

AYSO Board Meeting

April 4, 2019

Attendees

X	Neil Weinberger		Bruce Hancock
	Taj Chiu		Steve Hawkins
	James Sheehy	X	Chris Herb
X	Mimi Goldstein		DeWayne McMullin
	Shanti Rao		Bill Owen
X-P	Chad Pratt	X	Ivonne Penichet
	Dan Jeffries		Marco Quezada
	Dana Bradley		Samir Singh
	Kelly Ching		Mika Walton
X	Scott Davis	X	Adam Yatsko
	Vic Gutierrez	X	Joanie Paik
X	Steve Haegelin	X-P	Mark Evans

Neil Weinberger called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Call to Order

Due to absence of a quorum, Neil will email the Board about voting to approve March's meeting minutes.

Updates

AYSO EXPO in San Diego was attended by Neil, Mimi, Chad, and Taj.

Bill Owen Spring Cup

84 teams participated with over 1,000 kids playing at Brookside. Steve made it to the championship bracket for U14. Financially, Region 13 netted about \$25,000 profit, compared to last year's profit of \$20,000. Two fields were lost due to the Rose Bowl loop, so there are now 7 instead of 9 fields. Very positive feedback was received. Marco did an outstanding job preparing the fields. The weather and field conditions were optimal from the recent rains.

A request for medical treatment for injured players came up again during BOSC. A player's tailbone injury ended up being not that serious. But the presence of a medical professional would go a long way towards easing fear and anxiety. Neil will revisit having an EMT available during tournament play when MST approaches.

Action Item:

Steve will look into the availability and cost of an EMT.

Injury protocol and procedure needs to be formalized, as there was a question about who would need to approve the 911 call. Referees and coaches should be prepared to decide when to call an ambulance. The presence of field monitors who have communications, in addition to an EMT, was also suggested.

AYSO Region 13 would cover part of the primary insurance for an injured player or volunteer. Secondary coverage would be provided by National, after primary coverage limit.

Fields Report

Fields are prepared for Spring Cup tournament. One or two of the current portable light towers will be moved from Muir. Purchasing two more lights would accommodate another practice field site in the fall. A prospective field site needs to be identified. It may be at the Rose Bowl or school site. Blair fields are being used by club soccer.

Uniforms

Ivonne reported that uniforms for Spring Cup have all been distributed. All tournament jerseys have been replaced. Only jerseys were purchased, rather than full sets. Socks will be provided on an as needed basis. The number of jerseys were expanded so that if one or two don't get returned, the set can still be reused.

Action Item:

Ivonne and Mimi will meet to get uniforms budget back in alignment. Ivonne will obtain the last four years of pricing from Zeeni.

Only upper division Spring Cup U14 teams received double jerseys. In the fall program no one gets double jerseys. Adam noted that in Upper Division Tournaments, having two sets instead of one single set that gets dirty after one match is preferred. Neil's recommendation is to provide double jerseys for upper divisions only.

Winter Stars

Chris reported that the program started with about 80 kids and currently about 40 kids attend. He has a good consistent group split evenly between age groups. Launch sends 8 trainers but Mimi noticed that Region 13 is being billed for 10. Chris is still bringing all the equipment from the Clubhouse to Muir, and Launch helps set up. Launch set up of their equipment is an additional cost to AYSO. Winter Stars was conceived as 8 weeks long but it has always through April, and does not run through spring break. For the duration of the program, it does not break even. Next year Region 13 may consider breaking up the program into two six week programs with fees matching that length of time. Grad Series and All Stars players were not charged, and 30% of kids signed up for Winter Stars did not pay fees.

Spring Cup

Neil provided the update. So far there have been two weeks of upper division play, with U10s and U14s starting this upcoming weekend. U12 games were reduced to a miscommunication with Arcadia schools field closures. Next year Region 13 will see when spring break is and how availability of fields is affected.

Fall Registration

Fall registration is open. Neil and Shanti have been selective about communications, to avoid bombarding the community with emails. There is one communication at the beginning of the month to cover current and upcoming events. A second communication will be targeted with specific information. Blue Sombrero was also adjusted this year so that both players and volunteers are registered at the same time.

Five or six banners are being fabricated. Taj has volunteered to put up banners, possibly at Victory Park.

Shanti and Marco are working on meeting with Villa Parke. Marco will help make a flyer in Spanish. Neil has flyers that he would like help in distributing, possibly at Villa Parke on weekends.

Neil has decided against walk in registration. He would like to brainstorm with referees about how to approach recruitment for future seasons. One thought is to have an in-person event to promote face to face conversations. A possible event would be a collection of used clothing, catered, with other activities. Neil asked for a focus group SWOT team to assist in conceiving of an event. U8 and U10 coaches should be targeted due to their importance in maintaining volunteer momentum.

Action Item :

Neil will follow up with Taj about recruiting U8 and U10 DCAs for mobilizing more volunteers for the upcoming season.

Referee Report

James noted that there was not too much to report. Spring Cup is currently going on. The shortage of qualified referees is being filled by the pool system, which has about 20 volunteers. There are about 70 referees with reasonable game counts, but more need to move up to intermediate. One thought was to use video as a persuasive tool to sign up for more referee training.

Coaches' Report

Taj is working on the DCA list. Lee is taking over for Adam as Director of Coaching for Upper Division. Anne Tipton and Dana Bradley are incoming Directors of Coach Instruction. An administrator for the U4 and U5 programs is needed. Someone who likes little kids would be an ideal candidate, and it could be someone with older children.

Action Item :

Recruit someone for U4 and U5 program coordinator position.

EXTRA

There have been two tryouts, with more girls than boys. There are enough players to form U10 to U12. There is one more tryout. Most of the teams have strong coaches.

Concern was raised about not losing EXTRA teams at Upper Division, where play is very competitive, but the transition from AYSO to Club can be prohibitively hard. So more kids could stay in AYSO. AYSO philosophies translate into players not staying together in the Fall season, so EXTRA accommodates that player preference of staying together as a Team. The most competitive players stay with the Fall program, and then try out for All Stars. At U16 most players who continue with soccer play for Club teams. Question was asked whether EXTRA keeps AYSO from losing players to Club or if EXTRA contributes to players choosing club instead of AYSO.

The directive is to only form EXTRA teams if AYSO has strength in the three categories of players, coaches and referees. James and Mark will make certain that referees are part of the Team.

Treasurer's Report

Mimi circulated the Profit Loss Statement with actual numbers for this year and estimates through June 30th. She also provided a statement with the individual programs along with their breakdowns for cost and expenses. Neil and Mim are finalizing the budget for next month. They will provide the budget to the Board for next month's vote, as National AYSO needs it by June 1st.

Each year for RAP, Regional Assessment Program, AYSO 13 assesses itself in every category and the self-assessment is due July 1st. Last year Region 13 went down to Gold from Platinum, due to timing. This

year Region 13 is back to Platinum. Everyone – Board Treasurer, Referees and Coaches- may need to issue sections that will be due on May 1st.

Last Items

Region 13 night is Saturday, April 13th. All Spring Cup players get a free ticket. Tickets were made available to the whole community for \$10 each, with 500 total tickets. 20 kids will walk onto the field with the players, while 50 kids will play on the field at halftime.

In next month's Board meeting Neil invites discussion and a vote on the amount of money Region 13 will provide to support the U16 Girls' Travel Team to play at the July National Games in Hawaii. Steve mentioned that the Girls' team is very strong. Scott asked if Region 13 would also consider a stipend for referees to attend National Games. This is a once in a life time opportunity for everyone who can participate, so Neil advocates for the Board providing financial assistance.

Action Item:

Neil will talk to Rolando about possibly sharing costs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Next Board Meeting is May 2, 2019.