

MEETING MINUTES

Modesto Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors Meeting

October 7, 2015

Meeting Facilitator: John Bava

Note Taker: Shanon Gallant

Voting In Attendance: Ryan Collins, Marika Morrison, Aaron Fernandez, Barbara Almanza, David McCann, Mark Jacobs, Randy Rose, Jey Strangfeld, Tracy Moore, John Rake, Julie Lish

Nonvoting In Attendance: Dennis O'Brien, Trevor White

Absent: Pinder Basi

Call To Order: 7:05 pm

Approval of Minutes: Ryan motioned for minutes to be approved, Julie Seconded. **Approved 8-0-0**

MYSA Committee: Anthony Ghecea, MYSA rec coach U12 Boys and his assistant coach Orlando Zaragoza presented concerns with the Boys 2015 End of the year tournament. He stated that he had 5 boys who could not play on Sunday, November 8, 2015 due to religious beliefs that did not allow them to play on Sunday's. He is requesting that if his team makes the finals, the game be moved to a weeknight. Anthony stated that he had emailed all U12 Boys coaches and only heard back from one coach who was unsure if his team could or would move. He stated that if we do not move the games, the Church was prepared to protest and he would go to the Modesto Bee. He also stated that if the BOD did not move in this direction that he would begin an appeal process.

Shanon explained the additional costs to move the games, including field rental, light rental, and having refs on call (which is an additional fee) for just in case these games were moved. Anthony stated that his team was prepared to pay any additional fees. She then asked him if he were prepared to pay the additional fees if they did not make the finals because this would need to be set in place before even knowing if his team made the finals.

Dennis stated that he called all the U12 Boys coaches and asked if there would be any issues with moving this game to another night, should their team make the finals. Most coaches said no, they could not move due to prior commitments and work, others said they would ask their families. Julie asked Dennis if they had looked at the registration and made sure that they were all placed on the correct teams. Dennis stated that he and the office staff pulled the team's registration papers and 3 of the 5 boys had requested to play together and the other 2 of the 5 had requested to play together. All 5 boys were within the same school district and this is why they were all placed on the same team. Dennis also reported that he called CYSA and was told by them, that this would be considered an MYSA issue.

Marika explained that her son is in on a U12 Boys team and her coach asked his boys and families if this would be an issue. Over 50% of the team stated that they could not make it on a weeknight due to religious classes that they are required to attend.

Shanon made a motion to not make any changes, stating that we would be in the same predicament with all religious beliefs. Aaron Seconded. Approved 10-0-1 John Bava will email the decision to Anthony.

Shanon discussed spring league verses summer league for rec. She discussed the difficulties with scheduling spring due to holidays, outside complex bookings, and graduation ceremonies. She discussed moving to June and July and making it a summer league instead. All BOD agreed that this would be a good alternative.

Marketing Committee: John Rake has Survey Monkey questionnaire ready to send out. However, he needs the passwords to access the website. Tracy Moore said she would work on getting them from Lissett who was in charge of this previously. Barbara reported that she had completed the inventory of all MYSA-Ajax merchandise and opened the booth for the rec weekends. She also ordered MYSA T-shirts to sell as well.

Ajax Committee: Randy discussed the issues with Luciano Silveria, 01B Green coach. He and Trevor had a meeting and discussed the parent complaints and Luciano assured that he would work on them.

Executive BOD had requested that Trevor White send in a response to the review done on September 15, 2015. It was requested that Trevor respond within a week and he agreed. Trevor emailed his response on to Jey and Randy today right before meeting time. We were unable to read these responses prior to meeting. John Bava stated that we needed more leadership coming from the DOC position. Trevor's response was that we ask too much of our DOC and that if we did our research with other clubs, we would understand that we ask too much.

Randy looked into advertising for new DOC with NSCAA. The cost for membership with NSCAA is \$95.00 per year and \$275.00 for a 30 day job posting. David McCann motioned to move forward with advertising for new DOC with NSCAA and Julie seconded. Approved 10-1-0

AGM: Agenda will be set by John Bava. John Rake will have the ballots made at Ditto's prior to meeting. Shanon will make sure he has the list of candidates. There will be five awards given. Ryan will have P&L's to discuss with all in attendance. Trevor will discuss the new US Club mandates for age pure in 2017 and how we will proceed in 2016.

Finance Committee: Ryan presented the current P&L statement. We discussed our City contract. At this time, as the contract states, we will not be able afford to stay at the Mary Grogan Community Park as the deferred maintenance fee goes up each year. We will continue on track to be ready for an outside auditor in 2016 as per the City of Modesto's request. However, Randy suggests in January of 2016, we draft a letter stating that under our current contract, we cannot continue past 6-30-16. This will serve as our six month notice. Jey expressed concern for our current office staff employees, park manager, and park staff and suggested that if this letter is delivered, that we also inform staff of our decision.

Meeting adjourned 10:15 pm

