

AYSO Board Meeting

September 5, 2019

Attendees

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

Call to Order

Neil Weinberger called the meeting to order at 7:29 pm.

Neil recognized Taj for her efforts in organizing the DCAs this year.

Taj motioned to approve the June minutes as revised and posted yesterday. James seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Taj motioned to approve the August minutes as posted and revised. James seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

Quick Items

Next year Region 13 will have four season tickets to LAFC instead of Galaxy.

We have a new Director of Social Media. Rachel is already managing the Instagram feed.

Galaxy night for Region 13 will be on September 21st. Pam Levitt will be organizing the event. 250 tickets will be available, at \$10 each. 60 kids will have the opportunity to hold the banner before the match starts. 20 person access to a VIP suite will be available as a Referee volunteer reward, and will be organized by James.

The open Team Coordinator position has been filled by Tara Mastro. She will also organize Picture Day. Photos will be taken during weeks 4, 5 and 6. Lacey Wood Photography will schedule team photos based on team schedules.

Opening Day is September 7th. Two performances by the Futboleros are scheduled at Victory Park. The Galaxy stars will set up a tent. Due to the City of Pasadena licensing requirements, there will be no food truck. Marco will bring over a golf cart to drop off spectators and haul equipment at Victory Park. Neil encouraged everyone to wear their board shirts. Marco, Steve and Neil anticipate arriving around 7:00 am for setup at Victory Park on Saturday. Neil is away next weekend.

Fields Report

Tuesday and Thursday remain popular practice days and having an extra field available for Thursday practice has helped. Teams appear to have enough area for practices. Taj will remind DCAs to remind their respective division coaches about field locations, along with light tower instructions.

Coaches' Report

Taj requested recognition of DCAs, who have been working hard. Tony Boschetti and Jenny Ho have been exemplary in their dedication. There are only 3 teams who do not have uniforms due to having only one referee volunteer. Taj has asked Bill Owen, our statistician, to ensure that game cards are in the Clubhouse by Monday morning for evidence of referee participation.

Coach training by Marco, Taj and Samir will be on Sunday. The Coaching Manual onboarding process is disappointing.

Samir relayed that Launch will start 6 weeks of Sunday clinics starting on September 22nd. Times are set from 3 pm - 7 pm and have been coordinated with Barry Ritson's coaching classes. Goal set up and logistics for Launch need to be confirmed by Samir. Launch will have fields for 9 weeks.

All-Stars tryouts will be held on November 3rd and 10th. Marco prefers seeing the kids play rather than having a tally of individual goals scored. All-Stars coach registration will close on September 23rd, with the intent to have coaches attend games. Bill Owen will also provide feedback regarding coaches in the form of infractions from game cards. Cautions will be distributed to James, Neil and Taj.

So far 14 coaches have submitted applications for All-Stars U10, U12 and U14. Selection will take place the 1st week of October. Neil, Samir, and Taj and the respective DCAs will review the candidates. Marco and Dan's feedback will be requested for the U12 division, as too many coach candidates have a conflict of interest.

Grad Series needs a coordinator, possibly a volunteer coming up from U8. The Upper Division Coordinator is Neil, while Taj is the U8 girls' DCA.

Region 13 MST teams will be formed before All-Stars teams, unlike other Regions.

Parents are to be encouraged to use coach and referee feedback form.

Taj, Steve and Neil should have copies of keys for the trailer at Victory Park. Marco will make extra copies. Jackie Robinson field has only one key, which Marco has.

Treasurer Report

The CD was funded last month.

Sam Shaker was introduced to the Board. He has participated in AYSO Region 88 as both an intermediate coach and an advanced referee volunteer. He is a CPA and has taken the AYSO courses for NAP Online. Sam's joining of the Board will not change the authorized signer requirements.

Chad motioned to approve Sam as Assistant Treasurer. James seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all in favor and none opposed.

Referee Report

Steve Bickell hosted a referee refresher for 25 attendees.

Ref-o-Rama is scheduled for 10U and then 12U following.

Mentoring is up in the air. U10 games start at the same time at 4 different field locations. Game coverage is inefficient to provide mentoring. Brookside may be an option as three fields are next to each other.

Referee upgrade status was reported. Six to seven referees passed the intermediate training course, and four to five are in the queue for intermediate observation. Chip and Steve will manage these observations. Neil would like to recognize referees who upgrade their certification. James noted that there is a referee tracker to keep the system going.

Pink referee jerseys have traditionally been worn in October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. DeWayne suggested pink hats instead of jerseys. James and Neil will discuss further.

EXTRA

One referee for EXTRA has yet to complete his intermediate course. Clearer communication regarding long term vision and consequences to volunteers must be provided so that there is follow through and accountability.

The referee section on the Region 13 website has been updated with links at the bottom of the page. A new section has been added to keep governing documents on the referee webpage. Rules and bylaws will be linked to this section.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Next Board Meeting is October 3rd, 2019.