

SAN DIEGO DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date – Sept 30 2013

Meeting Time – 11:00am

Location – Del Mar Carmel Valley Sharks Office

In attendance: Bob Turner (President); Steve Cowell (Carlsbad Wave); Ryan Marquez (Rebels); Shannon Macmillan (DMCV Sharks); Steve Marx (Matrix); Rene Miramontes (CSC); Mike Pellicio (Arsenal FC SD); Adrian Ocampo (Arsenal FC SD); Glenn Malone (Carlsbad Lightning); Tsaki Demirdjian (Nomads); Sam Lauris (FC Sol); Jason L Aldous (Liverpool SC); John Napier (FC Heat / SDSC); Guy Newman (Express); Michael Ndoume (Riptide)

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules and regulations – Bob needs DOC's to send information / recommendations for p.5 of the rules and regulations document (parent expectations). Rene feels it is important to state the need for a players financial commitment to a club be fulfilled before any transfer is considered. It is important that parents are educated and clearly understand the transfer process.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) College, ODP, YOP Showcase Committees:

It was felt that the ODP U212 showcase in Carlsbad was a big success. Bob took a list of DOC's who will be in attendance at the 10/5 and 10/6 showcases to support the event. Please email Bob if you are available to attend / help.

For the next showcases, SDDA will have printed rosters available at the main tent for staff to utilize. It was felt by the group that these rosters did not need to be emailed to all clubs in SD, as long as they were available at the event.

2) Fields:

We are still experiencing issues with field quality and late field changes for SDDA games. Bob will be sending recommended field dimensions from Cal South to the group and it was discussed to have our own guidelines for SDDA game fields at a future date. If you experience a bad field please email the PSL board and a board member will go out and check the facility.

3) Club Pass:

There is still some confusion on the club pass rule. Bob will re-write the club pass rule to further clarify. Club pass is only valid for players moving in an upward motion in age and or level of play, for example U12 Flight 1 can move to U13 Flight 1. U12 Flight 1 can also move to U13 Flight 2 as it is upwards in age. U12 AAA can move to U12 SDDA Flight 2. Club pass has to be done online by midnight on Wednesday evening. We had an instance where Club Pass was mis-used by Albion SC, who played a player from their "A" team (Coast SL team), on their "B" team for an SDDA team. Club Pass is only valid for players registered with PSL / SDDA.

4) Lopsided scores

There have been some instances with lopsided scores, mostly at the U8 level. We will continue to monitor and will work with our coaches, however it is felt that it is difficult to alter the mindset of a U8 player during a game situation to prevent this from happening.

5) Number of Referees:

We cannot force the associations to do 3 referees for 8v8 games.

This past weekend we continued having problems with sideline behavior, with 5 entire sidelines and 3 individuals removed during games (**not sure if this was PSL or SDDA games*).

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1) Surf Round Robins

It is unanimously felt that it is not in the best interests of the SDDA to compete in these games. We need to educate our coaches on this issue.

2) B/G U11 YOP Showcase and GU19 F2 College Showcases:

They are coming up this weekend, Bob has a list of available DOC's, please email him if you will be there to help support the event.

Coaches and teams will be situated on the same side of the field (opposite side to the parents) for all SDDA showcase games.

3) Showcase Rosters:

SDDA will pull rosters from system to have available for staff at the event.

4) Web Site, Soccer Nation, Pictures, Article etc.

We have fresh content on the SDDA site.

SDDA has contracted with Soccer Nation to feature 1 article per week to bring exposure to the league.

Rene is also putting together a questionnaire to send to the SDDA member clubs, which can be turned into interesting club / DOC profiles to be posted on our website. This will be good to bring more unity and education to our clubs in San Diego.

V. GOOD OF THE GAME

- Member update – PSL / SDDA has over 18,000 players combined.
- Jason gave an update on the Frans Hoek coaching education course, and the cost was given at \$25,000 for 8 sessions in 2014 for up to 20 DOC's, although we feel this may be negotiable. Although we feel that this would be a great opportunity the SDDA clubs feel that it is too soon for the group to make such a commitment to something like this. We need to focus on getting the league up and running and will re-visit the opportunity in 12 months time.
- Jason raised a question on why we play 8v8 at U7. Many people in the room were on board with the notion of playing less players at this age-group in an ideal World. Appropriate field size, equipment, and a lack of referees were cited as challenges to change this. The group would like Jason to form a committee to investigate this for any potential changes.
- Guy gave an update on a company called AST (Advanced Sports Technology) who have been working with Express and Attack on delivering lectures on mental toughness, and game prep psychology. They would like to do a seminar for SDDA DOC's at the Sklz training facility in Carlsbad. This has been set for 10/28/2013 and further information will be communicated to the group.
- Shannon gave an update on the recent conference call between SCDSL officials and SD member clubs. There is an issue with the league wanting to deal directly with referees to assign their games. They also tested the waters with asking SD clubs if they were prepared to be "all in" and move all their teams to the SCDSL. It was unanimously agreed by the SD member clubs that they were not in a position to do this. There is a feeling that the league will revert back to a "10 team minimum" rule for entry for 2014.

VI. MOTION TO ADJURN

Meeting adjourned 12:50pm.

Next meeting dates:

10/14/2013 at Sharks Office.

10/28/2013 at Sklz training facility, Carlsbad.