

**KERN COUNTY SOCCER FOUNDATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 2009**

Call to Order: Paul Ricker called meeting to order at 6:00PM

Approval of Previous Minutes: 1st by Judy Vaughn and 2nd by Cherie Anderson. Accepted

Public Comments –

1. Scott Happel read a letter he wrote with help from bank.

President's Report: Paul Ricker is meeting with Martin's Meat Attorney on Thursday to hopefully settle the matter. On Tuesday Paul Ricker did a presentation for the Bakersfield City Counsel. Paul stated that at this time no funds available. City working on new park down off of Panama Lane next to sewer plant.

Vice President's Report: No Report still on suspension.

Treasurer's Report: No Report

Secretary's Report: No Report

Park Operation's Report: No Report

Scheduling Report: Judy Vaughn stated he need schedule from all leagues by July 15 at noon.

Tournament Director's Report: Cherie Anderson still is working on contact.

Publicity Director's Report: No Report

Director of Fundraising: Tom Martin is working on paperwork to do a fundraiser. Tom needs help to have someone to follow up with hotels. Tom is also going to talk to Three Way Chevrolet for a donation.

Director of Official's Report: No Report

Director of Adult Leagues' Report: No Report

Cal South Commissioner's Report: No Report

GESL: No Report

BGSL: No Report Both Alan Hall and Dale Patrick stated both Boys and Girls league meeting in the next 2 week about having a team registration together.

Brigade: No Report

AYSO 73: No Report

AYSO 181: No Report

AYSO Area Director: No Report

Bows: Mary Kaneakalau asked about lights if they are fixed. No, do not have the money to look at or fix. Moonlight Madness has been cancelled this year. Mary would like the \$500 deposit to be for the February 21st & 22nd tournament weekend. Mary asked about the tournament policy that is being written. Mary would like to help with this policy.

Bakersfield Men's League: No Report

KSRA: Scott Happel stated that the board had meeting last week and working on new contract for tournaments.

Helicopter Club: No Report

Brigade Recreation League: Daniel Moreno asked if the park was available weekend of December 12th or December 13th for some friendly with Palmdale Youth. Judy will need to get dates from Garces' Tournament and get back to Danny.

Alliance: No Report

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Adjourn: 1st by Dale Patrick 2nd by Tom Martin. Accepted.

Next Regular Meeting: July 14, 2009

Meeting Adjourned: 6:59PM

To All Board of Directors,

The By-Laws for the Kern County Soccer Foundation per Article 4 Section 1 state that the Board of Directors are elected in our January meeting. The Board of Directors consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, Directors of Scheduling, Publicity, Volunteers, Officials, Park Operations, Fundraising, Adult Leagues, and Tournaments. The Board of Directors also consists of the League Representatives which are elected through the leagues they represent. Per Article 6 Section 1, the Board of Directors are responsible for the amendment or repeal of the By-Laws, setting of all fees, determination of or changes to the annual budget, or any other matters of concern.

The Executive Committee is comprised of all previously mentioned positions except the League Representatives. The Executive Committee has the power to exercise the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the Foundation, the day to day operation and employment issues.

As the By-Laws are written, the Executive Committee can not approve fees or budgets but can only suggest to the Board of Directors, who have the final vote.

This entire procedure is set up with not the best interest of the park in mind. In business you would have your Stock Holders and a Board of Directors. The Stock Holders would elect a Board of Directors to run the business and report back to the Stock Holders. The only rights that the Stock Holders would have are voting for the Board of Directors.

As the Board of Directors, the League Representatives are in control by having more votes than the Executive Committee. Why would the League Representatives vote for increases when they are going to affect the League's bottom line? Why do we have League Representatives voting and possibly controlling the direction of the Foundation when they don't even use the park? Why do we have League Representative voting when they only use the park for tournaments? Are League Representative going to vote for what is in the best interest of the park or the best interest of their individual league?

The 2008/2009 season saw 449 league games, 992 tournament games, 270 state cup games for a total game count of 1711 games. These numbers do not include Mexican League, Brigade Rec or Ayso 181 season games. When I researched Soccer Field Usage fees, I found that the average Usage Fee was \$50 per field, per game at other parks. Some were as high as \$100 per game with a local complex charging \$3500 for the use of 5 fields for 1 weekend. The fee's that we presently charge for the use of the fields for a tournament don't even cover the cost of the paint and labor to paint the fields let alone the cost of employees needed to run the park during a tournament or the cost of dumping the Port o Pots. If it was not for the parking charge, the park would make no money on a tournament.

The Executive Committee can come up with suggestions to try to get some financial stability to the park and prevent the closure of the park, but can the Executive Committee get a majority of the Board of Directors to agree with these suggestions?

An example of this is the Parking Fee Increase on Tournament weekends. This was brought to the Board of Directors meeting by the Executive Committee and approved by the members of the Board of Directors that were present in April. The next monthly meeting in May, with different Board of Directors present, this idea was chastised by members that were not in attendance the previous meeting & by members who voted for its approval in the original meeting. The Board of Directors approved this, not the Executive Committee. The idea of a player Surcharge Fee was discussed at a meeting in March. The Executive Committee asked for the League Representatives to take this back and discuss with their leagues. Returning for a vote at the Board of Directors meeting in May. This was never even voted on, just dismissed as not acceptable. When a fee increase for Field Usage was brought up, leagues were against this also.

The Leagues are not giving the Foundation or the Executive committee the support to run the park or to keep the park from being turned back over to the bank. The Foundation, which is everyone, is in need of money. A \$50,000 dollar payment is due in September which will be available. The next payment of \$50,000 is due February of 2010. With the number crunching and the banks oversight, it has been determined based on pass revenue that we will not have the money for this payment and the park will be closed on February 1, 2010 unless the Board of Directors find a way to raise not only this amount, but money to cover the other expenses of the park. Presently we have expenses that can not be covered, Fertilization of the Fields, repair of the lights on fields 9 thru 12, the replacement of the coolers on the Refreshment stands that were recently damaged when the buildings were broken into and maintenance on the parking lots. This is not a job just for the Executive Committee to do, this is not a job for Tom Martin to do, and this is the responsibility of the entire Board of Directors and members of the Leagues.

Decisions can not be put off; we can not approve changes that will not take effect until 2010. We need to make changes that take effect this year. The park is not going to receive help from the city or county, the help needed, needs to come from this group present tonight

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AGENDA
JUNE 17, 2009**

Call to order

Approval of previous minutes

Public Comments – (3 Minutes Limit)

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Vice President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Secretary's Report

Park Operation's Report

Scheduling Report

Tournament Director's Report

Publicity Director's Report

Fundraising Director's Report

Cal South Commissioner's Report

League Representative's Report

GESL, BGSL, Brigade, AYSO 73, AYSO 181, AYSO Area Director, Bows, Bakersfield Men's League, KSRA, Helicopter Club, Brigade Recreation League, Alliance

New Business

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Adjournment

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