

MINUTES

**OLD SUNDAY STUMBLERS SOCCER LEAGUE
BOARD MEETING**

Round Table Pizza
20920 Redwood Road, Castro Valley
Wednesday, January 9, 2019
7:30 p.m.

Call to Order:

President Duane Rueppel called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Present:

Officers: Jen Gonsalves (Vice President), Marian Handa (Secretary), Duane Rueppel (President), Geraldine Serrano (Treasurer)

City Representatives: Ken Arno (Alternate-Fremont), Juan Campos (Hayward), Theo Clark (Alameda), Gloria Ibarra (Union City), Mike Ralph (Livermore), John Sachs (Castro Valley), Miyo Saiki (Castro Valley), Jackie Sanchez (Fremont). There was a quorum.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Marian Handa distributed the draft minutes of the November 14 and December 12, 2018 Board meetings by email. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Geraldine Serrano reported that she sent the Board the League bank statements to date. The League account was charged some erroneous fees, and she is working to have the charges reversed. The account has a balance of \$93k.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Jen Gonsalves reported that she is still receiving game cards from the previous session. She will have a report on missing game cards in the next few weeks. Jen would like to update the Team Rep List, and requested that City Reps let her know if there are any Team Rep or team color changes.

President's Report

Duane reported that he is waiting for the letter confirming the League's tax-exempt status. He and Jen have not yet met with Danny Williams to discuss the League website. Duane noted there are a few people looking for a team, including some looking for a Masters Division team. This is the time of year for teams to request to be moved up or down a division.

Registrar's Report

Registrar Rich Cortez was absent.

Standing Committee Reports:

Disciplinary Committee

No report.

Tournament Committee

No report.

Masters Division

Miyo reported that the new session officially started on January 4, but most teams will have their first game on January 11.

Referee Improvement Committee

Committee Chair Ken Arno reported that he has requested a clinic be held in Fremont on March 6.

Social Committee

No report.

City Rep Reports:

Castro Valley – City Rep Miyo Saiki reported that Castro Valley teams have been haggling with HARD over the smoked-out games.

Fremont – City Rep Jackie Sanchez pointed out there are several games on the Fremont spring schedule that do not have a field assigned. She reported that a gentleman approached her about entering a team in the league. Duane described the process for accepting new teams into the League. Jackie reported that she has secured the permit for the Central Park picnic site for the League's 2019 Opening Day.

Hayward – City Rep Juan Campos reported that Hayward has the schedule of games to be played at Hayward High.

Livermore – City Rep Mike Ralph had no report.

Alameda/Oakland – Alameda City Rep Theo Clark had no report.

Union City – City Rep Gloria Ibarra reported that she is working on the permit for Shorty Garcia field. Gloria noted the new field is cork and is great to play on.

Old Business:

Increase Penalty for Referee Dissent

Duane reviewed the previous discussion regarding increasing the penalty for referee dissent. Ken reported that an adult league in Pleasanton has increased the length of time a player sits out from 10 minutes to 20 minutes. He noted our League has a lot of issues with dissent. Duane mentioned the “sin bin” option, wherein the team cannot make a substitution, and must play short.

A Board discussion ensued. Gloria asked for clarification: would the rule change apply to all yellow cards, or only those for dissent? Miyo supported making the rules consistent for all yellow cards. John commented that there wouldn't be a need to change the rules if the referees were quicker to issue yellow cards for dissent.

It was noted that referees often do not record yellow cards, either on the game card or in GameOfficial. Board members reviewed some game cards, and found no yellow cards for dissent recorded on the cards.

Motion/Second/Carried—to increase the sit-out from 10 minutes to 15 minutes for dissent.

Duane reminded City Reps to notify referees of the change, and that they will need to record yellow cards issued for dissent on the game card.

Acceptable Air Quality

Duane reported that LARPD did not respond to his inquiry regarding a policy on air quality. Board members asked if the League should establish its own policy. Duane noted that high schools cancel games and practices when the air quality index reaches 150.

Motion/Second/Carried—to establish a policy to cancel games 24 hours in advance when the air quality index is 151 or above.

Alameda Flames' October 7, 2018 Game

The game was cancelled with more than 24 hours notice, but the \$90 field fee was not refunded by LARPD as it did not meet their cancellation criteria.

Motion/Second/Carried—that the League refund \$90 to the Alameda Flames for the game cancelled by the opposing team that the LARPD would not refund.

Establish a League-wide Pool for Payment of Field Fees

John suggested that City Reps provide a good estimate of field costs for the February meeting, and take the vote then. The discussion will be continued to the February meeting.

New Business:

None.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019 at 7:30 PM**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/

Marian Handa, OSSSL Secretary