

## Meeting Date - May 15, 2016

Members present and quorum met:	Members absent:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. David Okrant,</li><li>2. Laura Beraut,</li><li>3. Mike Goodwin,</li><li>4. Jennifer Lipman,</li><li>5. Mike Eggleston,</li><li>6. Colin Corstorphine,</li><li>7. Greg Neal,</li><li>8. Daryl Nounnan.</li><li>9. Heather Bjorklund,</li><li>10. Susie Nowak</li></ol>	Michael Laurin, Mark Giblin, Steve Monowitz, Zach Schwarzbach, Jeff Helmold, Ken Moberg Tara Brown

Proceedings:

Call to Order 5:17 by David Okrant

**Motion by Mike Goodwin to approve minutes from April meeting, second by Susie Nowak. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Treasurer's Update (Colin)**

Moving forward on developing a working budget. Looking for historical registration numbers for both fall and spring. In addition, waiting on invoices for Skypark.

### **Comp Team Updates (Greg Neal)**

Provided feedback received from coaches on the tryout process. General consensus that tryouts should be held earlier similar to other programs. One coach expressed that the ratings were useless and he has never used a rating to help in his decision. Board acknowledges limitations of ratings but will continue to ask coaches use all the tools available including third party ratings.

Considerations for next year: Update rating sheet to be more functional, provide training/instructions to raters to provide meaningful comments and consistency. Set higher expectations with evaluators that ratings need to be complete and thorough. In addition, it was discussed that we should go to an all paid rater model to include player evaluations and actual running of tryouts. Coach volunteers were not reliable and ratings were inconsistent. It was suggested that we stagger the check-in table and tryout slots by overlapping 30 minute.

### **Summer Programs**

- Kick Around - Joe Barton recommends Lily Casey (SVSLV former player and current college student) to coordinate the program. Program to run M, W at Skypark from 4pm-5:30pm, June 20 - June 22. 1 field Marshall will be hired for each 10 registrants at a rate of \$16.50. Casey will be paid \$20 per hour.

- Summer Camp - Discussion regarding the re-introduction of summer camps to be run by Natalie. Two sessions one for competitive players and one for recreational players. Program specs as follows:
  - July 11-15 and July 18-22
  - Times 9:30 - 12:00
  - \$115 early bird registers before June 1, \$130 after
  - To breakeven the program will need approx 20 registrants, will need to reevaluate program if there are less than 20 registrants.
  - David Okrant to confirm with Skypark that Club can get morning field time.

**Motion by Mike Eggleston, to approve the summer camp program, second by Susie Nowak. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Free Player Clinics - Club to offer free player clinics on 3 consecutive Saturdays (Aug 6, 13, 20). Mike G to coordinate. Decision to announce program and allow players to drop in versus signing up. Announcement will stipulate that the program is for only currently registered players of SVSLVSC.
- Coaches Clinics - Greg Neal mentioned that Victor has expressed availability if the Club would like hire him to conduct coaching mentoring or training. Laura mentioned that Kim Petersen has also done this type of service for the Club in the past. Laura to provide Mike Goodwin with info from prior program. Mike G to explore options.

### **Rec Jamboree - Sunday, September 3 & Compu U9 Jamboree Aug 28**

September 3rd set as SVSLV rec jamboree date at Skypark. Susie to confirm with Mark Giblin. Also mentioned that the County comp U9 Jamboree is Sunday, Aug 28, hosted by Santa Cruz.

### **Rec Coaches Meeting - Thursday, July 21**

Discussion on who will run the meeting left undecided but will start to pull slideshow and information together. Will look into securing the Vine Hill multi-purpose room.

### **College Scholarship Program**

David presented the idea that SVSLV should offer 2 college scholarships to a college bound SVSLV player. Due to time constraints, it was decided that we will ask Victor Martinez and Art Munoz, from their respective teams, to select a deserving player and graduating senior as a recipient. There will be two \$300 scholarships one for a male and one for a female player. If there is some opportunity to present at a high school awards ceremony we would explore that as an option. Sending the recipient announcement to the Banner discussed. David to contact Art and Victor.

### **Field Update**

Discussion on the field damage from the Lacrosse tournament at Skypark. Wes Koenig Lacrosse organizer to help repair. Also discussion on reconfiguring fall striping of fields to minimize wear on bald spots.

### **Ref Update (Susie)**

Referee class being held locally. Two pre-season kick off meetings one at Aptos for experienced refs of older teams. The young team refs will have a pre-season pizza meeting at Skypark as in years past. Susie to organize.

### **Insurance (Mike E)**

Mike E considering exploring alternative insurance agency who can provide quicker turnarounds and more service on certificates and documentation when needed.

### **Rita's Ice - 4v4 Promotion (Jennifer/David)**

Positive feedback and opportunity for future collaboration.

### **Selling Concessions at Skypark - Comp Team Fundraiser (Jennifer)**

Jennifer proposed organizing concession sales at Skypark during the season providing an opportunity for comp teams to fundraise and provide a service for the community. General discussion that the opportunity would be offered to all comp teams interested, we would provide teams with a guideline for items and prices to provide some level of consistency. Program can also extend to the Rec jamboree on Labor Day weekend. Jennifer to organize program, coordinate comp team signups, and report back.

### **New Business - Team Name Change**

An idea for consideration was presented involving the adoption of a single team name for all SVSLVSC comp teams, similar to every other club in our area (Aptos Tide, Mid-County Surf, etc.). During the discussion, it was revealed that the new age group classifications this year provide a unique opportunity to have several "new" teams as defined by CYSA --unlike a typical year where only 2 new teams enter at Under-9. It was determined that the window to make a change for the upcoming season was closing as the registrar was in the process of assigning team IDs for the 2016/2017 season and CCSL registration would likely open in the next week or so.

Several returning board members expressed that this idea had been discussed in years past and believed that the number of new teams this year warranted immediate attention consideration. Some board members believed the discussion was rushed and while the concept might have merit, were not prepared to vote affirmatively at the meeting. Another board member opposed the name change wanting to maintain individual team identity.

The discussion highlights include:

- Consideration to adopt Pride for girls teams
- Consideration to adopt Pride for all teams
- Consideration to adopt other possible names like: Timbers, Sequoias, Quakes, etc
- Consideration to adopt a hyphenated "Valley United - 'own team name"
- "New" teams are any team with 6 or fewer returning players from the fall 2015 season as defined by CYSA
- "Existing" teams with 7 or more returning players can opt to keep their name.
- Club will not prohibit new Valley United teams from using training or spirit gear that has former team name during the transition period.
- Club will continue to use the existing Club uniform with the SV/SLVSC logo and will not introduce a new Club uniform/logo this season.

Motion by Susie Nowak for all new SV/SLV SC comp teams to adopt the name "Valley United". New teams are teams that have 6 or fewer returning players from the fall 2015 season. This change will start with the Fall 2016 season and carry forward for all other new teams who are part of the SV/SLV SC program. Seconded by Laura Beraut.

Affirmative Votes: Susie Nowak, Laura Beraut, Heather Bjorklund, Mike Eggleston, Greg Neal / Votes Against: Mike Goodwin, Daryl Nounnan, Jennifer Lipman.

Next Meeting TBD

Adjourn: 9:27