

AYSO Board Meeting

November 5, 2020

Attendees

X	Neil Weinberger		Caroline Amicone
X	Taj Chiu		Steve Hawkins
	James Sheehy		Chris Herb
X	Mimi Goldstein		DeWayne McMullin
X	Shanti Rao		Bill Owen
			Ivonne Penichet
	Dan Jeffries		Marco Quezada
X	Dana Bradley		Samir Singh
	Scott Davis		Mika Walton
	Vic Gutierrez		Adam Yatsko
X	Steve Haegelin	X	Joanie Paik
	Oscar Alvarez		Tara Mastro
	Lara Lund	X	Terry Takahashi
	Mark Evans	X	Sam Shaker
X	Louise Hamlin		Stas Petropoulos
	Bill Owen		

Call to Order

Neil Weinberger called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm.

Taj motioned to approve August and September minutes, and Shanti seconded. All in favor with none opposed. Minutes were approved.

Skills & Drills

Entering week 7 of Skills & Drills, with rain potential on Saturday. Many compliments were received, with very few complaints. Turnout for 286 registered players has been mostly good. Participation has been good, with approximately 80%-90% of registrations younger children. Launch trainers are doing a good job and have been maintaining player interest weekly. Plans are underway to continue this program in the new year. Normally Region 13 does not have Victory Park in the winter, but Marco will see if fields other than Muir, are available. Upper Victory, FIS LCHS or Muir North or Central would also work for this program. Region 13 needs only 4 fields in one location to make this program financially efficient. In the Spring we may have the same issue. Spring fields are far less available than in the fall. Current goal is to finish the program and ask Marco for feedback. Neil noted that the program was set up and running in three weeks, so it didn't take a lot to deploy the program. Arcadia's program has volunteer coaches, and Neil will get in touch with Will about program feedback.

General Update

Taj is filling in for Caroline, head of coach mentoring, and had an idea for an online volunteer meeting. Taj pulled in Patrick and James from refereeing to run the meeting jointly. The proposed date of the meeting is December 2nd. The need for volunteers is currently low, but the meeting is an opportunity to

check in with hundreds of volunteers who would be needed during the regular season. An invite will be sent to all volunteers from last season with copy to the board.

InLeague will likely replace Blue Sombrero as our registration system. In terms of timeline, Blue Sombrero will not be down in December, but in April. Region 13 will continue using Blue Sombrero for winter and spring, and then move to InLeague in the Fall of 2021. Customization for Region 13 will cost about \$5,000 but will be worked into budget and costs. Neil has a test account that he can share with those interested. The overwhelming advantages of InLeague were presented. Thousands of emails are received each season from people having trouble with Blue Sombrero. InLeague offers coach needed information and can be customized for our needs. There will be no time delay with player waiting lists. Google sheets will work seamlessly with InLeague. The support team of InLeague is very responsive compared to Blue Sombrero. Many hours of wasted volunteer time on troubleshooting Blue Sombrero will be a huge bonus to coaching and referee staff. However InLeague will be more expensive, as transactions fees and credit card fees are higher. Mimi would not get the same amount of detailed information for weekly report, credit card fees, etc. for tracking purposes. Overall response is that InLeague is the right system for Region 13.

March is the start of the new year of Board service. Neil's term as Regional Commissioner will be completed March 1st. For the future RC, valuable training time was lost since we did not have a fall season. Neil would be happy to transition to RC back from Covid, but in meantime the Board should consider who will be the next RC. Neil will be having individual conversations about who will be staying and leaving the Board. For the next two to three years, the Board's vision should include succession planning so that Region 13 has stability. Upcoming key Board decisions include implementing the transition to InLeague. The Board would like to reach out to schools where kids have not been invited to play soccer. The RC is an outward facing job that promotes the Region's values. By December, there will be a vote for the next Board membership.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

[Next Board Meeting is December 8, 2020.](#)