



Palo Alto Soccer Club
Board Meeting – August 18th, 2020
7:30-9:30 pm

I. Call to Order and Welcome

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.
2. Present: Ed Camarena, Natasha Parrett, Jonathan Chow, Jodie, Craig, Savio Carrijo, Rodrigo Baptista, Jim Smith, Solly Malchin, Veronica, Neal Aronson, Eric Madrigal, Gerson Perez

Jodie motioned to approve July minutes and Jim seconded, minutes were approved unanimously.

II. Scholarships Updates and Requests

Veronica Saleh presented the following update

Updates:

Approved 50 players. Total amount was \$50,662. Some families applied but have not turned in paperwork. A few have been awarded but have not registered. A fair number asking for additional relief / donations due to not being able to afford fees.

Jim asked how much to fill the unfunded amount. For PASC, Scholarship families with multiple kids is always the biggest challenge. New non-resident players have not been an issue. For SVSA players, there was about an \$8,000 gap after some need and merit finalized. Additional clarity on the merit award is needed. It was difficult also with the time constraint and tax deadline extension to get the documents in time. All outstanding need requests are probably on the order of \$30,000 when considering requests.

Two questions discussed:

- 1) Is any merit warranted if need is not verified?
- 2) Is there a maximum merit per player?

Gerson described trying to balance trying to retain players to remain competitive.

Veronica will provide the analysis.

Jim said the expectation should be all in the need bucket and any merit outside of need is on an exception basis. Ed asked should we consider making awards contingent on submitting documentation for those cases where it was still pending. Gerson said that would be appropriate.

Additional donations collected via Byga was about double at \$7000 vs last year.

Veronica asked to keep families in mind if any volunteer opportunities for the families in greatest need. Neal suggested some other clubs have safety monitors as a volunteer opportunity. This was discussed and will be considered if this is needed.

III. Technical Director

Savio provided an update:

Leagues are looking to start at the beginning of October. Will offer supplemental training. If things are better, we can start internal competitions.

This information was distributed during the family meetings last week. Savio discussed progression, supplemental sessions (weekend or during the week), internal competitions, local competitions.

When the state opens up, Norcal will give a 3 week notice once games can be played.

The education and return to play protocols has gotten better every week.

The biggest challenge is dealing with outside organizations that try to use the fields.

Savio does not believe that safety monitors are needed.

IV. Exec Director Summary

Rodrigo provided an update:

Coaches contracts have been created.

812 registered and 90 still unregistered. Much greater use of installment plans than the previous year.

2019-2020 budget ended with a \$48,000 gap.

High School is in the spring. It will make the winter a challenge. Will need \$20-25K for portable lights.

Girls Academy updates: very well organized.

There were only a handful of initial payment refund requests but the requests did not qualify based on the policy.

New Nike uniform cycle for Summer 2021 but soon will need to make selection.

Sport psychologist and sports nutritionist is being investigated using funds donated for the girls academy program.

The most important need is to improve the college recruiting process. Will discuss further with directors and come back to the board with suggestions.

MLS Academy updates:

First week in October. Working with Santa Clara County clubs.

Looking at opportunities for tournaments including local mini tournament.

MLS planning scholarships in Spring.

Natasha asked who is communicating with the MLS and GA organizations and willing to help. MLS has not opened up yet. Only committee meetings at this point. Gerson is our committee representative. PASC is part of two committees. Rodrigo and Savio are driving the GA meetings.

V. Field Updates

Neal provided an update.

City field development effort got stopped in the pandemic. City staff members are still interested in moving forward. What they don't have is a budget. They are willing to consider donation of staff time to accelerate. There are potential donors. It would take \$100K and 9-12 months to city council approval.

City declined reduced field rental fees.

Asked if we could extend portable lights to Cubberley grass. They said they would consider.

VI. SVSA 2020

Jim presented funds. Just got taxes.
\$30,000 to \$35,000 leftover from last year.

Disciplinary issues from last season. 6 players on social media “bullying”. 3 are being suspended for one game, 3 with warnings.

VII. Administrative

Disciplinary committee confirmed: Natasha, Rodrigo and Solly
Scholarship committee: Veronica, Solly, Ed, Rodrigo and Gerson
Finance committee: Natasha, Rodrigo, Ed, Jonathan, Jim

VIII. Finance

Jim provided SVSA PPP update:
BoFA has not opened up forgiveness. Second round of PPP may be coming. May be based on loss of revenue.

Jonathan provided PASC PPP update:
Legacy bank opened up website with a calculator. We can upload information. We will owe about 10% of what was borrowed. Jim and Jonathan will compare forgiveness documents.

IX. Health Update

AQI is over 250. Will find communication from last year regarding policy.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.