams must have a State D license to register and coach in the fall. Additionally, coaches progressing through CYSA must upgrade and improve their licenses with the goal that after 2-3 years an E/D license is the minimum required for all but the beginners. Having an F license for 3 seasons in a row is not appropriate.

Treasurer—approx 190k in assets. Valerie would like to get the D1 count of teams so that we can bill at the beginning of the season. She estimates it is approximately 45 teams. The fields committee has money to spend at some point.

Red Cards—if you received a red card in your final spring game, that suspension still must be served before you can play this fall, and violating this is a steeper penalty. (i.e., just because you get a new fall pass does not give you the right to play until the suspension is served)

Scholarship is progressing and should have a program to review shortly.

Rules & Bylaws has not yet met.