

Pleasanton RAGE Board Meeting Minutes

Jun 17, 2025 6:30 PM

Attendees: CJ Napolitano, Erin Sharpe, Lytia Zazzeron, Martha Brown, Megan Walinski, Mike Harris, Ryan Sprague, Sean Fogarty, Tamie Shadle, Vishakha Sant

Meeting Begins - called to order at 6:37 pm

Sean reviewed the agenda with Board members.

Approval of April Minutes: Edit on abbreviation of 'JD'. Vishakha moved to approve minutes, seconded by Ryan.

Reports

DOC: Erin Sharpe

Updates:

- Governing body change from birth year to Aug 1-Dec 31 team formation (vs previously communicated Sept 1 cut off date). This is not a RAGE decision, this is a US Soccer decision.
- Team Formations
 - +1 Comp/Select team from this time last season, flat with where we ended last season (excluding Spring Black teams)
 - High turnouts slowed the team formation process: younger teams still formed in less than a week and older teams in 10 days. Opportunities to stress the importance of accepting within 48 hours.

Player/Coach:

- Improved and increased staff and resources: Megan Walinski (Mental Health Performance & Parent Education Coach), Alena Thom (additional Fitness Coach), Mike Herman (ECNL GK Coach)
- New college commits: Caroline Alanis (UC Santa Cruz), Ava Jara (Chico State), Camryn Caliz (Las Positas College)
- Caelyn Dyer: National Selection Game Player of the Match! 5 players making PDP final games
- Hired Yami Ramirez as Business Development Director.

Club:

- USL team is having the best season thus far!
- Spring Season:
 - 5 teams picked up hardware at the MVLA Cup, 2 State Cup Finalists in their respective divisions, 2015 Pre-ECNL league champs an age group up, 2013 Pre-ECNL NPL Divisional Champs, undefeated at North Carolina ECNL event for 2009 and 2008 ECNL teams.
- Upcoming Season:

- Tournaments: applications on track but may be impacted by Silverlakes being the same weekend. Adding College ID Camp Thursday night.

Dir. Operations: Tamie Shadle

- 2025-2026 season admin/coordination underway: passes, league reg, new coaches & managers, scheduling, etc.
- 1st Team Manager meeting 6/18 at 6pm
- TGS to Athlete One - almost complete 1 year later
- Future:
 - Tournaments need a Volunteer Coordinator - any interest in volunteering?

Dir. Recreation: Megan Walinski

- Rec registration up and running - almost 400 thus far
- Working on getting coaches and starting the clearance process
- Future:
 - Summer camp
 - Coaches meeting
 - On field Coaching session
 - Parade and Opening Day

Treasurer: CJ Napolitano

- CJ reviewed the Financial YOY Performance Summary and Budget vs Actual Summary with the Board.
- Updates:
 - PYSL has been dissolved with the Secretary of State of CA
 - 2024 Audit under way

Facilities: Ryan Callahan (covered by Sean)

- Futsal pushed to end of August/early Sept

Sponsorship / Marketing: Vishaka Sant

- Will work on transition all work, contacts to Yami (new business development)
- Pipeline of potential partnerships discussed for sponsorships
- Kick start Alumni Network for outreach

Fundraising & Social Events Update: Lytia Zazzeron

- 2025 Events so far: Poker Night (with BUSC), Mom's Brunch, Golf Tournament (with BUSC), USL-W Season Kick Off, USL-W Fan Fest, USL Theme Nights
- Remainder of 2025 Events
 - Need to Confirm
 - Cornhole
 - Parade Bfast
 - Ladies Night Out
 - Sept Family Day

- Planning kicked off for GALA - potential dates 10/24, 10/25 or 11/1
 - Started committee with BUSC, and visited potential venues
 - Decisions to be made this week
 - Meeting with Managers to ensure team level support

Spring Into Action Update: Dawn Chapman

- 19 teams participated and ran projects for Spring Into Action
 - Kids Against Hunger
 - Blanket making for Valley Humane Society
 - Card making for an assisted living facility & Cardz for Kidz
 - Food drive for Alameda County Food Bank
 - TOP Soccer volunteering
 - Donation collection for Hively
 - Tool donation collection for community member in need
 - Prep support for PPIE Run for Ed event
 - Creek clean up at Delucchi Park
 - “Bio Blitz” species geotagging for Park Rangers at Sycamore Grove
 - Book donation collection for Pleasanton Library

President’s Update: Sean Fogarty

- Club is moving in the right direction for talent, turnout, financials, and culture.
- Still in need of Chair for Merch Sales Committee. These roles cover:
 - Merch selection subcommittee (w/ small group of parents & high school age players)
 - Event Sales & Volunteer subcommittee (coordinate merch table at every event)
 - Creative marketing & inventory management
 - Promotion of Community & Club Spirit (free advertising)
- 2026-27 Age Group Change - National Mandate: Effective Fall 2026, all major U.S. youth soccer orgs (US Club, USYS, AYSO) will shift to an August 1–July 31 birth year cutoff.
 - Not a RAGE decision. This is a national policy change intended to reduced “trapped players” and allow kids to play with their grade.
 - Key Concern: Misalignment with CA school calendar. August-born players may be grouped with younger grade levels unless they are selected to “play up”
 - Outcome: Eliminates "trapped" players who play up, but creates new trapped players now forced to play down
 - Uncertain Impact: Potential confusion for families, registration drop-off, or team imbalances

Sean Fogarty Adjourned at 7:30pm