

**DISTRICT VII MEETING  
MINUTES  
January 10, 2018**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dist. Commissioner, Sect.-Treasurer, Coaching, Recreation, Referees  
Leagues 2,3,6,7,9,10,11,15,16,18,19,21,24,26

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Registrar, Rules & Revisions, Assistant Commissioner, D7PP, League 23

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Top Soccer, Leagues 1,4,8,13,14,17,20,22,25

**GUESTS:** Doreen Bower-Valley, Eliel Payan,-Roosevelt, Rosa Membrilla-Roosevelt, Lia-Roosevelt, Jorge-Valley, Rosendo Gonzales-Metro, Anthony Rangel-East Fresno, Andrea-East Fresno, Robert Woodley-North Fresno

**MINUTES: M/S/C TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2017 MEETING  
UNANIMOUS**

Karl introduced the Recreational Coaches of the Year, Rosa Membrilla, boys coach and Rosendo Gonzales, girls coach. He asked each of them to make a short speech and then asked some questions pertinent to coaching ie. "What would you change about coaching", etc.

Pat introduced the Youth Referee of the Year, Lyndlee Davis, female referee and Eliel Payan, male referee. Lyndlee was not present because she had a soccer game, Eliel is a former player. Pat asked what he liked about being a referee. After a short discussion, John spoke on respect of referees and how to stop parents from yelling at the refs.

The Valley President introduced Doreen Bower, Volunteer of the Year. He gave her kudos for the many years she has contributed to soccer. Doreen stated that "she wants to see kids off their phones and on the field". She also said that we really need to get more volunteers, need them badly.

She said "Thank you , I appreciate the honor".

John announced that we have new Presidents, Miguel Solano-Lemoore and Rod Blair-Visalia

**REPORTS**

**REGISTRAR:** John said we are starting Spring League. There are some new registrars and we probably should have Shirley come to help them.

**TREASURER:** Gladys reported that we are still getting questions from the auditors. They are doing this to all Districts. They ask for items that they already have and she feels that they are trying to justify their existence. The fall playing program report was given to all. There were no questions.

**CUPS:** A cup report was submitted. We did not have any champions but we did have four finalists. Congrats to those teams.

**ODP:** No report

**TOP SOCCER:** No report

**RECREATION:** Karl says “BOTTOM LINE, THIS IS FOR THE KIDS”

**D7PP:** Applications, for hosting Spring League and for teams to enter, were in all mailboxes. There was also a schedule of play dates. Spring League play will begin March 10.

**COACHING:** Mike is looking into having a District E course. Leagues must use USSF mandates. His concern is that there is not enough education for coaches. They do not understand the rules of play for 4v4 or 9v9 and their practices are bad. He would like to start in March to get coaches ready for the fall season. He asked the leagues to push for coach’s education. He stated that he and Karl should take another look at the D7 Coaching Policy.

**REFEREES:** Pat stated that you cannot throw a parent off the field. The referee should stop the game and tell the coach to have the parent leave. If not, the game is over. Each site **MUST** have a field commissioner to handle the problems. Many leagues do not have anyone there.

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:** John reported that there are new officers at the state level. He reiterated that you don’t need Nike or Adidas uniforms, use tees. The object is to bring in more kids and build your program. He announced that the Cal North Expo and AGM will be held in Oakland on January 27/28 and urged all Presidents to attend. Affiliations are now due. He specifically urged member leagues to make sure that they have liability and D & O insurance and gave some insight on suits filed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** League fines need to be cleared ASAP. **Reminder: Fines that are not cleared will cause that league’s teams to be ineligible to play in the D7 Fall League.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Please make sure that an update of your league officers is sent to the District office immediately after your AGM. If you have any problems, call the office.

**GOOD OF THE GAME:** Karl made an appeal for articles to be published in Karl’s Komments. He would like to have articles of news and happenings from within the leagues.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gladys Olsen, Secretary