

**SAN DIEGO DEVELOPMENTAL ACADEMY
APRIL 28, 2014
MEETING MINUTES**

I. Call to Order.

Meeting called to order by Bob Turner at 10:12 a.m.

Sign-in sheet attached.

Guests: Eric Roddy, Barca Cantera Coach and SDDA Representative

II. Special Committee Reports.

A. Executive Committee – No report.

B. Transfer Committee – No report.

III. Unfinished Business.

A. National Guard – Still looking for a couple more sessions, especially in South Bay.

B. Rules and Regulations – Rene Miramontes stated that every couple of months the Executive Committee re-evaluates and looks at how we can make SDDA better. The biggest issue right now is the need to police the rules. We know what direction we want to go in so now we need to decide how to police the rules.

Sami Nedjar asked the question: If a player commits to you and registers then leaves, what happens? Consensus was that there was nothing that we could do besides charge a non-refundable deposit at the time of registration to discourage the player from leaving.

MOTION: Made by Shannon MacMillan. Seconded by Rene Miramontes.

From the end of cup season to August 1, a player is free to transfer with no penalty and no communication between clubs is necessary.

Motion passed.

Discussion on the motion: Brian Quinn stated that players should be able to move. Manny Neves stated that we need to respect each other more by not taking four kids from a small community club just to put them on a large club's fifth team. Leave the players in their community.

C. Showcase Events – Fields still needed. Would rather not play in August as it conflicts with clubs' tourneys.

D. Seeding –

a. Re SDDA -- BU8 Flight 1 still needs a team, otherwise Flights 1 and 2 will be combined for a 13 team flight. BU8 Flight 3 (BU7) teams will be moved to Presidio as Albion pulled their U7s out.

b. Re Presidio – Youngers' seeding is this Wednesday. If clubs attended 9 or more Presidio meetings they were invited to attend youngers' seeding. If clubs attended less than 9, they were invited to attend olders' seeding.

E. Website (Pictures/Articles) – Would like to have the website redone for both Presidio and SDDA. Someone will be paid to do it. If anyone has a name of a website designer, please let Bob Turner know.

IV. New Business.

A. All Star Team–ODP? – John Napier spoke with Steve Hoffman about helping the SDDA players get more exposure. A suggestion would be to make SDDA all star teams that would play the CalSouth ODP teams. That would give SDDA players to be seen by ODP scouts. The games would be in December which would allow for the showcases to be used as the way to identify the players. Or, 2 players can be picked from each Flight 1 team.

We need to take the “fear” factor that the all star coach will try to steal the players.

Question was posed to the members in attendance: Is it a good idea to have these all star teams? Response: Yes.

B. Proposed Gaming Changes – To restructure U12 – U19 flights in 2015 to make the top flight Elite – 6 teams; relegation/promotion; use a “play in” tourney to get the teams being left out (i.e., teams coming back from SCDSL or CSL) into SDDA.

Some concerns from last year were that flights were not balanced and the top flights that were “watered down” did not prepare the teams to be able to compete in National Cup.

Reaction from the members was that the best of the best teams would not likely come back to play in SDDA, however, Flight 2 teams may come back. Limiting the number of teams in SDDA will help to make it more elite and not as watered down by letting everyone in. Some teams would like to play locally but they would have to see who is in a flight before they would commit to returning. We should start now to focus on the U10s – U12s and work to keep them here. There could also be something like the previous PQT to determine the Elite teams but have it in May after new teams are set. By getting CalSouth more involved and getting more of our players i.d.’ed, we may use that to keep the players here.

V. Good of the Game.

A. Referees – Chacha Namdar announced that the San Diego County Referees Association will assign a grade to each referee. The referees with the highest grade will be assigned to SDDA U15 and above games. He stated that the only way for this to work is if clubs schedule the older SDDA games in time order at the same field.

We need more referees. Paolo Landini stated that we need to encourage our clubs’ youth to become referees but the problem is that parents and coaches yell at these youth referees so they drop out. Presidio/SDDA will suspend parents and entire sidelines for abuse to the referees -- especially the youth referees so please send reports to Bob Turner if this is happening.

To get a referee certificate there is now a free online course with an additional four hour field session. Clubs need to call CalSouth and they will get the field sessions set up. Chacha stated that four hours just is not enough time on the field for these new youth referees and clubs should offer a separate session for them.

VI. Motion to Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m. Next meeting will be May 12, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Del Mar Sharks offices.