

Gold Country Youth Soccer League

Annual General Meeting

Nevada County Office of the Superintendent of Schools

November 12, 2006 Minutes

Meeting called to order by Sophia Meyer at 5:08pm.

Roll Call: Sophia Meyer- President, Dan Vielhauer- Vice President and Metro Representative, Cathy Ivazes- Secretary, Sandi Zajec- Registrar, Steve Langley- Coaching Director, Steve Schaffer- Fields Director, Leslie Nemeth- Volunteer Coordinator, Thomas Breitter- Webmaster, Jim Oebker- Referee Director.

Absent: Chuck Hemmert-special projects, and Sharon Hines- appointed Treasurer.

Credentials: 106 teams. We had 7 coaches and 2 assistant coaches with voting privileges present.

Guests to introduce: None.

Acceptance of 2005 AGM minutes: Steve Schaffer motioned to accept minutes, Steve L. 2nd the motion. All in favor, minutes approved.

Reports:

Treasurer: Yearly financials were presented with details of operating funds, our field fund and expenses. About \$14,000 of our ending balance will go to our field fund.

Presidents Report: We experienced another great year and thank all the coaches for their attendance at this important meeting. Gratitude was also expressed to coaches and board members for all the important volunteer work done for this league.

GCYSL experienced an increase in income due to late registration and greater volunteer participation on fields. All of our expenses continue to rise except CYSA fees which have remained the same but are on a different payment schedule. We offered clinics for coaches and kids and plan to do so again next year, especially the popular keeper clinics.

Secretary: The teams came together well this year with most kids asking to return to their former teams. We still need help putting the teams together each season so it doesn't fall to 1 or 2 people to do. The president and her family have consistently been overburdened

with this process as board members and league volunteers have yet to take on this time consuming and time sensitive task. Although leaving the board, Cathy has offered to continue to help with registration, creating teams as necessary, and possibly working with the younger referees.

Registrar: This year we had 1489 players. 106 teams of which 91 were recreational, 14 metro and 1 competitive. We could have registered about 40-50 more U6-U8 players if we had more coaches. Kids didn't change teams as much as in past years.

Referees: We had only 5 referees from 2005 return to work this year. We had 37 new referees pass the training classes we offered, but only 25 became active referees for GCYSL, 5 of whom are adults. Many U6 and U8 coaches had to ref their own games. We need 48-50 dedicated referees to run our program, last year we had about 40. We encourage all coaches to take the class as well as parents. Coaches were seen disciplining their own team parents who got out of hand, which greatly helps the referees. We encourage older youth players to become referees and offer anyone 12 and older the chance to take the classes we give each summer. To reach possible referees beyond our soccer community, we may need to consider advertising in the newspaper classified ads but this costs money we'd rather not spend.

Fields: Soccer fields are a major expense for our league each year and prices go up regularly. We use about 16 fields in Nevada County for practicing and 8 for games. All of the fields we use are owned by different groups and almost all charge us for use. We rented 11 portable toilets this season costing \$90.00 each per month. We use 75 cases of paint a season lining the fields. This year, coaches helped set up and take down fields. We still need lots of equipment returned but because of this system, there was less vandalism of our nets and flags. We still need volunteer assistance with repairing sheds and for other smaller field maintenance jobs.

Coaches: GCYSL had 91 recreation league coaches, of which 70 were new. We invest a lot into coaches and hope they return each year as coaching clinics have become more expensive. Our equipment costs have increased as well. Soccer balls went from \$4.00 to \$9.00 each. We try to retrieve as much equipment as possible but rely on the coaches to return items they've been checked out. Steve is leaving after 5 years and hopes the board continues to increase the training levels of the coaching staff.

Uniforms: Our old reversible jerseys were discontinued several years ago and the several vendors we found to replace them discontinued them as well. Over the last two years we gradually switched the league to MLS jerseys. Unfortunately, our MLS kids uniform supplier Xara, lost the MLS contract to Adidas who will not license their use. Consequently, the board needs to address this issue so we can move forward with next season's orders. Board members Thomas and Jim have offered to look into the options of finding replacement uniforms and uniform swaps. They will check on the status of reversible jerseys as well. Thomas already found MLS jerseys but for \$45.00 each. Many leagues include the uniform in their registration fee. This may be an option for future uniform changes and distribution.

Volunteers: This new board position is greatly needed. Our coordinator felt she could have been more aggressive in her efforts to recruit help. From getting corporate sponsorships to getting team moms organized, more can be done next year to get our volunteers lined up and on track.

GCU Metro/ Tournament: Most of our metro teams are going to play in the District Cup Tournament, and we will be hosting the tournament for our U19 girl's team. 48 teams attended the Ore Cart Classic this summer which was a good turnout. The money generated by the tournament goes back into the metro program. The metro trainers would like to work more with the rec teams and will continue to offer clinics under the name of CLEATS. Although fliers were handed out at registration, many kids missed the keeper clinic offered this summer. Look for the clinic information in our January newsletter and our other mailers.

Website: Our website is updated constantly. Coaches who checked the website regularly were aware of program changes, schedule changes and other updates. Unfortunately, not all coaches used this service and a few missed games due to schedule changes. We currently notify coaches of changes via the website, phone calls, email and regular mail. The league could spend additional funds on a computer programs that automatically emails changes to coaches, but this seems unnecessary as Sophia, Steve L and Thomas have been doing everything possible to contact coaches now with little response.

Soccerfest: Coaches would like to see a festival or tournament for the rec league. By December our fields are all shut down, but a mid season jamboree might be doable if someone helps organize it. The teams all enjoy the seeding tournament and this would be a bit like that.

New Business: No soliciting or dogs are allowed at any of the fields we use or at CYSA sanctioned events. Somehow GCYSL must get more cooperation with these issues next year as they can pose safety hazards.

Proposals for change of Constitution, Bylaws, and or general procedures and specific rules: None.

Election of Board of Directors: The three board members whose terms are expiring are: Steve Langley, Cathy Ivazes and Dan Vielhauer. Dan reran. Two new candidates are: Rene Vandemeer and Kurt Miller. Dan, Rene and Kurt were elected.

Good of the Game: We had a successful season with only one cancellation due to rain.

Kudos to the referees who took good control of games this year. A first time coach voiced his appreciation saying he had a great time with our organization.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:20pm.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Ivazes.

