

**DISTRICT VII MEETING
MINUTES
November 11, 2015**

The District Commissioner brought the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: District Commissioner, Sect-Treas., Referees,
Leagues: 1, 6,7, 9,13,14,16,19,21,22,23,24,26

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Asst. Commissioner, Rules & Revisions, D7PP, Recreation
League 3

MEMBERS ABSENT: Registrar, Coaching, Top Soccer Leagues 2,8,10,11,15,18,20,25

GUESTS: Robert Woodley, Claudia Vargas from San Joaquin represented Kerman

MINUTES: *M/S/C To approve the minutes of October 14, 2015* *Unanimous*

REPORTS

TREASURER: We have not yet received results of the audit. John explained that he had received an e-mail concerning the audit but it was not sent to the treasurer..

REGISTRAR: John announced that registration is going well. He saw a report that showed that the division between comp and rec is about the same as last year. Catherine may be back soon.

CUPS: State is now starting bracketing. Nothing comes through District 7 so we are unaware of problems unless the coach or league complains. There is some confusion about colors. Some teams are entering in the gold section which is the highest bracket, rather than the bronze.

RECREATION: Karl submitted a written report. Some of the items will be discussed later.

TOP SOCCER: We had 19 players from Clovis entered into the Pumpkin Fest Tournament. There were approximately 200 participants. Great fun for Top Soccer players.

D7PP: Diego submitted a written report stating that he is resigning as the Playing Program Chair and as Assistant Commissioner. He will remain until the end of the season. John added that the red card situation was about the same as last year, mostly "mouth". Coaches complain that they can't control the sidelines. We need training for the coaches, a mandatory webinar where all are in one room with a giant screen. This would be the best way to get to the coaches.

COACHING: No report

ODP: No Report

REFEREES: Pat reminded everyone that referees need to register for the 2016 season. He asked if anyone had a girl referee to nominate for the Youth Referee of the year. He has a male in mind. There will be a Referee Academy held at Hamilton Elementary on November 16. He wants all referees to attend. A new rule is out that if a player is taken off the field with a possible concussion and replaced, it would not be counted as a substitution. Every High School is going to start one week earlier next year. A discussion was held on how it affects soccer. He gave some examples of problems on the fields. One referee who complained about not getting paid still had the paperwork in his bag. He also added that assignors are not to share information with anyone.

COMMISSIONER: CYSA has adopted the US Soccer mandate concerning “no heading of the ball for U-10 and younger players”. The US Soccer head injury law suit has been settled. Mandates for small sided soccer will be discussed later. There are unpaid fines. John reminded the leagues that if fines are not paid, their teams cannot play in Spring League.

OLD BUSINESS: Surveys are still needed from the leagues.

NEW BUSINESS: Sanger submitted an application to host the Christmas Tournament.

M/S/C TO APPROVE THE SANGER CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT

Unanimous

John asked if the leagues wanted to have Spring League. All agreed YES

Discussion was held on the USSF mandate, No Heading for U-10 and Lower. John stated that if we teach ‘below the shoulder’ then there would likely be no heading. John said he will work with Karl on the issue of small sided games. It would give the players more touches on the ball. John explained his view on the issue and why he feels this would make better soccer players. Visalia asked that we have more discussion on small sided games.

GOOD OF THE GAME:

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Gladys Olsen, Secretary