

**MINUTES
OSSSL BOARD MEETING**

Round Table Pizza
20920 Redwood Road, Castro Valley
Wednesday, September 9, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order:

President Duane Rueppel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Marian Handa provided copies of the draft OSSSL Board meeting minutes for August 12, 2015. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Chris Finck stated that he would not be able to attend the October Board meeting, but will give a financial update in November.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Casey Hazelhofer was absent.

President's Report

Duane reported that he posted the meeting minutes on the League's web site, and updated the list of players seeking teams. He noted that there are several younger players that would be eligible to play in the Open Division.

Registrar's Report:

League Registrar Julie Johnson reported that she is busy with registration activities. The game cards for the 2015-16 season are bright orange.

Julie further reported she still has the registration documents for the Oakland Thrashers and Alameda Flames. Julie announced she will be resigning as League Registrar as of December 31, 2015, but will continue to handle registrar duties for Castro Valley and the Masters Division. Chris expressed appreciation for the great job Julie has done as League Registrar.

The Board discussed ideas for recruiting the next League Registrar.

Standing Committee Reports:

Disciplinary Committee

Committee Chair Rich Cortez reported on the following Disciplinary Committee decisions:

- Fremont Outlaws player Edmond Haywood received a 2-game suspension for serious foul play in the May 31st game between the Fremont Outlaws and Fremont Tops.
- San Juan player Julio Virrueta received a 1-game suspension for denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity in the August 14th Masters Division game between the San Juan and Deportivo.
- UC America players Jose Castellanos and Luis Caredo both received 5-game suspensions, Fremont Clash player Julio Cesar Lopez received a 5-game suspension, and Fremont Clash

player Armando Avila received a 1-year suspension from all OSSSL games, all for violent conduct in the May 31st game between the Union City America and Fremont Clash.

- Tom Fezler, Team Rep for the Fremont 80's, was issued a \$200 fine for playing an illegal player in the April 19th game between the Fremont 80's and Livermore Pumas. Tom is also required to email his team members, and copy Rich, informing them that the League does not allow players that are unrostered and not using a guest pass.
- Jose Flores, Team Rep for the Masters Division Spurs, was issued a \$100 fine for playing an illegal player. Jose was required to email the League bylaws to his team members, and copy Rich.

Referee Improvement Committee

Committee Chair James Sajadi had nothing new to report.

Tournament Committee

The Tournament Committee held its debrief meeting.

Masters Committee

The next Masters Division session starts on Friday, September 11. The Spurs have not submitted their registration information.

Social Committee

The League social event, planned for Sunday, September 27, was postponed again. No one volunteered for the September event.

City Rep Reports:

Castro Valley—City Rep Jeff Johnson reported that the Duck Pond field has been assigned.

Fremont—City Rep Rich Cortez reported that the Fremont field schedule is out. Fremont teams are playing on Central Park fields 3, 7 and 8. Fields 9 and 10 are being converted to turf and will be used primarily for cricket.

Hayward—Nothing to report.

Livermore—Nothing to report.

Oakland/Alameda—No City Rep was present.

Union City—City Rep Gloria Ibarra reported that the UC Aztecs' home games will be played at 10 a.m. at Shorty Garcia field, and UC America's home games will be played at 11 a.m. at Cesar Chavez field.

Appeal of Disciplinary Committee Decision:

Fremont Clash player Armando Avila appealed the 1-year suspension from all OSSSL games issued to him by the Disciplinary Committee, for violent conduct in the May 31st game between the Union City America and Fremont Clash. He stated that he was only attempting to break up a fight.

Motion/Second/Carried—to deny the appeal of Armando Avila and uphold the one-year suspension from all OSSSL games issued by the Disciplinary Committee.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

James has organized an Over-60 drop-in soccer group that plays at Irvington field in Fremont on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The group has no organized teams and does not use referees. Scrimmages last 2 hours at most. James said there is a potential for 277 players, although a typical day ranges from 6v6 to 12v12.

The City of Fremont has begun locking the fields and imposing a field use fee. The fee is \$20 per hour for non-profits (OSSSL). Someone in the group told the City of Fremont that they were associated with the OSSSL in order to get the lower fee. There are current and past member of the OSSSL in the group.

They are currently charging \$2 per player per game in order to pay the \$40 daily fee.

The Board discussed the matter, and recommended that the Over-60 group affiliate with the OSSSL. Members of the group would need to sign an OSSSL liability waiver, pay a fee, and be assigned to a "team." The fee would be based on the cost of liability insurance, which is approximately \$10 per game. The players are currently all men, but women could play with no restriction on the number of men or women. James would like this to eventually be a division of organized teams. Someone would have to check in players at every game and sign up new players.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at ??? p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015
(bring your pizza coupons)**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Marian Handa, OSSSL Secretary