

April 16, 2012

Redwood Jr Soccer League
Bi-monthly meeting
Foster City Rec Center

Attending: Israel Navarrete/Ravenswood; Tony Johnson/Registrar; Sara Gray/Registrar; Nancy Ditz/Alpine Strikers & CCSL Board; Diana Gil/RYSC; Sammy Khatri/Madera Roja; Charlie Ringgenberg/D1 & Lowen SB; Hugh Loveless/Juventus; Charlie Williams/Stanford; Tim Nixon/D2 Coaching; Tania Sole/Treasurer; Bennet Weintraub/President; Cindy Turgeon/HMB; Ken Owens/Secretary & Peninsula.

Agenda: CCSL; Spring Update; AGM Report; Player Transfer Policy (\$); ODP

CCSL/Nancy Ditz: We need a new representative to replace Nancy. She has been acting as the deputy director of CCSL. Please contact Bennet & Nancy if you or someone is interested in participating in managing CCSL. The importance of having someone from Redwood is crucial to all of our clubs.

CCSL/CYSA is going to Gotsoccer to manage the league. CCSL director Bruce Sillars and John Shield had a long review and analysis of the benefits and costs versus Ridgestar E7 and others. Familiarity with GotSoccer, standardizing on one package and low cost for CYSA main points. CUPS will be done for free which is a major cost.

CCSL Seeding and Bracketing for all Age Groups for the fall is needed ASAP. As it has been explained at meetings, those serving as age group coordinators from Redwood league can do much to make sure your teams are properly bracketed. AGC's are needed for Coast & Bay; Regional for Bay and Valley, though we will fill just Regional Bay. Contact Bennet & Nancy.

CCSL reports that there are 860 teams playing in the spring. RWL is 230 and 3300.

Spring D2 Cups split over weekends: 10-12-14(evens) June 2/3; Odds Jun 9/10; check website for registration deadlines.

Nancy estimates that the Bay Premier team bracketing will be published July 9th; Challenges and changes to be done by July 22nd. As there is a clear promotion/relegation policy, biggest challenges are new teams from Norcal. After July 22nd, the brackets/seeding for the remaining teams in Bay and Coast should go rather quickly.

There will be playoffs for Premier League seeding U14 & up on Nov 3rd & 4th with Bay vs Valley.

On Nov 10/11 we are hosting (Cal North & CCSL) and are looking for a Tournament Director for the North vs South Premier League Tournament and College Showcase. Looking for 3 fields, volunteers, and a Tournament Director. This can be a great opportunity for the league, clubs and players (and the host location).

Many RWL board members are retiring (we are old) from their positions. Most positions are open and will need to be filled in the next month or so. This is an excellent time to get volunteers with younger children involved in managing the league going forward.

The league has about 295k in field funds still available and about 45k in general funds.

It was voted to continue registration at \$10 for the Fall. This is a slight subsidy by the League from our actual costs.

Bennet attended the Annual General Meeting of CYSA-North. Most ballot measures of note were not passed, though the board pulled a measure off the ballot that would have restricted appointed commissioners from voting versus just the District Commissioners voting.

The league is planning on all electronic registration with the new software rollout. (HINT) Large clubs like Burlingame, Peninsula, Alpine, should consider being the first to try the system. Player Transfers will be electronic.

Transfers cannot be held up due to any monetary disputes between teams and players.

ODP 1999-2000 3ID program April 22 & 29 & May 6 open tryouts. 1997-2000 Coaches or DOC can still nominate players. CYSA does pay for travel expenses for kids participating. On D2 website.

Coaching: CYSA is getting rid of the old F E E/D D program. Going with US Soccer and it's an E or D. F will be Recreation only. Requirements have not been voted on yet by the District/2, but will be coming. Likely all competitive coaches will be expected to have an E. Testing is more challenging and is pass/fail only. D license will be run by the state. Curriculum can be found on the USSoccer website. It is expected that the new E license will be more demanding than the old E license.

SF Knighthawks, the womens pro team we have supported, is having open tryouts at Burlingame HS May 6th from 6:30-8:00 for their U20 and U23 womens teams.

Tania Sole is becoming a player agent for those interested in playing professionally abroad. Generally kids that are talented to play on but can not afford or have the academics of the college route. Mostly this is for men wanting to continue playing and getting a start somewhere professionally. Many club teams in Latin & South America pay more than MLS teams and have far more teams, clubs, and opportunity.

Next meeting is June 18th at the Belmont Sports Complex.