



# PYSL BOARD AGM MINUTES January 14th, 2019 Elks Lodge – 6:00 PM

## Meeting was attended by:

**President** Bill Bertolucci  
**Vice President** Brett Ransom  
**Treasurer and Registrar** Michelle DeRade,  
**Secretary** Sean Kensinger,  
**Director of Coaching** Mark Ribeiro,  
**Developmental Director** Suzie Babala  
**Girls Recreational Director** Mia Robertson  
**Boys Developmental** Coordinator Brianna Danz  
Prospective Board Member Aaron Long

### 1. Approval of minutes:

December Meeting Minutes approved

### 2. Board positions for 2020:

All board members returning except President, Boys Recreational Director and Fields and Equipment. Sean Kensinger is nominated and selected as President. Interim President Rad Babala to step into NCFC Representative role with Antonio Bunting as back-up. Lindsey Fischer nominated and selected as Boys Recreational director.

Board need to fill Fields and Equipment and Secretary Position. President agrees to continue to do secretary duties until a replacement is found. Duties of both positions discussed with prospective board member Aaron Long. Long to consider the positions and see which is the best fit for his schedule.

Signatories for the PYSL league accounts will be as follows:

President: Sean Kensinger  
Registrar/Treasurer: Michelle DeRade  
Head Referee: Rafael Nunn  
NCFC Rep: Radwin Babala

### 3. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer to provide report at next month's Budget and Timeline meeting.

### 4. Budget and Timeline Meeting:

Budget and timeline meeting set for 2/11/20 at the ELKS. Food to be provided. First we will do timeline and then the budget review (which not all members need be present for).

### 5. TeamSnap review/ Registration:

President Elect and Registrar report to board regarding meeting with TeamSnap on registration. TeamSnap currently doesn't have the ability for an administrator to enter walk-in registrations into the registration platform. Similarly, our coaching background checks and registrations cannot be monitored through TeamSnap as they have not partnered with



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Cal North and Cal North is the supervising agency for coaching background checks/ coaching suspensions.

President Elect and Registrar to work with STACK sports to see if we can optimize registration to be as simple as TeamSnap for our families to re-register. Will also work to include the waivers which the Board previously identified as necessary last season (Photo/Medical/etc) and also include all of the fields needed for the rostering of teams and administration of the league such as special requests/ volunteer opportunities/ player sponsorships... etc.

Registrar discusses working with coordinators and directors to allow them access into TeamSnap in order to roster and build teams. Boys Developmental Coordinator states that this will be difficult unless special requests are included in the electronic registrations. President Elect states that we will have to work together to do this, but the goal of eliminating the duplication of effort surrounding registration and team building needs to be addressed. This would also allow us to assign teams in TeamSnap immediately following each draft which would be well received by Recreational coaches.

President elect discusses proposal that we have a hard deadline to end registration this year which then turns into a period of players being placed on the waitlist. The directors will then evaluate the wait list and take as many players as possible. Players on the waitlist will not be given special request consideration and may be placed on teams which are not based on their school. The board believes this is necessary in order to avoid having registrations trickle in after teams are built/assigned.

## **6. Locker Organization-**

President elect makes motion for one time \$400 expenditure to purchaser shelving and storage boxes for the PYSL Lucchesi locker. Motion is approved without opposition.

## **7. Referee Development/ Accountability Proposal-**

President elect makes a motion to approve the written Referee Development/ Accountability proposal submitted by the Head Referee. Discussion is held and motion is approved without opposition. Board is optimistic that this will help address consistency among referees, help retain qualified referees and generally elevate the level of play in the league.

## **8. Player Assistance-**

President Elect reports back on research regarding Player Assistance programs in different leagues. Provides board with summary of programs from 4 different regional youth soccer clubs. Comparison shows that PYSL's registration fees and Player Assistance program is commensurate with other leagues.

President Elect states that one of his goals for 2020 is to expand our league and ensure that all Petaluma Youth are able to play soccer regardless of background/means. Board discusses ways to expand the awareness around our existing player assistance program



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by partnering with existing Petaluma organizations/ services which already serve the needs of these families. Director of Coaching and Safety is to reach out to, and compile a list of, organizations who could help spread awareness of our existing Player Assistance program.

President Elect further states that in the cases of extreme hardship, the league should go as far as to sponsor 100% of the players registration and provide player with a uniform voucher. Registrar/Treasurer agrees and believes that we could establish a blanket "free soccer" program for foster kids in the area. Board members are in agreement that no child should be excluded from our program due to means.

## 9. Spanish Language translations-

President Elect states desire to reach different communities within our city and identifies the need for bilingual forms/ advertisements. Vice President points out that our website as well as our yard signs regarding registration should also be bilingual. Registrar/treasurer states that she has a coworker who is fluent in Spanish and who can assist with translation of documents/ forms.

## 10. Returning Coach incentive-

President Elect forwards an idea from prospective board member Long regarding giving coaches free registration for coaching. Board discusses that the logistics would need to be worked out, but that all support using this method to attract and retain volunteer coaches. Issues that were discussed include the idea that they should receive a free registration for each team they coach (coach three teams, get three free registrations); That they should not be able to get NCFC hours AND free registration with PYSL; that it should be limited to head coaches only and that if we have too many coaches we will hold interviews to see who is the best coach for that age. Methods of providing the free registration vary from a discount code for the next season, to a refund of registration dues. Board reaches consensus (without motion) that best practice would be to collect registration, and then send a refund check to each head coach who successfully completes the season and is in compliance with all PYSL rules and registration requirements (background etc). Boys Developmental Coordinator agrees to monitor the list of coaches and provide a list to the Registrar/treasurer at the end of the season for the refunds. President will work on logistics and present it for a board vote in the future.

## 11. NCFC update

NCFC rep states that tryout dates have been set for early May with specific dates to be announced. He states that NCFC is considering holding their own volunteer/committee appreciation dinner much like the PYSL AGM dinner. NCFC reports that Winter Camp was not as successful as previous years and believes that it was due to lack of coordination with PYSL. NCFC and PYSL agree to work together to cross promote volunteer opportunities and training opportunities.

## 12. Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm