

**Minutes of the AGM of the ACCYSL
January 15, 2015, Cornell School, Albany
As approved at the . . . , 2015, meeting**

League officers attending

David Moffat, President
Ian MacLeod, VP Fields
Steven Morrison, VP Scheduling
Jack Wagoner, VP Referees
Chuck Smith, Treasurer
Greg Wong, ACC Mavericks
Gelberg Rodriguez, RUSC
Rafael Torrez, SPUC
Art Machado, ECFC
Perl Perlmutter, past president

Call to order at 7:50

Approval of minutes

Chuck moved and Jack seconded that the minutes of the 2014 AGM, as prepared by David Moffat, in the absence of an elected league secretary, be approved. Approved unanimously..

Board Reports

David Moffat reported that it had been a difficult year, considering the disruption caused by the disaffiliation of ABSC in February 2014. But the league is healthy, and it's programs are strong. He said he was looking forward to new initiatives in 2015, especially in terms of strengthening the recreational program, which Bruce Greenlee has agreed to oversee. He also called for effort by the clubs to recruit new board members and bring new energy to the league. This will be his last year on the board.

Jack Wagoner reported that the format of referee classes will be changed considerably this year. The experimental new one-weekend plus an online component will make it easier for candidates to complete the written part of the course, while strengthening field training. The first league-sponsored class will be March 6/7. Candidates must take the written test online before attending the weekend field component. They must pass the test in some form either on line or on paper before the end of the class. The next league sponsored classes will be in July and August. He also noted that both ABSC and JLYSL have raised pay rates for referees, creating a potential bidding war.

Ian MacLeod reported that it was not a bad year for the league considering the skirmishing with ABSC over field allocations. The problem will probably persist, especially with regard to practice fields, and he noted it is important to emphasize to recreation officials and politicians that many children in the cities of Albany and Berkeley play for ACCYSL teams. In looking for someone to replace him, he estimated the job is most demanding in August and at the end of January. An important aspect of the position is building relationships with recreation departments and school districts. The job may consume as much as 10-15 hours during busy months. Removing the obligation for the fields VP to maintain rainout information would be a key change in the position.

Chuck Smith reported that his estimate that the league would run a \$30,000 deficit in 2014 remains on track. Fortunately the league reserves were able to cover the deficit. Going forward, fee increases would bring the budget back into line, with perhaps a small rebuilding of the traditional surplus. A few field bills remain to come in, and a few invoices are outstanding for 2014. In consultation with Gelberg Rodriguez, it was determined that a check to the league from Chevron Corp. for \$1000 was a donation for Richmond's pee-wee program.