



**NorCal Premier Soccer Board of Directors Meeting
March 15th, 2011 Walnut Creek Holiday Inn**

Present: Shawn Blakeman, Paolo Bonomo, Kevin Crow, Glenn Van Straatum, Benjamin Ziemer

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by Benjamin Ziemer

*February meeting minutes and actions (still to be approved)

Closed Session discussions: New Club Application denials and appeals. (Briceno, American River, FC Elk Grove, El Camino Real)

Kevin Crow New Clubs Application Process Proposed for 2012: Benjamin Ziemer moved, Shawn Blakeman seconded, **NorCal will use the new application process for 2012 with a set application time period of Aug 1-Aug 15th with review period of Aug 15-Oct 15 and final decision by Nov 15th; (NorCal will require all 2011 new club applications to be submitted by April 15th, with a decision for 2011 Fall Season by June 15th)** See attached 2012 New Club Application process and adjusted 2011 process; NorCal BOD approved unanimously

Kevin Crow proposes new levels of New Application Acceptance criteria to accommodate Bronze level clubs : Benjamin Ziemer moved, Paolo Bonomo seconded, **NorCal approves three levels of club acceptance criteria- Regional Academy League, NorCal Premier League and NorCal Bronze League Clubs based on new criteria established for Bronze clubs (allowing for minor adjustments from RACs);** see attached New Application Acceptance Criteria; NorCal BOD approved unanimously

Bronze Club Alliance Considerations: Shawn Blakeman moved, Benjamin Ziemer seconded, **Bronze level clubs forming alliances with current NorCal Premier member clubs on a case by case basis to be approved by the NorCal BOD; Criteria was established;** see attached NorCal Bronze Club Alliance Criteria; NorCal BOD approved unanimously

Norcal Premier with NorCal Premier Club Alliance Considerations: Kevin Crow moved, Paolo Bonomo seconded, **NorCal BOD approves that two NorCal Premier clubs must create a separate club and apply as a new club for consideration in NorCal Premier, RAL or Bronze;** NorCal BOD approved unanimously

Review of Alliance request from ACC Mavericks and EBU Bay Oaks: Shawn Blakeman moved, Benjamin Ziemer seconded, **NorCal BOD approves El Cerritto SC and Albany-Berkeley SC to be aligned with ACC Mavericks and Piedmont SC to be aligned with East Bay United -Bay Oaks SC due to District 4 Class 3 being disbanded;** Term is one year with conditions - see attached; NorCal BOD approved 3-0 (Shawn Blakeman and Glenn Van Straatum abstained from voting)

*Benjamin Ziemer reported on progress of the **Regional Academy League**;* RAL Applications were received from most major clubs, RAL Governance is being refined, RAL Administrative structure is being established, initial college showcase site for November was discussed with strong interest from Davis Play Fields; Application acceptance Announcements are forthcoming with a 72 hour window for late applicants

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm

NorCal BOD Date approved: March 2011