

MINUTES

**OLD SUNDAY STUMBLERS SOCCER LEAGUE
BOARD MEETING**

Round Table Pizza
20920 Redwood Road, Castro Valley
Wednesday, November 14, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order:

President Duane Rueppel called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. There was a quorum.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Marian Handa distributed the draft minutes from the October 10, 2018 Board meeting. The minutes were accepted as submitted. Marian provided copies of the Board meeting schedule for 2018-19. Duane will post the meeting schedule on the OSSSL website.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Geraldine Serrano was absent. Duane reported the League has \$93K in its account.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Jen Gonsalves asked if the Board wanted to move the League website to Google Site. The item will be discussed at a future meeting.

President's Report

Duane reported on a request from a referee that a yellow card for dissent be punished more harshly. Duane suggested a "sin bin"—if a player receives a yellow card, the player must leave the field for 10 minutes, and the team must play short. The topic will be discussed under New Business.

Duane reported that he received a letter from the IRS, and should receive a decision on the League's federal tax-exempt status by January 10, 2019.

Registrar's Report

Rich reported that he deposited the final fees for the current session (about \$1k). Rich expects only small deposits to be made for the rest of the session.

Rich noted that he sent all Team Reps a link to their team roster in Google Docs, so everyone should have access. Team Reps who need the link resent should email Rich at OSSSLregistrar@gmail.com.

Standing Committee Reports:

Disciplinary Committee

Rich reported on the following decisions made by the Disciplinary Committee:

- In the September 28 Masters Division game between Newcastle and Deportivo, Newcastle player Jorge Cervantez received a _____-game suspension for entering the field without permission.

- Also in the September 28 game between Newcastle and Deportivo, Deportivo player Jose Aguas received a 3-game suspension for offensive/insulting/abusive language towards a player.
- In the October 14 game between the Fremont Warriors and Hayward Blast, Blast player Bridget _____ received a 1-game suspension for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity.
- In the October 14 game between the Livermore Knights and Castro Valley Tankers, Knights player Hillary _____ received a 1-game suspension for 2 yellow cards.
- In the October 7 game between the Livermore Phoenix and Fremont CFC, FCFC player Jaime Jimenez received a 2-game suspension for 2 cautions in a match.
- In the October 5 Masters Division game between the Toughskins and Deportivo, Toughskins player Richard Romo received a 4-game suspension for offensive/insulting/abusive language towards a player.

Two Disciplinary Committee decisions are being appealed, and will be heard later in tonight's meeting.

Tournament Committee

No report.

Masters Division

No report.

Referee Improvement Committee

Committee Chair James Sajadi stated that he would not be at the December League games, as he will be at a soccer tournament in Thailand.

Social Committee

None.

City Rep Reports:

Castro Valley – City Rep John Sachs had no report.

Fremont – City Rep Jackie Sanchez reported that all games in Fremont were cancelled last week due to poor air quality. Some teams have asked for makeup games, and Jackie offered to reschedule those games to the December 16 makeup day. On November 18, in coordination with a youth tournament, games will be played at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at Central Park. Two Fremont games are scheduled at Hayward High School at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Rich asked if the League wants to establish a maximum air quality—high schools use an index of 150. Duane asked City Reps to check with their field management to see if they have a policy. This item will be continued to a later date.

Hayward – No City Rep.

Livermore – No City Rep.

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

Union City – City Rep Gloria Ibarra reported that her laminator is malfunctioning and needs repair/replacement. Rich indicated that he has a spare laminator and will give it to Gloria.

Appeals:

Cesar (Castro) Arroyo, Masters Division Surge, appealed the decision of the Disciplinary Committee of a 10-game suspension plus probation through 2019 for violent conduct in the September 7 game between the Surge and Spurs.

M/S/C--to reduce Cesar Arroyo's 10-game suspension plus probation through 2019 for violent conduct in the September 7 Masters Division game between the Surge and Spurs to 8 games and no probation.

Jose Aguas, Masters Division Deportivo, appealed the decision of the Disciplinary Committee of a 3-game suspension for offensive/insulting/abusive language toward a player in the September 28 game between Deportivo and Newcastle. He has already served the 3-game suspension.

M/S/C—to rescind the red card issued to Jose Aguas in the September 28 game between Deportivo and Newcastle, because the referees did not directly observe the circumstances that warranted the red card.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Theo requested that the League reimburse the field fees for 2 games scheduled on October 7 in Livermore and cancelled with 24 or more hours notice. Although the games were cancelled in the timeframe required by the League, LARPD requires 2 weeks notice to cancel fields without charge.

A motion was made and seconded to have the League reimburse the teams for the field fees for the 2 games scheduled on October 7 and cancelled with more than 24 hours notice. A discussion ensued. The motion was tabled until it could be determined whether or not LARPD charged for the cancelled games.

Jen noted that field fees vary widely from city to city, and inquired whether field fees could be paid from a League-wide pool. The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages to this concept.

Duane raised the issue of a harsher punishment when a yellow card is issued for dissent. The Board discussed the idea of a “sin bin”—a player receiving a yellow card must sit-out for 10 minutes, and the team cannot replace them. The Board will continue discussion of this item at a future meeting.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/
Marian Handa, OSSSL Secretary