



Palo Alto Soccer Club  
Board Meeting – March 16th, 2021  
7:30-9:00 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, Solly Malchin, Jim Smith, Neal Aronson, Savio Carrijo, Veronica Saleh

**II. Minutes and Matters Arising**

February meeting minutes: Jonathan motions to approve, Neal Second, All in favor.  
Minutes approved unanimously.

**III. Scholarships Updates and Requests**

Veronica provided an update and the following request:

- 3 additional players SVSA seeking approval. New non-residents would represent \$300 each.
- Some donations and some reduced scholarship players due to departures.
- Ed motions to approve the additional scholarships, Jim seconded, all approved.

There is an effort underway to get uniforms donations for the rest of the season.

**IV. Executive Director Rodrigo Update**

Rodrigo provided an update:

- Added a new tournament to the schedule
- Registrations in Spring going well, new Adult league, Camps registration started, YDP, Rec league.
- Newsletter is being finalized.
- Budget is in the works.

- Some clubs want to have affiliation with SVSA. Further details upcoming.
- GA kickoff is March 27. Working on various requirements to be ready.
- MLS head recommended an individual for the director of methodology (would require \$20K for 6 months plus travel to enhance the SVSA curriculum). Phillippe will help with the entire club curriculum. Has vast experience in MLS. Will be needed on site at least twice. Neal motions to approve \$20K plus travel for director of methodology. Jonathan seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **IV. Technical Director Savio Update**

Savio reviewed the following updates on SVSA:

- Meeting with MLS this week
- Released some players
- In the process of signing dozens of players.
- Working on collaboration with other clubs.
- Scheduled friendlies.
- Will use Norcal return to play policies as a basis for return to play.
- MLS confirmed the Spring schedule.
- Presented the director of methodology position.

#### **V. COVID Specific Updates**

Questions discussed regarding travel for GA and MLS. Require adjacent counties: May need to rearrange schedules to play local teams first.

Questions discussed regarding out of state tournaments. Will need to understand when allowed and ensure the benefits outweigh the downside of quarantine if required. Currently on standby in case restrictions are lifted.

#### **VI. Budget**

No additional discussion items

#### **VI. Administration**

Will schedule AGM on May 18.

#### **VI. SVSA Administrative Update**

Taxes were not filed in 2016 (SVSA had been in business for 7 days at the time). SVSA's non-profit status was stopped and has to be reapplied for reinstatement.

Juventus explored the idea of rejoining as a partner. Some board members have additional questions.

It was mentioned that we should communicate to the membership about the budget impact of SVSA disruption this year. A note will be sent for comments to the rest of the board. Jonathan will finalize with the bookkeeper to have the financial impact understood for when questions arise.

Neal provided an update of the legal actions that were considered by the board.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.**