

LBYSO Minutes for 3/10/08

Board Members not in attendance: Merret Dorsey, Chris Dorsey, and Mario Pacada

The meeting commenced at 7:04 pm

A: Linda motioned to accept minutes as corrected. Alan seconded. Passed unanimously.

A: Helen Jones requested that she be allowed to open an account at the F&M bank on LBYSO's behalf, due to specific problems with Union Bank that have been noted in previous minutes. The bank requested that Helen's authority to open the account be noted in the minutes. It is so noted that Helen Jones is the current Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of the Long Beach Youth Soccer Organization, having been duly elected to a two year term at the LBYSO Annual General Meeting on January 22, 2007, and expiring on January 27, 2009.

B: Christine resigned, in a phone call to Mark Jauregui, as secretary. Jacki Jauregui was accepted as acting secretary until a vote could be taken at the next Board Meeting. Jacki resigned her position of acting tournament director, which she actually hadn't run for again and was still unfilled by any other candidates.

B: LBYSO still requires:

A Director of Intermediate Play (Spring Select, Signature League)

A Director of Tournaments (Also coordinates all camps, Jacki will finish the responsibility of this year's camps through the summer.)

Jim McMichael is acting as spring select coordinator. Mark asked Danny King and Chris King to assist Jim with Director of Int. Play duties until that position is filled.

C: PAD committee is still searching for the referee member. This committee requires 1 board member/committee chairperson, 2 parents, 1 coach and 1 referee. Danny King made a motion, Kadie Eason 2nd, to accept Linda Schmidt in lieu of the second parent member. It passed unanimously. The PAD committee now consists of:

Danny King, Jeff Palzer, Charlie Richardson and Linda Schmidt.

D: Guidry Update: Cal South reviewed packet we had given them regarding the Guidry incident. They determined Javelin must be allowed to attend the games but not coach in any capacity. Kashawna will not be allowed at any games or events related to LBYSO, indefinitely. Javelin is allowed to make a written request to LBYSO to review his disciplinary action for re-instatement of league membership.

E: As part of LBYSO fundraising, the Los Angeles Galaxy offers to provide a three hour clinic on Tuesday night, 5/6/08, from 6-9PM, at Heartwell #1, open for players of all skill levels, 5 Galaxy players in attendance, 1 at each station, to demonstrate each skill. The clinic will also include a soccer ball for each clinic participant, opportunity for autographs, and 2 tickets to the Galaxy game on 5/10/08. In return for the clinic the Galaxy request that LBYSO sell 400 end line tickets to the game on 5/10/08, (each clinic that is purchased will account for two of these 400 tickets), and 200 end line tickets to the game on 9/6/08. Alan made a motion that LBYSO charge each interested player \$45 for the clinic and \$20 for each additional ticket (face value \$25, Galaxy charging LBYSO \$17 per ticket) with the understanding if we need more tickets we can get them. Stephanie Kripal 2nd. After discussion motion was amended to show ticket cost of \$20 through fall registration and increasing to \$22 at late registration up until game day. Motion passed unanimously.

Alan volunteered to create a clinic application form and post to LBYSO.NET. He will also create a prompt in the registration process asking if parent wishes to purchase a game ticket. Mario needs to get with Merret for a mailing list and get publicity on this event.

F: Fabian advised that further consideration, the Competitive Soccer Committee has decided not to go forward with adding the 2 Cerritos teams approved at our last board meeting. He made a motion to rescind that approval. All agreed.

Earl Bolanos addressed the board on a recent change at school fields. In the past when a school closed for a week recess only one weekend worth of games was affected. Now it is both weekends. Consequently the games scheduled at Marshall MS on 3/29 need to relocate. Fabian made a motion that FCLB be allowed to use Heartwell 1 on 3/29, as the field is open due to Spring Rec not starting play until the following weekend. Brent 2nd, approved unanimously.

Fabian, Mark Hervin and Earl Bolanos addressed the board about forming one BU9 and one GU9 club team; teams would have 11, max 12, players each. They feel starting at this earlier age will have a significant impact on the children's ability to learn the game properly and increase the probability of having a successful experience. They would like to start recruiting immediately but understand that spring select is about to begin and it would have a negative impact on the U8 teams. Fabian made a motion to add 2 new club teams, 1-gu9 and 1-bu9, to FCLB. Earl Bolanos to coach the gu9 and Mark Hervin to coach the bu9. Helen Jones 2nd. Brent noted the impact on U9 Signature League teams and the depletion of the player pools for the U9 Sig League teams. After much discussion the motion was passed 11 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions. Fabian noted the idea of starting club U9 teams up each year would depend on how this first year goes and the quality of coaching available each year.

G: LBYSO will again have multiple camps. SoccerCentric will offer a spring break camp on 3/24-3/29/08, from 9AM-1PM. Summer camps -Challenger will run two separate weeks on 7/7-7/11/08 and 7/28-8/1/08, from 9AM-4PM. SoccerCentric will also have two weeks from 7/14-7/18/08 and 8/25-8/29/08, from 9AM-1PM. No decision on winter camps, if any, at this time. Jacki will get the camps on our website once the city approves the permits for SoccerCentric dates. Brent will advise. Mark will reach out to AYSO presidents in attempt to avoid using same camp dates. Fabian noted that while the camps are a fundraiser for LBYSO, the league needs to make sure we have a quality product (program, trainers) so the youth get the most benefit. In his opinion the best camp may not always give us the most money. Brent noted that while the feedback has been mostly positive for each camp provider, there have been campers that have expressed a preference for both the "fun" based camps provided by Challenger, and the "skill" based camps provided by SoccerCentric. Mark noted that the amount of money received by LBYSO for each camper in attendance is similar for both Challenger and SoccerCentric, and varies from \$10-\$25 per camper depending on the camp module of each camper.

H: unable to set fall fees at his meeting. However, Stephanie made a motion that in the fall we include the purchase of 2 community cards per player in the cost of registering. No buyout option. Helen 2^{cd}. Motion carried unanimously. Note: includes signature players.

Unfinished Business:

Spring Rec - Brent advised total number of spring teams will be 82 (g-44, b-38). Discussion ensued about where to place which age groups. Mark requested fields guys (Brent, Earl, Dennis, Chris) should sidebar and advise best plan.

Spring Select – motion by Danny King to allow coach Greg Torres to pick up an outside player for his B8 team due to a recent drop of multiple players. Picking up this player will still only give him 10 players. Chris King 2nd. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

All coaches must be cleared through Risk Management, but before Kadie can do this each coach must have at least a YM3 license. Alan must set up this training class ASAP.

Mark asked Jacki to arrange a board of directors annual dinner as a thank you to our many hours of volunteering. We have been unable to do this for a few years, as the funds have not been available.

Direct Reports: Fabian is working on his fall budget. Needs to know what fee will organization charge clubs this year? He prefers fee be based on a year. His seasonal year is 8/1 – 7/31. Also, he will be providing copy of 1099 to treasurer, Helen Jones.

Linda asked if ok to order fall uniforms through score yet. Permission granted.

Dennis addressed the lack of storage at Hughes with the need to have small-sided goals for the games. He brought a square, pop-up, small goal that could be purchased for roughly \$30 each. If, for spring, we gave each coach one then Hughes could be used for Peewees. They aren't real strong so we would probably have to replace them each season. In the fall, because the teams split, each coach would need 2 pop-ups. He also noted that the current PVC pipe goals are falling apart. Mark noted that other alternatives might also need to be considered due to the added cost for all Peewee teams to receive portable nets annually could be substantial.

James Dixon discussed his meeting with the LBRSA Board. Larry Yee, LBRSA Board, and the LBYSO assignor for LBRSA, was opposed to Div 4 apprenticeship program proposed by LBYSO, which would entail new LBRSA referees working at a reduced fee prior to hitting the Club circuit as a center ref. Larry willing to train LBYSO's referee volunteers if the price is right. There was discussion on other options available as referee organizations besides LBRSA. Mandated referee scheduling for LBYSO Rec coaches for Div 5 is still being considered. James is going to go forth with the scheduled training of Grade9 referees on 3/29/08 at the Masonic temple.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Submitted: Jacki Jauregui, Acting Secretary