



Palo Alto Soccer Club
Board Meeting – November 17th, 2020
7:30-9:04 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, Rodrigo Baptista, Jim Smith, Veronica Saleh, Neal Aronson, Eric Madrigal, Savio Carrijo, Gerson Perez

II. Minutes and Matters Arising

Jonathan motioned to approve October 20 minutes and October 27 special minutes and Neal seconded, minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Scholarships Updates and Requests

All funding has been distributed. New requests from U15 returning player and U17 new player with highest need. Would be \$1700 to \$2200 total if standard awards were available. Requests went out to the teams for sponsorship.

A donation link will be made available via Byga and distributed to teams by either Veronica or Natasha.

As the number of scholarship players has almost doubled, is there a way to create a group within Byga that can be created for more easily managing the scholarship group.

IV. MLS Technical Director

MLS pushed the season to January. A few teams went to Reno to compete. A lot of questions on where to get tested which can be complicated due to heavy commuters. The club has done a good job in being diligent with the policies. We need to consider

how to keep the competitive levels. All the coaches got tested before going to be able to be on the sidelines.

Natasha asked that Gerson work with Rodrigo and Savio to work collaboratively to develop and manage the Covid protocols.

Jodie mentioned that a written policy is being put together for travel for players and coaches.

V. TD Director

Savio provided the following written update.

Thanksgiving;

- Monday and Tuesday practice are ON (Wednesday - Saturday are canceled) then back on Monday 11/30/2020.

Covid-19 Protocol;

- Working with Jodie and Natasha on the COVID-19 Holiday Guidelines for our staff.
- Also finalizing guidelines for teams attending Surf in Phoenix.
- David is handling the cohort list and I handle the staff daily questionnaire.

NorCal Winter Recreational Tryout Window;

- 2020 Winter Supplemental Tryout: Palo Alto Soccer Club will conduct evaluations for any *unaffiliated interested, eligible prospective players for 2013 - 2008 age groups. Evaluations will take place during each team's normal practices from November 30th, 2020 - February 7th, 2021. This is the period for clubs to hold open tryouts for the sole purpose of adding players not currently registered with a competitive team in a NorCal club.

Evaluations players/coaches;

- It will all be done December 13th.

Practice

- Grass field sessions adjusted to 3:45-5pm.
- Make sure the kids have a pickup to avoid having kids getting lost.

NorCal Updates;

- 2020 Season Officially Canceled.
- 2021 Spring Application will open in November.
- Potential Norcal Events Played prior [to] league.
- It will be regionalized.
- The idea is to be hosted by Norcal, club or both.

A question was asked about Covid policy for tryouts for Rec players. The club will follow the Club's standard policy.

VI. Exec Director Summary

Rodrigo provided the following written update.

Registration

- Player registration (883)
- Staff registration on going process
- Following up with families with failed Payments (10 MLS + 2 GA + 4 Club)

Byga updates

- College option added
- Kyle working with Ed on Implementation

New Goals Purchase

- \$3000 (2 goals for cubb)
- Rebounder (2 for EC), cost is \$1200

Huld Renew

- Options: To Pay now and get refund credit for next year apply to a later time or to pay when we start to use services again

New Nike uniform kit

- June/July 2021

Girls Academy Updates

- There is a new membership committee for 2021/2022
- No league schedule updates

Surf Cup Updates:

- 4 Girls Teams Accepted
- 1 Boys Team Accepted

Membership Survey:

- Season feedback

Suggest an End of the Year Letter

- Positive message

Eric provided an update on the website. He also provided an update regarding league registrations and staff registrations.

Natasha also mentioned that players turning 18 also need to do the adult safesport training. Gerson, Natasha, Solly will follow up with their respective teams.

VII. COVID Specific Updates

A player tested positive. The team and coach will follow the PASC Covid protocol.

The board discussed the draft Covid travel protocol that was distributed for review by Jodie.

Question about travelling together and chaperoning. While it is best to travel and stay with their own family, it may not be practical because of costs and parent ability to travel. The focus is thus on safe return. A suggestion was made to add testing prior to the trip when traveling or lodging together (for example, 72 hours prior to the trip). The recommendation may be provided but the families will need to decide on their collaboration when traveling.

Also, California is recommending a quarantine when traveling out of state. We will need to monitor if additional restrictions are imposed.

Natasha mentioned she will help provide a note to anyone having difficulty getting tested so they can get tested in Santa Clara county as people with significant activity in Santa Clara county can be tested.

The board also discussed the separate draft Covid travel protocol for coaches.

Waivers will be added to the Covid travel policy.

Jodie will redistribute the protocol for a final review.

V. Fields

The idea for futsal courts is not looking likely with Covid restrictions.

Four lights are on at Cubberley and are sufficient for the teams currently there..

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.