

## August 7, 2006 PWSL League Meeting Minutes

Called to order 7:34 p.m.

May meeting minutes approved by Katie Michelmore, seconded by Dawn Lee

Board Members:

President - Carole Hurst

- Fields Coordinator – Roxi Fulton
- Vice President – Paris Segress (not present)
- Secretary – Wendy Carey
- Statistician - Jackie Armstrong (not present)
- Scheduler- Kanda Segraves
- Treasurer – Julie Bardsley
- Registrar – Sherry Marti
- Webmaster – Tammy Moore (not present)

PWSL has made an affiliation change from California Soccer Association, South (CSAS) to United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA). USSSA began as a Softball association and currently covers 20 different sports having added soccer in 2001. Our former relationship with CSAS was getting more expensive and more hassle. Fee last year was \$1000, this year the Fall fee will be \$925 per team which includes a \$100 bond. The bond will cover in-season fees such as add/drop, forfeit, etc. This bond will need to be replenished by each team when it falls below \$50 and brought back up to \$100 the beginning of each new season regardless of the balance.

With this new affiliation the league will be making our own players cards. Equipment for this was bought using Turkey Shoot profits. The fee will cover 22 players rather than the 18 covered last year. Replacement cards, player transfers and add/drop fees (after the 22<sup>nd</sup> registration) will be \$10.

What we lose with the new affiliation is health insurance (which was used by VERY few players). Also, if teams participate in an Affiliated tournament requiring certification USSSA charges \$75 for the paperwork. The affiliation provides a \$2 million liability policy (compared to \$1Million thru CSAS).

Registration: We have studied Orange County Soccer League's Registration instructions as a basis for PWSL Registration Tips For Team Representatives which was passed out at the meeting. On August 26<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 at Jim Howard Hall (meeting room next to Robb Field's tennis court) there will be a small staff available to take pictures of those who are not able to get their pictures done otherwise. The preference is to provide individual digital pictures on CD of the team. DL copies are also required and may be provided as a hard copy or digital copy. Completed packets are due August 26. Player cards will be passed out at the September 5<sup>th</sup> League meeting. Any past due fees must be included with the fall fees in order for player cards to be made available.

Regarding the O30 divisions we are hoping to transition to age pure divisions. Existing U30 players and those registered for the fall season will be grandfathered. This will become effective in January for Winter/Spring league. The other idea is to transition the O30B division to O40 if this appeals to the league membership. It could begin by stepping up one year every year (30 to 31 to 32...) or start with a higher age requirement for allowing a significant number of younger players to begin with and reduce that number over time. Further discussion was tabled until the 30B divisions had an opportunity to discuss this proposed change with their teammates.

Please email any scheduling requests to [Board@PWSL.org](mailto:Board@PWSL.org) by August 11, 2006. Kanda will begin planning the schedule August 12. Teams whose deposits are not received by August 11 will NOT be able to play in the Fall.

A discussion of division makeup ensued. Concerns were expressed about the size of divisions and designing them to be competitively level. Each division will be at least 6 teams. 3 Divisions will be redesigned using standings from last Winter Season. Fields for Fall will be Alcott, Mira Mesa Recreation Center, Lopez Ridge,

Challenger, Lindbergh and possibly Pt Loma High School. We are looking for individuals that may be able to transport transportable goals to/from Mira Mesa Rec Center, Lopez Ridge and Challenger fields for \$100 per location.

There was a complaint about field conditions at Lindbergh and Alcott (grass not mowed). Several calls have already been made to the appropriate Rec Centers. City fields are supposed to be mowed weekly. During the summer if someone is on vacation or sick there is no replacement and therefore the fields don't get mowed. The situation should be better in Fall and Winter. Laurie Schmersal will check on availability of the Clairemont High School field.

If teams are looking for players or vice versa please check or post on the website. We plan to discontinue the use of the Player Waiting List.

Motion to adjourn: 1<sup>st</sup> by Katie Michelmore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Wegner.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy M. Carey