

AYSO Board Meeting

May 6, 2021

Attendees

X	Taj Chiu	X	Caroline Amicone
X	Neil Weinberger	X	Steve Hawkins
X	James Sheehy		Chris Herb
	Mimi Goldstein	X	DeWayne McMullin
X	Shanti Rao		Bill Owen
	Dan Jeffries		Ivonne Penichet
	Dana Bradley		Marco Quezada
	Scott Davis	X	Samir Singh
X	Steve Haegelin	X	Joanie Paik
X	Azeem Khaja	X	Tara Mastro
X	Patrick Shopbell	X	Terry Takahashi
	Mark Evans		Sam Shaker
X	Louise Hamlin	X	Stas Petropoulos
X	Monica Wehbe	X	Terry Takahashi

Call to Order

Taj Chiu called the meeting to order at 7:23 pm.

Approval of previous meeting minutes (March and April)

Shanti motioned to approve March and April minutes. Stas seconded. Minutes were approved with all in favor and none opposed.

Reports

National - NAGM

NAGM begins Saturday, May 29th. The Board is welcome to attend. Typically only the RC's attend in person, but this year NAGM is a virtual event.

Section

One EXTRA team for Fall has been announced. The Arizona tournament has been canceled, so a smaller version will be held in California on June 13-14. The G14U team participating in the Spring EXTRA season may attend. Sections 1, 10 and 11 are participating in the EXTRA program.

EXPO will be in August possibly, with coach and referee training

Area

Upper Division planning has begun. Neil will be Upper Division coordinator.

Freeway Jam was canceled for this summer.

Registrar Report – Shanti

Region 13 has already begun a soft opening for fall registration.

Shanti provided highlights of the Fall registration rollout with InLeague. The new interface for registration allows pages to be translated into different languages. InLeague allows all families to be connected in one place and volunteers can mix roles as coach and/or referee for each player. If you are a division coordinator, stats are available for view via a volunteer reports tab. Administrators have additional access to reports, volunteers, and schedules.

For the divisions 8U and below, Region 13 is moving to school years instead of calendar years. Players born at the end of 2013 will choose either 8U or 10U at registration.

Shanti is actively editing the Region 13 website. Please send any suggestions to him. National dictated wording for "Gender" instead of "Gender Identity". Region 13 supports playing the gender where you identify.

With soft open registration, very few people have made donations, so the forms were changed with a more prominent request. Referees are being asked to register separately and not with players. Volunteers do not need to select their division for refereeing.

Another 100 direct emails to former players will be sent out, with another batch the following Saturday.

Referee Report

Referee programs are being restarted. Emails were sent out to about 300 former referees, with 29 responses. An experienced referee pool for 14U and Upper Division, and 30 or more youth referees have shown interest in refereeing. In addition, local high schools are being contacted for additional referees. There will be a referee refresher course, hopefully on the field. Worst case training scenarios will be youtube and online for instruction. Online companion is not ideal, with in person instruction preferred. Online instructor courses on May 12 and 13 are available for registration on AYSOU. The idea for a watch party, perhaps an LAFC match, was suggested. A highly active discussion on refereeing could generate more interest and engagement.

Coaches' Report

Terry has nothing new to report other than the need for volunteers. Shanti can provide a list of 10U potential volunteers from Shanti.

Coach instruction is up in the air as options are to announce online classes now or wait with the hope that in-person classes can be held outside in August. National does not want the regional course taught online. Another option would be only companion online and then the other half in person for people who have been vaccinated. Courses would be held over one or two weekends close to the season start. Taj will talk to Dana. Stas will check with National for guidance about in-person courses. Taj will bring it up at NAGM.

EXTRA –There are some team applications for EXTRA. One continuing team wants to keep going, and that team is a Girls 14 U. Marco will coordinate for that one team.

Fields Report

Marco relayed that PUSD may be ready to open fields. Muir Central and North fields may be available during the summer but there is no confirmation at this time. If there is a need for fields for one more EXTRA team tryout, the LCHS JV field where Skills and Drills currently takes place could be an option for a few hours.

Treasurer's Report

No new report this week, as things are status quo. The budget needs to be finalized. NAP Online data will be migrated to Zipbooks. Mimi has confirmed that historical data will not be lost during the transition.

CVPA Report

Stas reported that LA County remains in the Covid-19 risk level Tier 4, yellow tier (“minimal”). Reopening guidelines have not been updated for sports, so Region 13 is still observing April 14th guidelines for LA County. Newsletter, website and registration will all reinforce adherence to these guidelines. Masks will be worn by players when they are not in competition. Coaches and spectators must mask. Center referees are not required to mask, while ARs must mask. The touchline needs to be far away from players, with coach boxes clearly marked.

Skills and Drills Report

Samir noted that the program is going well. Attendance has not declined over the eight-week period. Running the program with Launch was better than utilizing volunteers. Louise and Caroline were wondering if it would be possible to run the program during the summer. The LCHS JV field is open in the afternoons for general use. Perhaps the program could be held before adults show up for pick-up sports typically around 4:30 pm. 4 sessions worth of kids would balance out the fixed cost of fields. Two back to back sessions would work for one coach. Region 13 could ask parents if there is any interest in running the program in the summer. More scrimmages could be possible, now that restrictions are loosening. The availability of fields is the constraint. With changes in the guidelines, could younger kids also join? 10U have been following instructions, so perhaps younger players would follow suit. A weeknight would be most convenient. Saturdays are also a possibility, as camps are not held during the weekend. Neil will look into a potential summer program.

La Canada Hometown Parade

Region 13 AYSO is registered for the July 5th hometown La Canada parade down Foothill Boulevard. DeWayne is our champion. Referees, coaches, and players will be dressed in Region 13 apparel to advertise the program. Many families with little children attend this annual event, which starts at the Community Center and continues down Foothill to Ralphs. This event could be Region 13’s last push for registration until July 15th, when the waitlist starts.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Next Board Meeting is June 8, 2021 at 7:15 pm.