

# AYSO Board Meeting

June 6, 2019

## Attendees

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

## Call to Order

Neil Weinberger called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

## Board Meeting Minutes

**Dan motioned to approve the May meeting minutes, which included a date change of July 10<sup>th</sup> for the statue unveiling at the Rose Bowl Ceremony. Taj seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the minutes with none opposed.**

## Hawaii Team Travel to AYSO National Games

Neil forwarded Steve Haegelin's letter to the Board requesting Region 13 sponsorship of the 16U Girls' Team's travel to the National Games in Hawaii. His request is for the same amount that the Board allocated to the girls' Florida National trip three years ago, which was \$8,800. Funds for sending a team to National is not in the budget, and would need to come out of reserves. Funding for the Florida trip also came out of reserves.

**Dan motioned to approve \$8,800 for the National Trip. Taj seconded the motion. None were opposed. Motion was approved.**

Mimi and Neil have discussed that moving forward, there will be a set line item of approximately \$2,500 annually to be set aside for the National trip, which occurs roughly every two-three years. This would set an expectation of how much the team would need to fundraise. The list of expenses require review, and the funding for the team can only support players, and not coaches and parents. Funding can come from reserves or fundraisers, but cannot come out of Region 13's Fall income.

Questions were raised about the larger community's awareness of the National Games. This year the event is from June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup>. Region 13 is awarded a slot by lottery for 16U girls every few years. All Star players make up the team for National. This year Steve and Vin picked the team. Steve has a player who also coaches a 10U team with her dad. Region 13 wants to encourage more female

volunteers and players to volunteer as coaches or referees. Pairing players with coaches who can utilize players as assistant coaches could have potential. Practice schedules would need to be coordinated, perhaps with U6 and U10 sharing fields. Region 13 is trying to encourage more participation from women and girls. This targeted effort of encouraging girls to volunteer as assistant coaches could be a good start with positive outcomes.

Action Item: Steve will ask the National team to attend the July 10<sup>th</sup> Rose Bowl Ceremony.

Action Item: Mimi and Neil will determine the amount Region 13 will allocate for future National trips. In addition, team formation and selection will be more transparent to the larger community.

## EXTRA

A total of four teams, which are Girls 11, 12 and 13 and one Boys 10 were formed for EXTRA. Not many upgrades are needed for coaches, but referees need upgrades. EXTRA has fewer teams this year since Region 13 was stricter in team formation for coaches, players and referees.

## Registration

Shanti shared his graph that indicates that the number of players per day is holding steady. If we continue to add 500 players per month, Region 13 will have 2,500 players on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Neil hosted two in person registrations and only one or two people showed up. Shanti and Marco are planning a Villa Parke in person to register and help with scholarships. One proposed date is Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Shanti requested help.

Teams will be formed in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of July.

Taj and Shanti had the first meeting of the DCAs last night. Almost all open positions are filled, with many new DCAs. DCAs are going through coaches' evaluations from last year. Taj proposed two assessment days for players who are new to Region 13, players coming back or coming from Club, and players requesting to play up. Dan suggested having parents send video clips of their players. The intent of these assessments would be to prevent the upset of a balanced team when new players join at the last minute.

Action item : Neil asked Taj to find out how do other regions handle assessment.

Shanti suggested scheduling a new parent meeting orientation in August before the start of the season. Neil can host.

In the past coaches have not received their shirts in time to wear them during the season. This year's target is to distribute coaches' shirts early and encourage coaches to wear their shirts.

## Coaches Report

There are only two open DCA positions, and they are for Girls 7U and Boy 8U. Taj and Shanti will work together to get equipment and uniforms ordered.

## Futsal

07, 08 and 09 boys have been playing at La Canada High School with LCHS' Coach Bruno. Sessions last about one hour, and Bruno wants to continue the program year round with more ages. He has permits for the La Canada location. Taj supports the training, which requires more technical skill and footwork, but is very complementary to soccer.

## Coach Instruction

Coaching Manual is an online coaching platform that AYSO has partnered with. AYSO has purchased this online tool and resource for \$1000 this year. This amount is reflected in the coach training budget. The cost breaks down to approximately \$4 per coach. Price per region varies on number of coaches, but Region 13 has so many coaches that the cost is more affordable. Coaching Manual allows for a season's worth of session plans for any age. Coaches can make their own session plans, and they are designed to be progressive plans. Starting in the Fall, each week DCAs will send an email to all coaches with the session plan for the week. Plans can be accessed by a phone app. Coaches can also upload their own videos.

Taj requested help with Coach Instruction at the end of July and August 24<sup>th</sup>, along with September 8<sup>th</sup>. Francis taught many classes, including 6U, 8U, 10U and 12U but he is unavailable. Taj will communicate dates to confirm availability. Dan will be back at the end of August. Vic has more availability on Sundays.

## Referees

No attendee was able to provide a report.

## Treasurer's Report

- The list of checks and budget for NAPOnline were distributed to the Board. Region 13 is currently negative \$94,000, with \$54,000 in fixed asset expenses, which includes \$30,000 for the Brandi Chastain statue, \$11,000 for referee recognition, and \$3,000 for Ken Aston training.

The Region 13 savings account is open. Currently CD tiers don't make sense because the 3 month and savings accounts have the same interest rate. Only a 13-month CD is worthwhile. The board discussed whether or not it made sense to put some of the savings into a 13-month CD. Mimi expressed a concern about having enough liquidity. Neil recommended keeping some liquid and putting a large portion into a CD.

**Taj motioned to put about two-thirds of available reserves into a 13 month CD at Bank of America. Dan seconded the motion. Motion was approved with all voting in favor.**

(Note - further details about specific financial information available upon request.)

An audit should be performed annually, and when there is an RC change. An Assistant Treasurer or Auditor is needed for the Board. DeWayne is a potential candidate for either position, but he cannot fill both. There is a preference is to find someone who may become Treasurer in the future.

## Fields

The issue of Muir North being considered for a bus parking lot remains unresolved.

Game schedules may be turned over from Neil to Marco.

Moving 12U goals is expensive due to time and labor. There should be enough goals for both fields.

Action Item: Marco to inventory goals and which are missing where.

The equipment budget is \$18,000. Goals were last ordered about three years ago. Taj will order the soccer balls.

### **Freeway Jam**

Freeway Jam will be July 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. Marco is running the tournament with Rolando. Freeway Jam is the last opportunity to play with team before ages up. July 31<sup>st</sup> is AYSO's end of registration. One last hurrah.

### **RAP**

RAP is due July 1<sup>st</sup>. Neil has all of Mimi's, James and Taj's updates.

### **Galaxy**

Galaxy tickets have not been all signed up for, so Neil will redistribute the sign up.

### **Fundraisers**

Steve organized a Rounds fundraiser for the National trip. Chipotle is one of the National sponsors, and an Opening Day Saturday was discussed. A coordinator is needed to maintain policies for sponsorship.

### **NAGM**

Neil will be in Newport tonight for the National Annual General Meeting. At this event, all regional commissioners gather together to vote on issues. AYSO executive leadership is currently in transition. Neil will be out starting next Tuesday and then out for 10 days. Taj and Shanti will cover during Neil's absence.

### **VIP**

Shanti is finding more players for the program. Most players need buddies and Vic needs more teenagers to volunteer on Saturday afternoons and sometimes evening practices. He hopes to continue partnering with Temple City. Four players are signed up now.

### **Upcoming Vacations**

- Neil will be out from June 11<sup>th</sup> to the 27th
- Taj will be out the month of July
- Dan is out mid August until end of August
- Mimi is out August 12<sup>th</sup> to 25th

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

**Next Board Meeting is July 11, 2019.**