

AYSO Board Meeting

November 7, 2019

Attendees

X	Neil Weinberger		Bruce Hancock
X	Taj Chiu		Steve Hawkins
X	James Sheehy	X	Chris Herb
X	Mimi Goldstein	X	DeWayne McMullin
	Shanti Rao		Bill Owen
	Chad Pratt	X	Ivonne Penichet
X	Dan Jeffries	X	Marco Quezada
X	Dana Bradley	X	Samir Singh
	Kelly Ching		Mika Walton
	Scott Davis		Adam Yatsko
X	Vic Gutierrez	X	Joanie Paik
	Steve Haegelin		Tara Mastro
X	Oscar Alvarez		Louise Hamlin
	Lara Lund		Terry Takahashi
			Sam Shaker
			Monica Pimental

Call to Order

Neil Weinberger called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

October minutes have not been issued. Email will go out to Board once they are posted.

Fields Report

Batteries are being drained at portable lights due to user error. Coaches are not turning the keys at the control panel to completely shut off power.

Marco sends out email notifications to first and last game coaches about setup and breakdown of goals, but many coaches are not reading their emails over the weekend. Neil will add instructions to his communications email.

VIP Report

This year VIP uniforms were provided by Temple City's Region. Three new volunteers run Temple City's VIP program. Participation has dwindled from previous years. Two players from Region 13 along with two more players will participate in an upcoming tournament at Ayala Park in Chino on November 17th from 9 am to 3 pm. Different regions participate in this tournament. Taj volunteered to referee.

MST

So far Steve has about 71 teams participating, which is lower than last year. The Arroyo Seco tournament was cancelled last year, so there was more participation last year due to the cancellation. So far there are 8-16 teams in each division, so there is enough representation of all ages. Trophies have arrived. All three fields are being used for the tournament. With so many more U14 teams, PHS North

field is also being used. This field also accommodates an additional staging location for the tournament check in at its parking lot. No farmer's market is schedule for the Saturday of the Tournament.

Brian is managing the referee coverage. Steve has 6 or 8 referee teams in the system. Region 13's policy is to not form teams until three referees for each team have been confirmed. Our region has two 14U teams for a total of 6 referees. If any team cannot provide referees, then other non-referee volunteers would be needed. Field set up is needed. Steve needs to assign volunteers for three different field tents, and requests Shanti's help. EXTRA parents are also available to volunteer.

All Star teams are formed right after MST. Muir North and Muir Central and PHS are the available practice fields for All Stars.

Uniforms

Yvonne is working with Samir on the MST and All Star uniforms. Some EXTRA teams may add additional players but their uniforms will need to be rented. The EXTRA uniforms are custom made. Uniforms have not been returned from previous seasons. Yvonne needs to be notified as soon as potential players are confirmed.

Coaches' Report

Taj says that it has been a challenging season. Younger divisions are having issues in U8 and below. The ejection of a U7 coach was mentioned. There has been a general disrespect for referees. Coaches feel it's appropriate to both coach and referee the game. There has been frustration about lopsided games. In order to keep teams balanced and fair, a suggestion was made about keeping track of younger players who are gamechangers.

The first sisterhood meeting, initiated and organized by Taj, took place and 14 coaches including 5 teenage girls who are referee volunteers, attended. Taj would like to organize another future meeting.

Referee Report

Currently there are three referees in the Class of 2019 who have taken their referee upgrades. Five referees are on track for advanced certification and one referee, Steve Hawkins, is on track for National. Of all the intermediate referees, only Taj is pursuing an upgrade from intermediate. The next referee classes are in January. Taj shared that the most impactful path that the region could pursue to further encourage referee upgrades is to mentor. Taj suggested talking to the referee team. Referees who are seeking upgrades will want the mentorship most. James is planning to target higher game count referees by calling instead of reaching out by email.

Scott has updated requirements for regional referees for 12U.

EXTRA

Girls U13 are in 4th, U12 are in 4th, U11 are in 10th, while Marco's team tied for 2nd place. There are 4 to 5 more games left.

Treasurer's Report

Seven fraudulent checks were cashed from Region 13's checking. That account is now closed. The total amount of the checks was \$6,000. Mimi will open a new account tomorrow. Only 7 vendors have not cashed their checks. Mimi needs to order checks for the new account. Fields bill the Region three times a year.

Miscellaneous

Plan is in place to deliver trophies and plaques before the last games.

December 7th weekend will be Region 13 10U thru 14U playoffs. Trophies for playoffs are brought to the field to be awarded to winning teams.

Emily is planning the end of year dinner. She is reviewing potential venues and alternate catering options. The date will be Tuesday December 10th. Taj will add to the region calendar. Last year there were 220 attendees.

December 5th 's board meeting will be at the private room at Canoe House in South Pasadena.

Advanced Play

All Stars tryouts started last week, with at least 450 applications, which is on par with last year. Tryouts for U14s were shortchanged with only an hour. There are seven to eight U12 teams. All coaches will assess players to provide notes for all players, including ones who are not selected. There are 23 teams this year, down one from last year. There are three area teams for Boys U14. Girls U12 does not have enough players so there is only one regional team. This Sunday is the second All Star tryout. Then MST Teams form right after.

For BU12 there will be only two teams for MST. Only 35 kids signed up. Neil requested an update for the U10 MST teams.

Registration fee was not set for All Stars. Last year's fee was \$125. This year there will be no TOCA or Launch training. All Star players will receive sweatshirts, not track suits. Grad Series was \$95 last year. Board set registration fee at \$100.

Grad Series coordinator is lined up but there needs to be management. Taj suggested keeping the same number of teams because game fields are lost. There were nine teams last year. Currently there are 36 submissions. U10 coaches should be offered mentorship.

Winter Stars practice field is Muir North. The program runs from January thru April. U4 U5 parents have expressed interest in a program between fall and spring. Oscar is checking interest in a new program for U4 and U5 and will report back. If it covers its own cost, then Region would like to support this program.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Next Board Meeting is December 5th, 2019.