



Palo Alto Soccer Club
Annual General Meeting – June 15th, 2021
7:00-8:56 pm

I. Call to Order and Welcome

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Present: Natasha Parrett, Jonathan Chow, Rodrigo Baptista, Solly Malchin, Neal Aronson, Ed Camarena, plus team staff from ~29 teams

II. Minutes and Matters Arising

Approval of May meeting minutes: Solly motions to approve, Neal seconded, all approved unanimously.

III. AGM 7:30 - 8:30 PM

We do not have a quorum to have a board election. Need 38 voters and need at least 5 board candidates. For this reason, the election portion of the AGM will occur at a later date with details to follow.

Natasha provided a recap of the year. Proud about how well the club did in the Covid environment from a safety standpoint. Please refer to the presentation slides for details.

The following items were noted:

- Cal OSHA rules for now require coaches to wear masks.
- Good integration with GA and MLS. Note sent about the MLS changes. The club and Patricia did a great job. Both programs had a great Spring.
- Tall Trees is back.
- Member asked a question: What is the difference between MLS and ECNL.
Answer: These are different national league platforms. ECNL is for both boys and girls. MLS Next is clearly the top league for boys. ECNL for girls is a bit more established but very similar programs.

Rodrigo Baptista provided an update. Please refer to the presentation slides for details.

Reviewed the directors.

- Introduced Luke Sassano and Phillippe Eullaffroy.
- Hideki transitioned as Utah head coach leaving the SVSA girls director opening.

Discussed goals for upcoming season. In particular:

- Improved training certification.
- Provide a pathway to play in college.
- Access to better fields.
- Introduction of Adult league serving families.

Miscellaneous:

- Presented season dates.
- Discussed registration process, uniforms.
- Requested managers and coaches to help follow up with players who have not registered.
- Every year, managers and coaches need to complete the safesport training in order to get a staff pass. Concussions need to be tracked by team staff and get medical clearance.
- 20 of 26 coaches are full time as defined as 3 or more teams.
- 25 licensed coaches including 14 (A, B or C)
- Introduced new coaches.
- Described summer programs.
- Spent time on Family / Player Communication Procedure.
- Club will register teams to Tall Trees that fit based on coach feedback.
- Will look to reschedule picnic and fundraiser.

Rodrigo reviewed the draft budget.

Scholarship Update:

- Shout out to Veronica Saleh.
- Provided a link to the process.
- Introduced Gerson Castro as successor.
- July 1 deadline application for renewal.

Questions:

- SVSA uniforms: the uniform coordinator will handle both
- Practice uniforms will be available girl/women sizes (delayed / backordered for now)

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.