

Redwood Jr. Soccer League  
Monthly Meeting  
May 16, 2011  
Foster City Rec Center

Agenda: Spring Comments; Fall Registration; CYSA Special Meeting; CCSL Volunteer; Positive Coaching Alliance; Stipends for State Champions; San Jose Field Complex; Team Consolidation.

Attendees: Jodi Beloff VP; Bennet Weintraub President; Juan Mayora Stanford; Bruce Campbell Juventus; Sammy Khatri MRFC; Tom Snider Belmont United; Tony Johnson Registrar North; Sara Gray Registrar South; Diana Gill RYSC; Israel Navarrete RYSC; Frank Beltran Peninsula; Ken Owens Secretary;

Spring: No major issues; things have gone as expected.

Fall Registration: Overall deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Coast is June 15<sup>th</sup>. Teams are advised to submit their rosters as soon as they are ready and to avoid the rush at the end. JOHN SHIELD: Can Ridgestar be used as a mechanism to upload pictures for use by the registrars access? All that were in last year should be digital, only new kids to CCSL/CYSA will need birth certificates. Fall registration is \$10 per player. This is a continuation from the spring fee, and a reduction from last year. This helps offset the league fee that is \$250. Adults are \$6.

CCSL-Volunteers. Decisions are being made and by volunteering you offer your club and league the best opportunity to be heard and be proactive. Volunteers needed at several levels of participation.

PCA. 8 clubs have indicated interest in having seminars. The average cost is about \$650 if done through RWL, so billing will be coordinated with PCA to RWL. Clubs participating have agreed to pay \$200 per course held to defray costs and gain commitment to having attendees.

Stipends for State Cup Champions. Palo Alto & Burlingame each had a team win their State Cup group. Consequently both teams will be traveling out of State (Utah & Idaho) and face large costs. CYSA donates \$150 per kid; D2 is donating \$5500 per team; RWL voted and agreed to pay each team \$3000 towards their expenses to attend the regional tournaments.

San Jose Soccer Complex. D2 has entered negotiations towards purchasing a large parcel of land that has been a sod farm. It is located in Coyote Creek Valley (and the golf course) and is approximately 7 miles north of Morgan Hill's complex, but is on the west side of 101 at the intersections of Palm Ave & the Monterey

Highway. RWL has approximately 440k in the bank at this point. There are about 5 fields locally being developed that will require a portion of this money. (2 Foster City, 1 Burlingame, 1 Belmont Complex).

Sentiment is leading toward making a donation, but a lot more information is desired as to the due diligence, escrow, permits, approvals, costs and detailed budgets. It is hoped the District has not already entered in a contract to purchase without approvals and permits being received. The district has indicated they are looking for \$40 per player.  $4000 \times 40 = 160,000$  etc. Whether that includes recreational players as well as competitive is not known.

Team Consolidation. As most are aware, the process that teams, clubs, parents, and players go through as teams age is bumpy. Discussions ranged from allowing market/competitive forces dictate the outcome to developing a club or league method of assisting this process. A section on the Ridgestar site that would help facilitate this seems at a minimum what is required; to developing a more cohesive strategy in developing quality teams that compete statewide. Clubs are facing Academy to College programs from (Deanza/Sporting/etc) that are offering clear programs and paths for developing competitive teams. These programs are also used heavily to recruit away the cream of the crop to top flight teams that then cripples our local teams.

Often discussed is a method of consolidating elite players and teams on a more regional basis in RWL. This would require the cooperation of the clubs and a consensus with the coaching directors. The benefits should be a more local path for elite players, options for older players that would like to continue play locally, and fewer elite players being recruited away (or leaving on their own as their options are limited).