

# AYSO Board Meeting

September 3, 2020

## Attendees

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|---|-----------------|---|------------------|
| X | Neil Weinberger | X | Caroline Amicone |
| X | Taj Chiu        |   | Steve Hawkins    |
|   | James Sheehy    |   | Chris Herb       |
|   | Mimi Goldstein  | X | DeWayne McMullin |
| X | Shanti Rao      |   | Bill Owen        |
|   | Chad Pratt      |   | Ivonne Penichet  |
| X | Dan Jeffries    |   | Marco Quezada    |
| X | Dana Bradley    | X | Samir Singh      |
|   | Scott Davis     |   | Mika Walton      |
|   | Vic Gutierrez   |   | Adam Yatsko      |
| X | Steve Haegelin  | X | Joanie Paik      |
|   | Oscar Alvarez   |   | Tara Mastro      |
|   | Lara Lund       |   | Terry Takahashi  |
|   | Mark Evans      | X | Sam Shaker       |
| X | Louise Hamlin   | X | Stas Petropoulos |
|   | Bill Owen       |   | Azeem            |

## Call to Order

Neil Weinberger called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

The executive team voted to approve a donation to AYSO National due to their financial hardship. The organization is down to 90% with staffing cuts and needed approximately \$2 million to get to July. Board voted on providing 5% of our current account, and a \$15,000 donation was made. Other regions are providing as much. It is in Region 13's interest to keep AYSO National afloat.

## Registration in Blue Sombrero

All board members need to be registered as volunteers. Shanti has opened up a channel on the Sports Connect portal for registration. Cardiac arrest course is a new mandatory training course that is required once for all volunteers. This course can be found in AYSOU.org as part of the Safe Haven curriculum. Every coach for every sport in California is required to take this course starting this year. Like the Concussion Course, the certificate of completion will be recorded on every volunteer's registration.

## Covid Update

Last month the Board chose to postpone the Fall season. County guidelines changed to allow the first level of youth sports with strict protocols requiring social distancing and masks. Some fields will become available in mid-September. Neil, Taj, Shanti and Mimi ran numbers about a program of limited play with Launch trainers. This program would break even, and would be for 10U and up with one trainer per 12 kids. At minimum two volunteers need to be present at the field – one Board member, then

perhaps referee staff will need to cover fields to oversee Covid and Safe Haven compliance. Volunteer coverage is essential in order to make this program possible. Families will need to sign off on protocols required by the City. The AYSO waiver will be part of registration, but there is also a signature acknowledging that they have read and accepted protocols. Reporting process will be in place. Timeline is two weeks from Monday, from the week of September 21<sup>st</sup> until just before Thanksgiving. This weekend Neil will send out communication for this training program. Next week groups would be formed, and notifications to families would be sent. Logistically easier to fill one day rather than multiple days through the week. Two nights a week plus a Saturday are being considered. 760 players are available for this program, and 400-500 could be accommodated all day Saturday and one weeknight. Younger players will be tabled for now. Region 13 considers this program an investment in the future by keeping players in the pipeline.

Over the next week or two there will be a need for volunteers, with the following expectations from the Board; Dan would need to get up to speed as Safety Director. LA County Health and City of Pasadena regulations will need to be reviewed. Stas, as CVPA, would need to oversee administration of Safe Haven and Covid protocols. Board member volunteers will need to fill at least 4 shifts of field monitoring per week. Barry will need to enforce rules, as contact and monitoring is best handled by someone from Launch. Barry and his employees will need to register as AYSO volunteers. Region 13 needs to maintain safety and take legal precautions to preserve our interest.

Board's recommendation would be for players to wear masks at all times except during water breaks. During water breaks players should keep at least 12' distance apart.

To summarize, the skills program as outlined will require two to three monitors at the field. Samir will be responsible for scheduling volunteers. The 8 week program cost will be \$130 with emphasis on availability of scholarships. Fields will require at least one Board member for the program, with a target of up to three volunteers. All volunteers need to be registered with the proper training courses. The program will be named AYSO Skills & Drills.

Dan motioned to provide a fall program for kids 10 and up with Launch trainers enforcing safety rules along with AYSO volunteers overseeing program at a program fee of \$130. Shanti seconded the motion. All voted in favor with none opposed, and the motion passed. Neil and Shanti will send out communication in website. The community will have 72 hours to sign up, so by Tuesday there will be a sense of enrollment. Taj volunteered to address questions from the community, with Caroline, Terry, Louise, and Dana's help.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm.

[Next Board Meeting is October 1, 2020.](#)