**Eel River Valley Youth Soccer League**

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2025

5:30 pm

Recreation Hall – Rohner Park Fortuna CA, 95540

horizontal line

**Call to Order @ 5:34**

**Adjustments to Agenda**  No adjustments to the agenda

**Approval of Minutes:** Slight change to the minutes under the net replacement. Matthew motions to approve. Miranda seconds. All in favor.

**Closed Session**

**Public Comments:**

**Treasurer Report:**

* Current bank balance: $104,390
* Registration fees received: $64,692.50
* Sponsorships received: $5,790 ($1,400 Rec, $4,390 D3)

Sean asked when funds are paid out. Miranda explained that checks are written throughout the season. Sean also suggested looking into a money market account to earn interest during inactive periods. Ian agreed to explore the option.

**Registrar Report:**

Current enroll is 563 with 43 coaches. Ian asks about the u16 numbers – we have 3 currently enrolled.

**Google Phone Numbers:**

* Coach and Teams
* Compliance
* Coaching
* Field Marshal
* President

**Play up player requests:**

Wilson – Matt read her email aloud. Will motioned to approve, Jason seconded. All in favor.

Lockwood – Jason supported the request since Lockwood will be coaching the team. Sean expressed concern about skipping U8 entirely and the potential for injury. The board discussed the pros and cons, noting it could be a disservice to the younger player. Jason motioned to approve the request as a trial experience, with the condition that Mason must be the coach. Miranda seconded. The vote passed with 5 in favor, 2 opposed, and 3 abstentions. Mason should be informed to reach out if it’s not working out.

**Scholarship requests:**

* Caitlin Read – 6 sons – Matt reads the email out loud. Jason motions. Sean seconds. All in favor.
* Esperanza – 1 son – Jason motions. Sean seconds. All in favor.

**Snack Shack:**

Ian shared that he spoke with Kelly from county softball, who also spoke with Rusty. While Ian doesn’t expect to make a profit, he supports having the snack shack open and available. Rusty is interested in running it again, and Ian is okay with that as long as it goes smoothly for Kelly. However, they want to avoid having to move things in and out of the snack shack.

Sean read a text with an alternative option. Ian said he will call Rusty to discuss further. The city currently does not allow food vendors, but Matt suggested speaking with the police station and the Gene Lucas Center to explore the possibility of parking a food truck there during games. Carol noted that confirmation is needed from both locations. Ian added that the city needs to establish a program recognizing us as the main user group, which would grant us full access.

**Planning for Clinics:**

Ian noted that things are moving faster than expected. There was discussion about setting up Venmo as a cheaper payment option, which could be managed through Ian’s league phone. Miranda asked if anyone has requested Venmo yet—none have, but it's still being considered for convenience.

Jason confirmed D3 clinics are scheduled for June 21–22 and July 22–24, running from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Sessions will be 9:30–11:30 AM, followed by lunch and an afternoon session. There was discussion on possibly adding a third clinic day in June or July. June 7th is the last weekend of softball, so weekday clinics could be an option if volunteers are available. Ian suggested picking a weekday in June, but Jason recommended holding clinics in July or August instead. Will proposed reaching out to local colleges for help. Jason also suggested hosting clinics on Saturdays leading up to the season—June 14th, June 28th, and a date in July, possibly July 12th. He also asked if high schoolers could assist with U5 kids.

**Other Items:**

* Ian needs to get a handle for the water spigot.
* Natasha raised concerns about Rapids players participating in Rec. She mentioned existing conflicts, especially when Rapids girls are placed on Rec teams. Ian suggested tabling the issue for now but emphasized players should not only show up for games—this has been a problem in the past.
* Natasha asked Sean if a player could attend one Rec and one Rapids practice per week. Sean responded that for his teams, players must attend 80% of practices to be eligible for games, and he doesn’t support kids playing 5–6 days a week.
* Jason suggested keeping one Rec team together as a full unit rather than mixing in Rapids players. Ian said that decision should be left to the coach.

Meeting adjourned aa@ 7:06pm