

**MVLA Club Meeting
Minutes – Monthly Meeting
12/03/2008**

The MVLA Soccer Club Meeting was called to order by Rodney Robinson, President, at **7:35 pm**, Wednesday, December 3, 2008. A Board Quorum **was** present, consisting of the following Board Members:

Rodney Robinson, Jeanine Valadez, Nancy Ikeda, Simon Weiss, Craig Lund, Adriano Allain, and Jack Daw

Secretary Report: Rodney Robinson on behalf of Cindy Gamble

Minutes from the November 2008 Club Meeting were submitted for Board approval. The **motion** was made and seconded to approve the November 2008 minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Delgado Playing League: Simon Weiss

Notes from the most recent Delgado meeting:

- The red card return process needs to be sharpened.
- Trophies are available for the top 3 finishers in each division. Contact Simon to arrange pickup.

Abronzino Playing League: Adriano Allain

No update; no meeting held

Treasurer Report: Jack Daw

Finances - Current cash balance is **\$362,531**. Checking account balance \$14,578, various savings accounts amount to \$347,953. All funds from LACF (less \$700 in mgmt fees) have now been received and are in MVLA accounts.

Foothill Fees - We owe \$28K for Foothill if the club does not permit Tuesday/Thursday in February and March. The Club will provide \$60/hr subsidy for February and March usage. Rental fee is \$808/day (4-8:30pm) with a \$270/day subsidy.

Referee Report: Craig Lund

Ref Pay - Tibor (from Sunnyvale) is working out the details on Ref Pay. Seems to be getting better.

Registrar's Report: Nancy Ikeda

Player Adds and Transfers – Just reiterating that there is a 7 day waiting period for player adds/transfers. Nancy wants to receive the registration package by the Thursday night to process (two weekends before players are expected to play).

Deadlines for Cup Play for the Youngers -

- Association Cup Adds/Transfers: Need paperwork by Dec 20.
- State Cup Adds/Transfers: Need paperwork by Jan 3.

Field Report: Jeanine Valadez

Foothill Allocations -

The first draft of the Foothill allocations was posted today at 3pm. Please send feedback to Jeanine ASAP if there are any problems. Jeanine will also accept requests for extra requests. There is no deadline for submitting such requests. Note that some time slots have 3 teams assigned. Note also that we do not have Foothill 12/22 – 12/26.

Very few elder teams have sent in requests for Foothill. If Jeanine does not hear by the end of the weekend, 12/7, the slots will be assigned to the youngers. Grass fields will be available, at the earliest, in March. As always, availability is negatively impacted by rain.

President's Report: Rodney Robinson

Two rebounders are currently with Vince Leone. Rodney will arrange pickup and delivery to Foothill for use on the turf field.

Coaching Coordinator: Pete Pazmany

No report.

Fund Raising Report: No report

Equipment: No report

Publicity: No report

Tournaments: No report

New Board Topics:

Field Lining Fee – The Barracudas failed to line their field, were fined, but re-baselined the field 2 weeks later. Requested waived fees. Jeanine motioned to waive the fee if they baseline Rosita and Almond before 12/14. Rodney seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

New Team Petition U8 Boys Vipers –

Mark Gitin presented a petition for a new U8 Boys program. He and Vahe Baronian will co-manage the teams. The teams will be coached by Adriano Allain, Vahe, Rafael Soares, and Wayne Kania.

The plan is to start with 3 teams (blue, white, and green) and target one division 1 team and one division 3 team by U10 Spring (when play moves to 11v11). The Vipers

currently have 20 boys committed to their program and plan to hold additional tryouts to identify more players.

Jeanine identified some conditions that she would like to see in place:

1. Provide at least 1 parent referee per team by the end of the first year.
2. All 3 teams train together. Practice slot will start at either 3:30 or 4pm.
3. Any parent coaches must commit to stay for a seasonal year.

Rodney motioned to accept the new teams. Jeanine seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

New Team Petition – U8G Tornados -

Jeff Arrillaga presented a petition for two new U8G teams – Tornados Blue and Tornados Black. The teams will be coached by Sissi (assistant coach of the WPS FC Gold Pride). Jeff will be the assistant coach and program manager. The girls currently train together once/week and played fall in the West Valley play through league.

Nancy requested additional information on Sissi's background, including her current license(s) held. Jeff agreed to provide the information.

Rodney motioned to accept the teams with the same conditions outlined for the Vipers. Nancy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Triumph Copper (US Club Only) -

Tom Chou submitted a request to accept the Triumph Copper as a US Club only team, playing in the NorCal leagues. This team began when additional boys, who were not quite ready for the Triumph Bronze team desired to train and play games. They have been playing in NorCal events only.

Jeanine motioned to accept Triumph Copper as a division 3 CYSA team for spring only with the following conditions:

1. Maintain at least 14 players on the goldenrod.
2. Prove competitiveness with the Triumph Bronze.
3. Remain totally flexible on practice assignments.
4. Team will be re-evaluated after the conclusion of the spring season.

Adriano seconded the motion.

Discussion: The current constitution only permits a 3rd team in the age group if both existing teams are division 1. This is not the case today and is not likely to be the case for next season.

The discussion closed and the vote was called. The motion failed with 3 against (Craig, Nancy, Jack) and 2 for (Jeanine and Adriano)

Directed Donation Account Request for Raptors -

Jeanine Valadez submitted a request to set up a directed donation account for the Raptors to pay for player expenses for boys on the team whose parents are having financial

difficulty. Money will fund direct operational expenses (registration fees, tournament fees, uniform, etc.) for eligible players.

Some background: Three boys currently get the maximum scholarship (\$600/season) from the club. There are currently 7 players on scholarship.

Motion: The motion was made, seconded and **approved** to approve the Raptors Directed Donation Account.

Directed Donation Account Request for Pythons -

Prior to the meeting, Joe Seither submitted a request to set up a directed donation account for the Pythons to fund a technical director to assist his coaches. Jim Martin represented the Pythons during the meeting.

Discussion:

Two broad concerns were raised:

1. Are we (MVLA) at risk for creating an employer/employee relationship?
2. Does this request conform to the "spirit" of the PIM?

Jeanine gave her thoughts on the original intent of the PIM – to give teams the ability to support team members who have difficulty meeting the financial demands of club soccer and receive a tax deduction when doing so.

After some discussion, Rodney motioned to table the request until the next meeting. Craig seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Some action items were noted:

1. Better understand the DeAnza Club structure where they have a coaching coordinator
2. Get a legal opinion on the risk of creating an employer/employee relationship if the directed donation account request is approved.
3. Modify the existing PIM to better reflect the original intent.

Meeting Closed: at 9:18pm.

Teams represented: Raptors 92 Gold, Raptors 92 Bronze, Typhoons White, Blue and Black, Thunder, Hurricanes, Blizzard, Dynamite, X-Treme, Rapids, Triumph Gold, Triumph Bronze, Pythons, Jaguars, Mutiny, Clash, Galaxy, Barracudas, Crush 92, CyberRays, Spirit, Cobras, Monsoon, Cheetahs, Flash, Earthquakes 94.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:

Cindy Gamble, MVLASC Secretary 2008

Taken at Meeting by Nancy Ikeda, Registrar

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