

# AYSO Board Meeting

March 4, 2021

## Attendees

X	Taj Chiu		Caroline Amicone
X	Neil Weinberger	X	Steve Hawkins
	James Sheehy		Chris Herb
X	Mimi Goldstein		DeWayne McMullin
X	Shanti Rao		Bill Owen
	Dan Jeffries		Ivonne Penichet
	Dana Bradley		Marco Quezada
	Scott Davis		Samir Singh
X	Steve Haegelin	X	Joanie Paik
	Oscar Alvarez		Tara Mastro
X	Patrick Shopbell	X	Terry Takahashi
	Mark Evans	X	Sam Shaker
X	Louise Hamlin	X	Stas Petropoulos
	Bill Owen	X	Terry Takahashi

## Call to Order

Taj Chiu called the meeting to order at 7:21 pm.

## Approval of previous meeting minutes (January and February)

**Shanti motioned to approve January and February minutes. Neil seconded. Minutes were approved with all in favor and none opposed.**

## Reports

### Registrar Report – Shanti

Both parent and player must sign Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) and concussion forms by California law. The SCA and concussion forms require signatures every year. These forms will be required for Skills and Drills. 239 to 240 players are signed up with 26 more players on the waiting list. If more fields were available, more players would have signed up for this popular program.

All youth sports volunteers are required to take sudden cardiac arrest training, which is not required annually. If a player faints, he or she will not be allowed to be brought back into play until medical evaluation by a licensed medical professional.

Responsibility of keeping track of players who have signed the forms will go to Team Managers. A stack of forms should be printed and available at the first day of Skills and Drills.

### Coaches' Report – Terry

So far there are two open DCA positions, with one candidate who is a maybe. Susan suggested Samantha Sangana and Frank Garibaldi as potential candidates.

## Referees' Report – Patrick

Patrick has agreed to join Region 13 as the assistant RA, and will share this role with James. They are reviewing the past DRAs and confirming open positions. Taj suggested to align the DRAs with player divisions. Referee meetings will restart this month.

Steve mentioned that training is going to be a challenge. Although we remain optimistic about playing soccer in September, we are less hopeful about in person classes. A hybrid outdoor/indoor course is under consideration, with the possibility of joining with South Pasadena, as philosophies for both regions are the same. Another benefit is providing more referee training options to volunteers. Chip and Steve are working on a regional class for National. AYSO EXPO will be virtual.

Neil suggested sharing offside training video at the End of Year dinner. This video is hosted on AYSOU.org.

## Field Report

Neil reported that the LCHS JV field for Skills and Drills was negotiated with baseball, who gave up the field Saturdays. If sports continue to open up and games become a possibility, the only fields that may be available for games belong to Pasadena schools. Taj to follow up with Marco.

Also, starting later this year, the LCHS JV field will be under construction for the next two years. This may affect our access to some practice field space, but we won't know exactly until they start.

## Treasurer's Report - Mimi

The previous Skills and Drills season netted \$2,600 profit without the \$4 area per player fee. With our overhead of rent and utilities, the region continues to spend about \$6,000 a month, which comes out of savings. The 2<sup>nd</sup> offering of Skills and Drills has the same model so Region 13 can expect to be slightly positive or negative.

Shanti has reached out to Jackson Elementary in Pasadena to assist with their sports program. Region 13 used to donate balls and goals every year to every school in Pasadena. 100 kids from Jackson Elementary play in Region 13, and Pasadena school kids participate at half the rate of La Canada school kids. Washington Elementary has 10 players from a campus of 700 kids.

Mimi shared that Region 13 is trying to offer more scholarships to bring more players to our Region. Incremental costs for one hundred full scholarship players comes to about \$80 to \$90 per player. Costs can be offset by fundraising, increasing pricing on players or funding through Region 13 reserves. \$1500 in donations were received from Shanti's outreach effort. Region 13 could provide help by providing coaches and donating equipment to schools in need. A specific plan, along with equipment list, needs to be developed. For roughly \$600 per school, 36 balls and 12 pugg goals could be provided. Shanti's suggestion is to start with one or two schools. There are about 19 elementary schools not including charters in the Pasadena area. Shanti will reach out to schools before Region 13 makes any commitments.

Mimi needs to check the mail delivered to the clubhouse.

## CVPA Report - Stas

We are running an LA County program, as Region 13 is based in La Canada not Pasadena. Guidelines that we adhere to are State, followed by LA County. The adjusted case rate (ACR) is the basis of the tiers. LA county is currently in the most restrictive purple tier, but expected to move to red soon. Soccer is classified as an "outdoor high-contact sport". Soccer practice is permitted, along with training with masks required and 6' distance encouraged. Intra cohort competition is not addressed directly, and implied as training in the guidelines. Scrimmaging would be permitted as long as masks are worn.

Currently, the use of City-of-Pasadena fields is contingent upon Protocols being submitted to the city. According to their Youth Sports guidelines, LA County doesn't require protocols to be submitted, only developed, maintained, and posted. If scrimmages aren't listed in any protocols we have submitted to field owners, we will likely have to update them if we start scrimmaging. Check-in screening needs to

take place before player arrival. Each player must have his or her own ball and hand sanitizer. Restrooms will be used one person at a time. Covid positive cases require notification and quarantine of the positive tested Covid participant. Protocols must be distributed and read to everyone.

Skills and Drills scrimmaging may be allowed in cohorts in the coming weeks if the ACR continues to go down. For now, Region 13 will wait until the second week to check numbers and re-evaluate whether scrimmaging will take place. Stas, Neil, Taj and Dan will reconvene about scrimmaging if we need to reconsider before the next Board meeting.

### Additional Items for Discussion

While doing her RC training, Taj received a refresh about various AYSO philosophies. The Pioneers of AYSO google search shared that foreign coaches originated the program.

Will Hardy's wife passed away in December. Will was a past RC for Region 2. **Neil motioned to donate \$250 in the memory of Will's wife. Stas seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor and none opposed. Neil will find out the best way to donate.**

Vic advocated for getting back VIP players to Region 13. We are underserving this group of players. Taj would like to follow up on with Temple City coordinators. Shanti wrote to special ed coordinators, and found that they prefer Glendale's Region 88 program because they have better fields.

Taj had a discussion with Mark Evans about who was running the EXTRA program. Marco would help as EXTRA coordinator/run try outs but does not want the position. Most advanced players have already left for club. The only coach interested in EXTRA is Tony, but coaching and running EXTRA are two distinct responsibilities. Region 13 has strictly observed EXTRA guidelines, and coaches have difficulty competing. For example, coaches do not select the team.

One idea is to provide all experienced coaches with a binder with player forms in sheet protectors, along with maps of fields and printed roster. These binders would be created as part of a welcome package to coaches.

Samantha, Susan, and Shanti have developed an inclusion statement. Coach and referee staff should nominate volunteers to finalize the mission statement; Shanti needs help and is seeking feedback. Volunteers would meet every week or two to define what is the message and then the action plan for policy going forward.

Chip, Steve and Dana will start up the coaches' referee training.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Next Board Meeting is April 1, 2021.