

MINUTES

**OLD SUNDAY STUMBLERS SOCCER LEAGUE
BOARD MEETING
And
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Round Table Pizza
20920 Redwood Road, Castro Valley
Wednesday, May 23, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order:

President Duane Rueppel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

There was a quorum for the Annual General Meeting.

Officer Reports:

Duane reported that the League incorporated on July 17, 2017, and the new corporate name is the Old Sunday Stumblers Soccer League. Last year, Duane received approval from the Board to hire an attorney to advise him on the incorporation process. The attorney's fees have run about \$1,400 so far. Duane thanked Treasurer Geraldine Serrano for opening a new bank account with Chase Bank for the new corporation, and thanked Livermore City Rep Sayuri Shimada for designing the new corporate seal.

Duane worked with the lawyer to create new Bylaws that replaced the old League constitution. Changes to the Bylaws require a two-thirds vote. New Rules replaced the old bylaws. Changes to the rules require a 50% + 1 vote. The new documents are on the osssl.org web site.

Secretary Marian Handa had no report.

Treasurer Geraldine Serrano announced that a committee would be formed to recommend investments for surplus League funds.

Vice President Jen Gonsalves had no report.

Registrar Rich Cortez had no report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Disciplinary, Referee Improvement, Tournament, Masters Division, Social--None

City Rep Reports:

Castro Valley, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Alameda/Oakland, Union City—None.

Proposed Changes to the Bylaws/Rules/Standing Rules—No changes proposed.

Registration Fee

No change was made to the registration fee. Duane reported that the League has about \$90k in its accounts.

Election of Officers

The current officers agreed to continue to serve if elected. There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion/Second/Carried: to elect the following League Officers for a term of one year:

<i>President:</i>	<i>Duane Rueppel</i>
<i>Vice President:</i>	<i>Jennifer Gonsalves</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Geraldine Serrano</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Marian Handa</i>

Letters

Duane reported on the following reports he has received:

Fremont Tops v. Alameda Flames--Duane received a report stating that Alameda Flames player #13, Matt Medeiros, exhibited very rough play. The Flames play their next game in Livermore on June 3 at 9 a.m. Gloria Ibarra volunteered to observe the game.

Hayward Blast v. Fremont Hawks—Fremont City Rep Jackie Sanchez read the email submitted by Hawks Team Rep Diana Hernandez regarding the problems she has experienced with Blast spectators making rude and derogatory remarks and threats. Duane pointed out that the Team Manager responsible for the conduct of both players and spectators. Juan Campos, Team Manager for the Blast, responded to the comments from the Hawks. Juan noted that his team is predominantly Latino, and he objected to what he believed to be racial profiling by the Hawks and other teams, as well as the comments by the Hawks about a “guy in a wheelchair”—one of the Blast spectators. Juan commented that “problem” players on his team have been removed. An observer from the Board was requested for the Blast’s June 3 game at Irvington.

UC Aztecs v. UC America—A guest player from the Aztecs failed to sign the game card before entering the field. Duane emphasized that guest players MUST sign the game card, which includes the waiver, before entering the field of play. Duane stated that it is not true that refs can require a guest player that arrived late to wait until halftime to sign the game card and play.

Deaf player seeking team—Duane received an inquiry from a deaf player who would like to form a team, but would need the age requirement lowered. Duane would like to consider an exception to the age rule for certain extenuating circumstances. He noted that the bylaws would allow such an age exception.

Reminders

Complete game schedule on osssl.org website--Duane thanked Registrar Rich Cortez for making the complete game schedule for all teams on the OSSSL website. Rich will provide a spreadsheet for cities to use to submit their game schedule, so the schedules will be in a format that can be entered into GameOfficials.net.

All game cards for the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 sessions—including forfeit, rainout or cancelled games—are due at the end of June. Late cards are subject to a team fine--\$5 for the first late card, \$10 for each thereafter.

The League Alignment Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 10, and the vote on the alignment will be taken the next day at the OSSSL Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 11.

Tournaments—Livermore June Cup is June 23-24, 2018; Fremont Adult Soccer Tournament is August 4-5, 2018.

Fall 2018 Season Opening Day—Lani Cortez announced that she would be coordinating the September 9 Opening Day festivities. All games will be played at Fremont Central Park, and the OSSSL will pay the field fees and referee fees for all games that day. The nice picnic area behind Field 7 has been reserved. The BBQ will be set up; teams provide the meat, and the League provides the snacks and water. Lani asked that teams plan to hang out and socialize, and provide volunteers to replenish snacks and help out. She will have youth deliver water to the fields during halftimes. It was decided not to have a bouncy house due to liability.

Cancellations—teams cancelling with less than 24 hours notice must pay the entire referee fee if the referees show up for the game. Additionally, if a visiting team cancels, they must also pay half the field fee.

Illegal Players—Duane reminded teams that there are severe penalties for illegal players.

Referee Reminders

Duane noted the following referee reminders:

- Referee fee: \$45 from each team for 2 or 3 referees; \$25 from each team for solo referee
- Referees should check every player pass to confirm player identity
- Two guest players can be 2 men, 2 women, 1 man & 1 woman
- Guest players must sign the game card/waiver before they can be allowed on the field (OK to leave game card with a team if guest is to arrive late)
- Twisting body during a throw-in is legal
- Anyone may participate in a drop ball; any number of players may participate in a drop ball

A Motion was made and seconded to increase the fee for a single referee to \$30 per team. There was discussion on the motion, and it was pointed out that increasing the fee would be an incentive for more solo referees, which the League wants to discourage. Motion failed.

Definitions

Duane reviewed the following definitions:

Proper Notification—Duane stated that proper notification for a cancellation requires that you must receive a response to your phone call or email, and merely leaving a telephone message or sending an email is not sufficient.

Tackle—Any challenge for the ball (FIFA).

Slide Tackle—A feet-first sliding challenge for the ball where any part of the body other than feet make contact with the ground.

Playing Distance—Distance to the ball which allows a player to touch the ball by extending the foot/leg or for an overhead ball jumping up, or for goalkeepers, jumping up with arms extended (FIFA).

Jen—last mo discussed holding a meeting with all Team Reps

--picking up game cards, signing liability waivers,

--answer questions and disseminate information

--August 8 (send reminder to all teams)

Old Business:

Jen noted at the April Board meeting, the Board discussed holding a meeting with all Team Reps. The meeting could be used for picking up/dropping off game cards, signing liability waivers, answering questions and disseminating information. It was decided that August 8 would be the date for meeting with the Board and Team Reps.

New Business:

None

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/

Marian Handa, OSSSL Secretary