

AYSO Board Meeting

July 8, 2021

Participants

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

Call to Order

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

Approval of previous meeting minutes (June)

Neil moved to approve the June minutes. Terry seconded. Minutes were approved with all in favor and none opposed.

New Executive Board Member

James Sheehy will be stepping down as RRA. Patrick has been assisting James, and Taj has every confidence in his ability to fill this role. James will be available for the transition and will continue to volunteer as a referee. Neil motioned and Terry seconded to approve Patrick as Region 13 RRA. All voted in favor and no one opposed this motion.

Opening for VIP Director

Vic Gutierrez is stepping down as VIP Director. He has been working with Temple City's VIP program, which already has coaches. Vic is willing to look for a new VIP Director, but timing is an issue with the upcoming Fall season. Vic will reach out to families to ask if they would be interested in registering in Temple City or staying in Region 13. Vic will ask Shanti if he knows of an experienced coach volunteer interested in running the VIP program.

Reports

Report from National, Section, and Area - Taj

National

Region 13 website has a public calendar, maintained by Taj but also updated by others. Section 1 and EXTRA calendars have been published, with dates added to the Region 13 calendar.

Section

Possible EXPO (intensive day of volunteer training) in August.

Area

No update.

Registrar Report - Taj

Registration numbers are continuing to walk up. 1,805 players are registered now. 2,100 were registered MY 2019. This year's forecast is 2,804. Low on volunteers and many scholarships have been awarded. Pay what you can is very popular. Scholarship is much higher at 24K with 5K in donations so far. The average registration count has been 25 players a day, but from now on it is projected between 11-17 players a day. At the beginning of the Fall registration, a peak number of players registered, but there were not nearly as many volunteers registered. Terry thinks that volunteers are not registering through InLeague.

Waitlist goes live on July 15th.

Referee Report - Patrick

Fulfilled half the need for referees in upper leagues. Abuse issues were discussed in the Ref staff meeting last night. Upper Division is ramping up now, and has enough qualified referees. Two U19 and six U16 referees have signed up. Other regions have requested Region 13's help. Steve Hawkins discussed instruction referee classes are in the Region 13 calendar with one in person at Clubhouse, limited to 30 people. Regional Referee class will have online class and pass, then they will attend companion in person to finish regional referee. There will be multiple offerings of this class to keep class sizes smaller. Online course cannot be failed. There will also be a referee refresher by Steve Bickle, which is not on the calendar yet. After the season starts, there will be some additional referee courses.

10U will not referee their own matches.

All referee volunteers are required to have sudden cardiac arrest, safe haven, and concussion training.

Weekly zoom refreshers, one hour a week, to be customized to one particular topic or Division are under discussion. Refreshers would be led by referee staff and available to volunteers.

Strong push for referee mentoring the first Saturday of games. That first game is practice, so it would be referee practice as well. Scheduling the U10 games on the same field is a must, so that mentors are available.

Samir would like to start the season by heading off referee abuse. Keep tracking abuse/complaints to dissent and abuse. Spectators and coaches interact with the referees. Coaches are responsible for their sideline. Referee is empowered to issue yellow cards to spectators and coaches. Many challenges are anticipated this year with the pause in season. New policy about referee dissent and abuse should be passed out to Coaches. Communicate expectations to parents from the beginning. Control over sidelines is an issue. We have a feedback form only. Clear recommendations must be given to referees to write down dissent. Train both referees and coaches about the unacceptability of dissent and abuse. Start with game cards? 8U don't even have cards. Perhaps a game report? Having Board presence at field is necessary.

PUSD Outreach Report - Patrick

Trying to collect dates for back to school socials. Talked to various principals about Region 13 having a table. Flyers are going out to some schools.

Upper Division – Neil

U16 and U19 teams are registered players higher than last year. 3 teams each for U16 then 1 each boys/girls, coaches are confirmed and in two weeks there will be drafts. Upper Division schedule starts earlier, with games starting the weekend before Labor Day with teams starting practice in early August. Upper Division schedule will be posted soon.

Coach Report - Terry

More than half of the DCAs are new. DCA onboarding was last week. Terry is confirming volunteers. Coaches meeting took place last month. Zoom live online session for instruction along with an outdoor field day instruction are proposed.

EXTRA Report - Marco

There will be one EXTRA team.

Fields Report - Marco

PUSD has new director and new online system with janitorial fee charge for every hour the field is in use. Neil has written a request to waive additional fees.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Next Board Meeting is August 5, 2021 at 7:15 pm.