



**Tri-County Soccer League Meeting Minutes**  
(Board Meeting Minutes: September 08, 2008)  
(7:00PM @ Kohinoor Cuisine of India)

**Proceedings:**

- *Meeting called to order* at 7:11 PM by President, Joe Henderson.
- May meeting minutes were amended and approved.

**Correspondence:**

- **Joe Henderson** thanked all old board members and welcomed new members.

**League Concerns / Issues:**

**Joe Henderson** discussed issues and concerns he had for the league:

- Team / Player Paperwork Packages were not ready yet.
  - CSA South did not have paperwork packages ready in time for meeting.
  - We need to meet again next Monday (Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>) to distribute packages.
- We are going to try to start the league during the last week in October.
- Teams forfeiting games was a big problem last season.
  - **Joe Henderson** suggested that we introduce new rule that will allow teams to be able to pickup 2 “Trial” players that will be allowed to play that game with only a Drivers License and signing Release of Liability.
    - Might keep teams from forfeiting a game due to not enough players.
  - **Andy Gillespie** is concerned that teams will use this new rule during the end of the season and/or critical games just to bring on a “ringer” and win the game.
  - **Bryan Card** has 2 comments:
    - We should only allow “trial” players up to 11 players.
    - He does not think CSA or Ref. Assn. will allow non-registered players.
- Fines and Penalties are too high and driving teams and players away from the league.
  - **Joe Henderson** talked about reducing fines and increasing player bans.
  - **Andy Gillespie** outlined his suggestion for new Trial Board guidelines:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Red Card: (2 Yellows = \$10 Fine) & (Straight Red = \$15 - \$20 Fine)
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Red Card (2 Yellows = \$40 Fine) & (Straight Red = \$50 Minimum)
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Red Card (Probably banned for season + fine, decided by Trial Board)
    - 3 Yellows = \$15 Fine
    - 5 Yellows = \$25 Fine + 1 game ban
    - Clean Slate after 5 yellows
    - All cards, fines, and suspensions will be made public on website
  - **Andy Gillespie** suggested we make a new rule(s):
    - Players with suspensions must miss a game played, forfeit does not count.
    - Playing with illegal player = forfeit + must pay all ref. & field fees.
      - This was already voted and approved last week.

- Scheduling is very difficult and needs to be made easier for Bryan Card.
  - Schedule needs to be more strict, once it is made it cannot be changed.
  - Teams need to share fields and be more flexible
  - No “home” and “away” teams. First team listed on schedule gets home uniforms and is responsible for field setup and cleanup.
  - Any team can play on any field
    - Bryan, Sean and Euan are unsure if CSC ’76 field permits will allow this.
    - CSC ’76 Board will meet to discuss issues.
  - **Kelly Gray** is trying to obtain multiple fields and multiple times at Ventura
  - **Bryan Card** needs all managers to submit field permits so he can make schedule
- Lining Fields – **Joe Henderson** asked for volunteers to line fields.
  - **Joe Henderson** volunteered to line fields that he plays on
  - **Andy Gillespie** volunteered to line fields that he plays on
  - **Kelly Gray** said that Ventura Community Park is already lined each week
  - **Bryan Card** said that Borchard generally is already lined by other people
  - **Joe Henderson** would like the league to purchase another paint machine
    - He will look into the cost, but should be about \$100
    - **Kevin McCaffery** does not think \$100 will be a problem and agrees.
- League Structure – Are we going to form 1 division or 2 divisions?
  - **Kelly Gray** commented that every time we play with 1 division we lose teams
  - As of today (Sept. 9, 2008), we have 12 teams in the league
  - After much discussion it was decided to form 2 divisions each with 6 teams.
    - 4 existing Premiere teams + top 2 teams in First division
    - Motion **PASSED**
- CSA South – Discussed progress with league being able to run without CSA South
  - **James Whalen** said he is in discussion about insurance - should not be a problem
  - **Sean Schearer** briefly talked about the problems with using services such as eteamz.com and stated that he is working on a website that will support our needs.
    - The website will not be ready until the 2009 – 2010 season.
- Attracting New Teams - offer new teams an incentive to join the league
  - After much discussion, Joe Henderson put a motion on the floor:
    - Offer “No Registration Fee – Save \$500” to new teams
    - Still collect \$500 bond that is refundable at end of season
    - This motion **PASSED**
  - New teams joining mid-season will take loss for missed games.
  - New teams must also take loss for future games against teams not played yet.
- Team Registration Fee and Prize Money
  - **Joe Henderson** suggested we raise fees to \$500 so we can increase prize money.
  - **Kelly Gray** commented that he cannot get his players to pay with current fees, it would be much harder if fees were raised.
  - **Sean Schearer** pointed out that last year we voted to drop prize money so that we didn’t have to raise team registration fees.
  - **Bryan Card** suggested a “winner takes all” structure. Pay only 1<sup>st</sup> place team.
  - After much discussion we took vote on new prize money structure.
    - \$1500 for 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Premiere Division – voted and **PASSED**
    - \$600 for 1<sup>st</sup> Place in First Division – voted and **PASSED**
    - \$500 for 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Cup Game – voted and **PASSED**

- Referees – New contract signed with referees and fees not going to increase
- All-Star Game
  - **Joe Henderson** suggested that we have an “All-Star” game this year
  - **Andy Gillespie** volunteers to coach “East Side” team
  - Ojai volunteers to coach “West Side” team
  - 2 or 3 players from each team
  - All-Star game = October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am
  - Charity Shield game = October 19<sup>th</sup> at 12pm

**Treasurer’s Report:**

- **Kevin McCaffery** discussed the current balances of the league accounts:
  - Checking: \$2,925.30 (as of August 31, 2008)
  - Savings: \$3,306.64 (as of August 19, 2008)

**Next Meeting:**

- Monday, September 15, 2007 at Kohinoor Cuisine of India
- Emergency Meeting to pass out Team / Player Paperwork Packages

**Attendance:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>
Sean Schearer	CSC ’76 United
George Orozco	Ventura Misfits
Ryan Silverman	Malibu United
James Whalen	Malibu United
Andy Gillespie	Crown & Anchor Casuals FC
Joe Henderson	Crown & Anchor Lions FC
Kevin McCaffery	CSC ’76
Euan Davidson	CSC ’76 Rovers
Bryan Card	CSC ’76 Celtics
John Amezcua	TBD (Guest)
Don Thoresen	TBD (Guest)
Kelly Gray	Ventura Soccer Club
Eric Warner	FC Hasental
Michael McKinney	Ojai Condors
Julio Montes	CSC ’76 Gibos

- Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM
- Minutes submitted by Sean Schearer