

Redwood League Board Meeting 1/19/2007 7:30 PM Belmont Sports Center

**Attending:**

John Shield, Webmaster, San Mateo  
Terry Pipp, Risk Manager, San Mateo  
Bennet Weintraub, President, Burlingame  
Tania Sole, Scheduler  
Jeanne Beacham, Belmont United  
Greg Costanzo, SAYSO  
Caroline Robertson, SAYSO  
Mario Olmos, SAYSO  
Neill Dorward, PASC  
Juan Mayora, Stanford SC  
Kevin Lanigan, MP Strikers  
Ray Bolano, Juventus  
Tony Morin, Registrar,  
Mike Kenny, Peninsula  
Kjeill Bostrom, Burlingame  
Charlie Ringeberg, District 1  
Nancy Ditz, Alpine FC  
Kathy Winslow, HMB

**Season Wrap Up**

Discussion and brainstorming on how to sanction teams or individuals that fail to meet basic courtesy and league requirements. The specific situation involved a Madera Roja team that initially failed to respond or return requests from a Stanford team for a game time. Finally, by using a mediator the Stanford home game was scheduled. The Madera Roja team then did not show for the game. Stanford incurred expenses for the referees, the synthetic turf field, and the lights and is seeking reimbursement..

Fines and bad standing were discussed. Future features of the website including Match Incident reports and Referee scheduling were discussed on how they might impact these types of issues.

A Redwood League Coach is being sanctioned for taking his Class 3 team and registering and playing in a Class 4 tournament. Any sanction that exceeds 5 games must have a hearing.

A D2 Coach is being sanctioned for indicating to a player that they were on the team, never registering the player and then dropping the player just before the season starts. Considered unethical. A player is considered covered by CYSA Insurance at the point where a representative of the District (League, Club or Team) accepts a properly filled out 1601 Form. A player is considered on the Team when the 1601 form is processed by the League Registrar.

The League has the right to deny a coach the right to coach a team in that League.

**Trophy Presentations**

Trophies will be presented to the Redwood League winners on 12/17. 7pm for teams U12 and below. 7:30 PM for teams U13 and above. There is a tie in the U12 White division and cowinners will be awarded.

The presentation is both to recognize the winners, but to also say goodbye to the Red Division winners as they may be moving to Abronzino.

### **D2 Meeting - Coaching**

Tim Nixon proposed a Class 3 and Class 1 coaching policy to the District whereby certain CYSA coaching licenses will be required to coach specific agelevels of teams. Additionally, recognition for coaching licenses from other jurisdictions will be expanded. The District did not adopt this policy and voted it down.

There is a current Class 3 and Class 1 coaching policy in place that states that coaches must periodically upgrade their licenses. Enforcement of this policy is likely to be expanded in the coming year.

### **D2 Meeting – Field Foundation**

The District has requested that the former \$5 / player fee designated toward the new soccer complex not be made to the District, but be made directly to the foundation. At the last RWL Board Meeting, the RWL Board indicated that RWL will pay the fee to the District. The District will no longer collect this fee & it is now a voluntary donation to the foundation. By unanimous consent, RWL will not be making this donation to the foundation.

### **D2 Meeting – Advertising, Recruiting, Poaching**

The district seriously frowns upon Teams, Clubs or Leagues advertising in community specific newspapers outside of the Team,, Club or League geographical boundary. A Redwood based Club has been accused of placing an ad in a Cupertino specific newspaper.

Discussion of what practices constitute poaching. Does advertising tryout dates via direct mail outside of your geographic area constitute poaching? Disagreement among those present.

Discussion regarding contacting a coach in another club to switch clubs. Considered unethical, but probably not prohibited.

### **D2Cup**

There is a serious shortage of fields for the U9-U10 jamboree coming up. Please help. These are smaller fields with smaller goals.

### **Registration**

Redwood Spring League Registration will open in early February. Though Spring is a paper season, please don't wait til the last day.

Teams going to State Cup can have two additional transfers. This is to bring the CYSA-N regulations in line with the national regulations. Association cup is not impacted.

Releasing a player is fundamentally bad for the player and possibly the releasing team. Encourage players to transfer to another team instead of releasing. Last fall there

were some teams that manipulated the system by deregstering players instead of transferring them. This will not be allowed.

### **Redwood Spring League**

We will offer a Spring League again. Probably U8 ó U13 and maybe U14.

### **Abronzino**

The Abronzino selection rules are always in flux. Abronzino is moving toward a 6-6-6 format, but is not there yet. Abronzino will only accept the fall league standings. Tournament and spring records are subject to misinterpretation by the use of guest players.

Abronzino is encouraged to not drag out the selection process.

### **Department / Committee Reports**

Rules committee has started.

Fields committee no report.

Scholarship committee no report.

Referee no report

Treasurer no report

Webmaster ó upcoming features include match incident report and risk management.