

AYSO Board Meeting

August 5, 2021

Participants

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

Call to Order

Taj Chiu called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm.

Approval of previous meeting minutes (July)

Shanti motioned to approve the July minutes. Dan seconded. Minutes were approved with all in favor.

Reports

Report from National, Section, and Area - Taj

Section

Region 13 website's public calendar is updated. Section 1 and EXTRA calendars have been published, with dates synchronized to the Region 13 calendar.

Area

The budget needs to be submitted soon to Area. Area has updated the Combined Area Rules, which are under review by Samir.

Region

All Board shirts and jackets are being ordered, with orders due August 9th. There is a choice of shirt or jacket with names/titles embroidered on shirt.

Everyone is encouraged to sign in to [Slack](#). If you need an invite, send your request to Taj.

Registrar Report - Taj

200 kids are on waitlist. We are on track to matching 2018 enrollment. With 10 kids per day, we could ultimately register 2,500 players. Most other regions are down in enrollment.

Shanti has joined National's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. National recognizes that not as many players are joining AYSO because there is a DEI issue. Region 13 could be a gauge for the country.

AYSO's messaging of Safe, Fair, and Fun is reinforced to the referees but not to the broader community. The theme for this year is Safe, Fair, and Fun.

Referee and Coaching classes are proposed as indoors with outdoor options. Region 13 has pretty good game field availability. The only challenge is Thursday nights for practice fields. Neither Muir Central nor PHS are available. Field availability may change after the fall. Blair, Wilson and maybe Washington and PHS North for U14 may free up.

Mimi will look into making a donation of equipment to PUSD.

Shanti will encourage printing of game cards by giving all coaches cardstock. Kids' names and jersey numbers can be easily filled out. We also want game reports from 6U to 8U as well as 10U and above. Region 13 will order 10 pack of masks for every coach. \$300 cost should cover these expenses.

Referee scheduling is Shanti's next priority. By August 14th there will be a website up with his first try at it.

Referee Report – Patrick

Referees and Patrick have discuss. DeWayne is ordering uniforms after taking inventory of what's in the clubhouse. Steve Hawkins is managing instruction. Calendar is updated with all classes up to start of games, along with Region 88 and 214 classes. Mostly in person with companion course for a few hours. Restriction the number of in person classes. Referee refreshers on September 4th, maybe on Muir North. Upper division official referees have been submitted, with scrimmages starting on Saturdays. Advanced and intermed referees are helping at the scrimmages. Covid policies and masks were also discussed. Some advanced and intermed referees have moved or quit so Patrick is updating the list. Inviting intermed to center the U14 games and putting advanced as AR's in these games.

September 11th is referee game mentoring day for 10U. Fields have not been set. Mentors will sign up for morning and afternoon shifts. Starting the season with referees showing up to their own kids' games.

Patrick will get in touch with Bruce Hancock about referee upgrades. Terry and Patrick will start with the waitlist. Coach or referee who is familiar with the division could initiate contact. Terry perhaps can look into that, if it's not the DCA. Samir will also help. Terry made a list of volunteers who didn't reup in 2021, and will share list with Patrick as well. Team formation scheduled for August 15th.

Below from Steve Hawkins:

- All attendees to Region 13 ref training (indoor or out) will be required to wear a mask whether vaccinated or not (including, to the extent possible, the instructors)
 - We probably need to get some boxes of disposable masks to have on hand
- We'll borrow or purchase fans to improve air circulation in the clubhouse
- We'll have an outside table for all check in so fewer people are inside

- For Regional Referee
 - We will keep the current schedule
 - We will keep class size down and spread out the chairs inside
 - We will split the class in half with half inside (OS + ?) and half outside (Signals, setting up a PK +?)--details to be worked out.
 - We will target 3 hours total (but not change the listings until we know what we can actually do
 - If we find out VP or Farnsworth outdoor space can be available. will look at possibly moving some classes outside
- For 8U
 - We will stick with the actual class and not broadcast the online class
 - For anyone who takes the online class, we'll have them attend a one hour meeting to go over questions and how things work in R 13.
 - In class, we'll also split into groups to be outside and inside to limit the number inside--this is going to take more thought on how to make it work
 - If we have a viable outdoor venue, we'll look at moving some classes outside

Covid Report - Dan Jeffries

There have been a few meetings to review the Covid-19 policy for the Fall. Children under 12 cannot be vaccinated. 80% of the program is unvaccinated children. Region 13 can apply more strict guidelines. Requiring that players wear masks at all times, except for 14U-19U players who are actively practicing or playing in a game, is under consideration. All adult volunteers would be required to wear masks, except for referees who are actively refereeing a game. Referees should also carry a mask at all times in the event of any close contact. All coaches, managers and referees would be required to be vaccinated. Board is in favor of attestation rather than having each DCA confirm vaccine status. Without proof of vaccination, volunteers would be required to provide covid testing results twice a week, and to wear an N95 mask at all times.

Team formation will be based on cohorting, with as much formation of balanced teams as possible. Teams will have more players than typical seasons. No play through is anticipated for Region 13. If there is a positive test on the team, then we shall follow CDC guidelines with a 10 day quarantine. If players are vaccinated, then quarantining is not required. An incident report will be prepared to report covid exposure.

A new uniform coordinator is needed. Minimum 10 uniforms per team have been ordered to be as flexible as possible.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Next Board Meeting is September 2, 2021 at 7:15 pm.