

AYSO Board Meeting

May 2, 2019

Attendees

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

Call to Order

Neil Weinberger called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm.

Board Meeting Minutes

Neil noted that the March Board meeting minutes were approved by emailed votes. Neil motioned to approve the April Board meeting minutes, with Taj seconding the motion. April meeting minutes were approved with all in favor, none opposed.

Winter Stars

Chris reported that the program had a consistent group of U6 and under while older ages, from 11 up fluctuated week to week. The program is ideal for U8 and younger players. For next year's program the number of Launch trainers will be reduced, as this year Winter Stars came in at a loss. More money was spent on training than the number of registered players warranted. Splitting the program into two sessions, winter and spring, is recommended. The winter session can be about 8 weeks, in case of rain outs. Shanti suggested that spring session not be advertised until the winter session is complete.

Spring Cup

Samir reported that there are not enough referees for the number of teams. More referees need encouragement to achieve the next level of referee certification. Regional referees should train to become intermediates who then become advanced referees. Mimi has \$1500 for Villa Parke t-shirt donations in the 2019 budget. Playoffs are May 11th weekend. Rolando will be running Spring Cup this year.

Referee Report

Referee training is posted on the Region 13 website. James is sending individual emails out to specific referee volunteers to upgrade their certification. A database of all high performing regional referees who need upgrades is recommended. The website should acknowledge all coaches and intermediate referees who upgrade their certification. Intermediate referees who take the two-day training are committed to volunteer for life. Steve Bickell will conduct one of the intermediate level training sessions.

IFAB released changes to the laws of the game. The dropped ball will be uncontested. Referees have the authority to hand out cards to coaches. Goal kicks are in play immediately. Coach training will need to incorporate updated laws of the game. Shanti will update webpages for both coaches and referees for new laws.

For the first two weeks at the beginning of the season, an experienced center referee will be assigned to 10U games, with the expectation that all Assistant Referees show up for mentorship. Steve is concerned about available manpower, but would still like to implement in order to relieve pressure on newly trained referees.

Fields Report

The backstop on Rose Bowl Area H Field 1 is gone. AYSO equipment, mostly goals, will need to be housed at a location TBD. Rose Bowl fields have maintenance and cost issues. All fields need to be laid out at one time. Paint lines disappear when the fields are used infrequently. AYSO's golf cart needs approximately \$1000 in repairs. Moving goals from McKinley to Victory to Area H takes about five to six hours.

Action Item : Neil and Marco will brainstorm goal equipment storage at Rose Bowl Area H. Neil will ask John when was the last time Region 13 purchased new goals.

Goal bags were purchased, but Marco has not had time to check if all the goals have been put away.

In person registration dates for Villa Parke are being set by Marco and Shanti. Marco has done 2 to 3 nights in the past and registered 25 to 30 kids. An experienced volunteer can register one player in 10 minutes. Mimi will give Shanti a cash book. Part of the new AYSO National system is that each region is issued a debit card.

Fertilizer is an annual donation to Villa Parke that was not made last season. Mimi has this in her budget.

Starting this year, for every volunteer it will cost \$25 per person to do a deeper background check. The deeper background check will commence on May 13th, and will include county and national databases. Once a volunteer finishes registering, he or she will get a separate email that he or she will need to agree to a deeper background check. Taj is going to make a video to outline the process for Region 13. Verified volunteers will be emailed a confirmation email. Some volunteers will likely not be approved this year.

Coaches Report

DCAs are still needed for 4U, 5U, 6U and 7U. Samir is stepping up as Assistant RCA. Jenny Ho will be GU10 DCA, while Catherine Buzzini will assist. 12U does not have a DCA, but Chris is considering it. George Hervey will be DCA for both girls and boys 14U. Upper Division DCA will be taken over by Lee Petherbridge.

For EXTRA, there are four teams going forward. Mark and Marco will run EXTRA together. Marco says finding referees is his biggest issue.

Taj will be sending out an email regarding coach instruction. The position of Director of Coach Instruction is filled by Dana Bradley. Charlie approved Marco to be Area Advanced Instructor to teach Intermediate courses. Zeke and Marco would teach intermediate courses together. Proposed dates are July 27th and August 24th. Taj is planning to instruct a 12U coach course.

Budget

The goal is to approve Region 13's budget for submission to National by the June 1st deadline. The budget is negative \$30,000. Last year's budget was \$20,000 over budget. The membership fee increase amounted to \$20,000. Already handicapped by that number, National's fee then increased from \$17.50 to \$20. Due to the high Launch training expense last winter, training will be cut back for next year. The budget is not balanced currently, but it will be fixed over the course of the year. Income and expenses need to balance out. Our region can be over budget because we have reserves in the bank. However, we would rather operate at zero. Investments can only be put into Bank of America and into CDs. Sponsorships, volunteer recognition, and gifts shall be tabled for future discussion. An increase of \$1850 as an expense, for training and recognition of referees, was incorporated into the budget. **Taj motioned to approve the budget, and Shanti seconded the motion. Motion was passed with none opposed and one abstention. (who was the abstention????)**

Mimi requested that Zeeni orders have a PO number on their invoice so that it can be coded to a program. Yvonne will place a 3/4s order by June 15th with tentative numbers. Shanti was within 15 players of the final number in mid-June last year. Shanti will provide this count to Yvonne by June 10th.

One of the larger expense categories is equipment. Taj is in charge of overseeing this line item.

Action Item : Mimi will send out a list of large expense line items so that someone can be identified as a responsible individual.

Mimi and Neil are available to answer any questions about the budget. In the future a list of checks written in the past month will be available at each Board Meeting.

Picture Day will be handled by Lacey Wood Photography and will be over three Saturdays, proposed as the 3rd, 4th and 5th weekend of the season. Location is TBD, with one or two weeknights. Teams will need to sign up.

Action item – Mimi will inventory Region 13's photography equipment. Taj knows a place that can resell used equipment.

Fall Registration

According to Shanti, Region 13 has a new enrollment record for registrations at the end of April, for a total of 618 players. In June the graph will be revisited and an algorithm selected for forecasting until the season starts. Shanti will provide a forecast of players along with coaches to each division DCA at the end of June. Registration recruitment shall continue through May, with team formation anticipated in July. Team formation in July will allow for 5 weeks to recruit referee volunteers. July courses may be empty if teams are formed in late July.

Scholarships were short by \$2000 last year.

The discussion centered on late registration and how to get the word out. Neil would like to email coaches and referees directly. DCAs should email coaches a registration reminder. Taj will ask DCAs and Steve will ask DRAs to send reminders instead of Region 13 sending out an email blast. On Sunday Neil plans on having a 2 hour in-person registration at the Clubhouse from 4- 6 pm. Neil has Peachjar flyers going out in June. Banners were made, with Taj putting up one. Cities of La Canada and Pasadena require temporary sign permits. DeWayne suggested having a banner at the La Canada Memorial Day Parade.

Action Item : Taj and Neil will obtain sign permits from City of La Canada and Pasadena.

DeWayne will look into Region 13 participation at the Memorial Day Parade.

Final Items

In RAP updates, Taj is done, while Neil, Mimi and James are working on their portions.

The Region 13 website is undergoing an update in three phases. Phase 1 was to clean up the website with some quick fixes to make it usable. Phase 2 is updating each individual section to make the website function better overall. Phase 3 will come later this Summer to re-design the overall look and feel of the site. Other Regions are migrating to Blue Sombrero instead of developing and maintaining their own distinct website. Neil prefers Region 13's website to be unique, and most seemed to agree. Taj requested one page that lists all referee and coach upgrades.

Taj mentioned the formation of a Futsal team in La Canada by Bruno, for U11 and up.

The Rose Bowl Ceremony will be on July 10th to unveil the Brandi Chastain statue. Anyone who is interested is invited to the ceremony. The ceremony is open to the public. The dedication will take place during the Women's Empowerment Symposium for seniors in high school and college students. AYSO Region 13 has donated funds.

Dan motioned to approve the February meeting minutes as amended. Shanti seconded. The motion was approved with four in favor and none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

[Next Board Meeting is June 6, 2019.](#)