



Palo Alto Soccer Club
Board Meeting – October 20th, 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, Veronica, Neal Aronson, Eric Madrigal, Gerson Perez

Jim motioned to approve August minutes and Jonathan seconded, minutes were approved unanimously.

II. Scholarships Updates and Requests

Veronica: only one issue / question:
request to use \$260 PASC scholarship for a player that moved overseas to other player on SVSA that was not initially funded. Board was supportive.

III. MLS Technical Director

- MLS has agreed to cover [i.e., insurance] our players for any games outside the state. MLS will not call it a MLS Next event though
- MLS has said they will not provide covid tests, but may provide other resources such as filming or streaming of any games we schedule
- Sac Republic would like to host a Reno event next month.
- Our U13 team is still short 10-14 players. A solution I have thought of is bring an outside team to play as SVSA. Have them pay a fee of 2 trainings per week. Their other trainings could be with their local club. Create an affiliation of some sort with this club as SVSA so players can register with normal and MLS. Aside from a huge tryout I am not sure how else to fill that team. I can imagine it would help on any deficit.
- If needed I can coach that team with my already included salary and save the club a U13 team salary.

- Lastly, I asked that for my director role I be hired as SVSA as I have been in the past. I am willing to have any fees come out of my check. I feel it's still important for SVSA to have a director. I believe this worked well from 2017-2020.

U13 idea to be discussed between technical staff.

Reno travel will be discussed by the board as part of Covid discussion.

Director role will be discussed separately.

IV. TD Director

Evaluations; starting the process to get all players and staff evaluations complete. We have 12/11/2020 as the due date.

Winter Schedule; finalizing the schedule with Birol. We had to make some adjustments and we will not be offering supplemental practices to all teams. The reason is because we don't have enough space to accommodate 2+1 (3) practices (Tier A) and 3+1 (4) practices (Tier B). The GA and MLS teams will continue with 4 practices given that they are paying higher fees.

Covid-19; Jodie, Natasha, Rodrigo and I have been working closely to deal with some issues related to covid-19 player/staff exposure.

Staff Meeting, weekly staff meeting conducted to go over new updates, covid-19 guidelines and/or review some important information.

League Games; league games got postponed again. Norcal and other leagues and organizations are working hard to get the state to change their position regarding youth sports. Hopefully, things will improve soon.

Many of my other updates are included in Rodrigo email sent earlier today.

With Covid 19 exposure, roughly 9 teams moved to online (result of one player with a few siblings and a direct exposure to a coach). All teams are back tomorrow. Coaches affected have also been tested negative multiple times. The club has taken a very conservative approach. Santa Clara county has free testing which was helpful.

League games are expected as soon as 2 weeks when the states give the go-ahead.

Eric plans to finish registrations by the end of this week.

V. Exec Director Summary

Possible State Updates on youth sports

- **State Possible announcement this week and Implications**

Staff and Players Covid Questionnaire

- **Savio communicating with Staff**

Surf Cup Phoenix

- **January 1st - 4th**
- **Teams registered**
- **MLS?**

Registration

- **No major registration update**
- **Making sure players are registered**
- **Removing players from rosters**

Winter programs

- **No futsal as of now**
- **No HS Program**
- **YDP running at full speed**

IDP & Evaluation (Norcal/CCSL/MLS/NPL/GA) Academy January 1st

- **To be complete by end of 2020**
- **To be shared on byga**
- **Academy and Club**

Staff Evaluation

- **Using Byga**
- **By the end of 2020**
- **Practice perform**
- **Game evaluation pushed to spring?**

Staff meeting academy & club

- **Mondays - Coaches meetings**

- Tuesday - Leadership meeting

Byga updates

- New app
- College option to be added
- Chatting
- Both pasc/svsa logos added

PASC/SVSA

- Website revamp
- Eric/Heidi working on the landing page

Out of State Survey

- Most comfortable with contact
- Many not comfortable with other traveling items
- 145+ total survey submitted
- Club protocol on traveling/event organizers on event day

Discussion: Additional work will be discussed on the club's travel protocol.

PASC/SVSA 2021 Proposed Tournament Dates

- June 5-6 (summer tall trees)
- July 31-Aug 1 (College showcase) or March/April
- Sept 25-26 (fall tall trees)

NPL/GA/MLS Updates

- No major league soccer schedule (will have to scramble to get fields)
- Regionals and National schedules out (Tentative)
- NorCal letter to State

Goalie Program

- Program is running
- Goalie Staff working with club and Academy keepers
- MLS?

08B SVSA Coaching Resolution

- Rey Flores announced as the coach
- Renan's role to be defined

Other Discussion: may need to review budget (since futsal and high school training was not possible as last year). Discussion about how we can find alternatives so we can do outside futsal. Rodrigo, Savio and Neal will investigate options to rent or buy.

VI. COVID

Jodie discussed update on Covid exposure. First case we became aware of in real time. Practiced previous week exposure to positive family member. 2 siblings as well. Teams with full 2 week quarantine period.

The county does not provide much guidance. Sibling teams not required to change also. Determined safer to pull all teams online and start testing protocol with coaches.

No one else tested positive (coaches or players).

One case in past that we later became aware of though did not impact as did not play for the weeks following.

Other than primary team, other teams returned after one week. Coaches had two negative tests.

Learned a lot about questions families have. Have protocol in place for secondary exposure. Had concerns / complaints on both sides (too strict or not strict enough).

Discussion: what to do when participants travel out of town. Policy will be developed with Jodie and in collaboration with other medical doctors for staff and/or player as we go to the next levels of competition.

V. Fields: Solar Lights

Neal: Park and Recs are reviewing request for 5th day and more lights. Neal requests approval of budget to get the contract started. Neal moves to approve Sol Solutions proposal including 6 units in case more than 4 units are needed. \$1100 per light per month plus tax, delivery and pickup plus security deposit per unit. 4.5 months.

\$26,000 is 4 units. \$40,000 for 6 units. Initial check \$9,996 needed for first month, tax, delivery, and deposit.

Neal motioned, Jonathan seconded, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.