

**MINUTES
OSSSL BOARD MEETING**

Round Table Pizza
20920 Redwood Road, Castro Valley
Wednesday, March 11, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order:

President Duane Rueppel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. There was a quorum.

Meeting with OSSSL Referees

For the benefit of the referees in attendance, Duane reviewed the OSSSL game rules. Hayward City Rep Jen Gonsalves asked for clarification regarding the rule to allow 27-year old female guest players to play on a team that already has 2 27-year old female players on the roster. After reviewing the League Bylaws, it was still unclear whether a team with 2 27-year old female players could use 27-year old female guest players.

One of the referees asked about slide tackling when no other player is in the vicinity. Duane pointed out that a proposal to clarify this rule was previously voted upon and failed. He suggested bringing back the proposal for consideration at the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

Duane encouraged the referees to call more fouls, in order to keep the games friendly and under control. He noted that there are links to the Referee Send-Off Report on the OSSSL website.

Rich asked the referees to enter game scores and yellow card information on gameofficials.net. He also asked that details of the send-off be included in the Referee Send-Off Report.

The referees commented on the difficulty of officiating a game when the team colors are too similar. In that situation, teams may be asked to change to a different jersey color.

Discussion ensued between referees and Board members. Duane thanked the referees for attending the meeting to review the League rules and to share their insights with the Board.

The regular meeting proceedings began at 7:53 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Marian Handa provided copies of the draft minutes of the February 11, 2015 Board meeting. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Chris Finck was absent.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Casey Hazelhofer was absent.

President's Report

Duane had nothing new to report on the League's incorporation.

Registrar's Report:

League Registrar Julie Johnson reported that she has been making deposits of League fees submitted by teams.

Standing Committee Reports:

Disciplinary Committee

Disciplinary Committee Chair Rich Cortez reported that the Disciplinary Committee issued a 5-game suspension to Spurs player Sergio Flores, and a 4-game suspension to Deportivo player Jorge Reyes, both for red cards received for violent conduct, in the February 6th Masters Division game between the Spurs and Deportivo.

Deportivo player Terri Reed was present, and requested reinstatement. Terri is a longtime player who was suspended indefinitely for receiving 4 red cards since 2012. She committed to improving her behavior on the playing field.

M/S/C—to reinstate Terri Reed and return her player pass.

Referee Improvement Committee

Committee Chair James Sajadi had no report.

Tournament Committee

Alex reported that the Fremont Tournament will be held on August 1 and 2, 2015. Due to the construction of 2 artificial turf fields, those fields will be unavailable to use for the tournament, and only 32 teams will be accepted into this year's tournament.

Masters Division Committee

Rich reported that he is still awaiting a response from the City of Fremont regarding whether the equipment box at the Irvington field can be moved.

Social Committee

Union City Rep Abby Ibarra reported on behalf of Gloria that the planning for the BBQ is underway, and "it's on."

Board Liability Committee

None.

City Rep Reports:

Castro Valley—City Rep Jeff Johnson reported that the Duck Pond will be reconstructed in the fall, and the Castro Valley teams may need to find another field for the fall session.

Fremont—Alex reported that, due to the time limit of 3 p.m. on the field permit issued by the City of Fremont, last week's 3 p.m. game between the Fremont Quest and Oakland Thrashers was bumped by a lacrosse game. The teams went to Accinelli field in Union City to play a friendly game. Concerns were expressed regarding the liability of playing on a non-league field, with no permits and no insurance coverage.

Referee Vartan Berberian asked that Fremont Teams be reminded to put weights on the goals when they're set up so they will be stable and won't tip over. He also noted that one of the goals is missing 2 wheels.

Hayward—City Rep Jen Gonsalves noted that many other leagues have sprung up on Sundays, and OSSSL teams are being squeezed out.

Livermore—No City Rep.

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

Union City—Abby had no report.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

As previously reported by Alex, on March 8th, the game between the Fremont Quest and Oakland Thrashers could not be played due to field permit issues. Jim requested that the League consider paying the referee fees for the unplayed game.

M/S/C—to pay the referees for the March 8 game between the Fremont Quest and Oakland Thrashers that could not be played due to a field permit problem.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015
(bring your pizza coupons)**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/

Marian Handa, OSSSL Secretary