

**DISTRICT VII MEETING
MINUTES
January 14, 2015**

The District Commissioner brought the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: District Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Sect-Treas., Coaching, Referees, D7PP, Recreation,
Leagues: 1, 2,5,6,7,8,10,13,14,15,16,18,19,21,22,23,26

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rules & Revisions, League 11

MEMBERS ABSENT: Top Soccer, Leagues 3,9,20,24,25

GUESTS: Youth referees-Shelby Baird and Caleb Danielson, Bill Carr-FGYS Referee Admin., Luis Espareno-Reedley, Robert Woodley-North Fresno, Mike Hodges, Ryan-Lemoore President

John stated that before we go into District business, he would like to recognize Pat Ferre, D7 DYRA. Pat introduced the two Youth Referees, Shelby Baird from Fig Garden YSL and Caleb Danielson from Hanford. The criteria to select the Youth Referees of the Year were that they must adhere to the dress code and must be able to do centers for U-14s. We do this so that the young referees are able to go up. John added that we have had some good refs that have gone way up to get National Youth Referee. Sal stated that the referees at Founder's Cup were not properly dressed. Pat introduced Bill Carr, Fig Garden Referee Assignor. Bill gave a short speech about Shelby Laird who is a scholar, athlete and a leader. She goes to City College, Reedley College and also attends ROTC at Fresno State. Shelby gave an inspirational speech. Pat presented sweats to both candidates. Pat introduced Caleb Danielson. Caleb graduated from CVC and is learning to fly. He received a previous award as Defender of the Year. He has lived all of his life in Hanford and got a scholarship to learn to fly. He is now attending Reedley to qualify for his A&P license.

John said that he has named the Alvarez family as Volunteers of the Year.

MINUTES: *M/S/C To approve minutes of November 12, 2014*

Unanimous

REPORTS

TREASURER: The treasurer reported that all should have received the D7PP Financial Report, the office report for June to Nov. 2014, the District Office report for 2013-2014, the D7 Profit & Loss report and the Balance Sheet as of Nov. 30, 2014. There were no questions.

REGISTRAR: John reminded everyone that if you have registration questions, please copy Cathy and Linda.

CUPS: We have teams that are going into the finals.

RECREATION: Karl submitted a written report. Karl thanked Michael Calvillo for writing articles for Karl's Komments and for being named D7 Recreation Coach of the Year. He has talked to Joe Garcia who is the Development Director for Valley Public Radio. He is arranging interviews from the soccer community to promote District 7. We have some problems with Admiral, either not contacting them for bids on uniforms and equipment or that Admiral does not return calls in a timely manner. Contact is Paul Hamburger. We need to standardize our U-6 through U-12 league play. The Federation is talking about making small sided play mandatory. Karl thanked D7 for allowing him to be our rep.

TOP SOCCER: No report

D7PP: Diego has submitted a proposal for Spring League. He will have a committee to help him but needs administrators. He gave special recognition to Roland Soltesz for the countless hours he has put in to help the D7PP. Mike Hodges will also help with Spring League. They will play Saturdays only if fields are available. The league will start March 28, 2015. Lemoore offered to host the finals. Diego wants to put "Creation in Recreation".

COACHING: Sal submitted a written report. He will attend the USSF Instructor's Workshop on February 7&8 along with Bill Demarines. He also congratulated Michael Calvillo as Rec. Coach of the Year. Upon question about the "USSF E" course, he answered that you need at least 15 attendees and a two week notice.

ODP: Cal North teams did well in Phoenix.

REFEREES: Pat submitted a written report. Pat has received the first request for an Entry Level Referee Course. The request was from Calwa Recreation Center. He explained that the candidates must go through and pass all questions on line no less than 2 to 3 days before classroom sessions. There is no minimum amount of attendees. Charge is \$45.00 and \$5.00 for the book. He advocates less classroom and more field work.

COMMISSIONER: Concerning the newly elected officers to the CYSA BOD, John does not support anyone but Shirley Thompson. He was summoned to a hearing on registration but CYSA cannot do anything to John because the leagues register players, not the District. The Office Manager came into District VII and talked to Odyssey. John stated that he cannot come into District VII without his approval. Question about eligibility to play in Cups, John answered that a team must play 3 games in a 4 team affiliated league.

OLD BUSINESS: District tournaments cannot allow a team to play without being properly credentialed. District VII will no longer pay for live scans after Dec. 31, 2014. Please check on D7 rates. A list has been sent out concerning affiliation. All must be corrected before affiliation will be approved. Reminder that the President's workshop will be held in Monterey.

NEW BUSINESS: A request for approval of fees for the Spring League was presented. A discussion was held on whether the District or the league will initially pay for referees. After discussion the following motion was made.

M/S/C To approve the new fees for Spring League

Unanimous

GOOD OF THE GAME: Roland announced that the finals for Kohl's American Cup will be played in Visalia in April. Visalia has set aside 280 acres for a Sports Park which will have 20 full size fields.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Gladys Olsen, Secretary