

AYSO Board Meeting

October 7, 2021

Participants

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

Call to Order

Taj Chiu called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Approval of previous meeting minutes (August and September)

Dan motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Terry seconded, and motion passed with all in favor.

Reports

Report from National, Section, and Area - Taj

National

etrainu will replace AYSOU for online training.

Link to upper division calendar was provided.

Taj encouraged everyone to join [Slack](#).

Section

Board and coach shirts have not been picked up. Additional order of coaches' shirts, board shirts and jackets will be taken to Victory Park for pick up. Everyone on Board and coaches can pick up an AYSO Region 13 hat.

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.

Registrar Report – Shanti

The final registrar's report shows 2,406 players and 112 are on waitlist with 270 drops. One third of players cited fear of covid and vaccinations as reasons for opting out. Another reason was the masking requirement.

Shanti shared the Parent Survey from last week. Answers were mostly from 6-8U parents. Net promoter score is at 98%. One survey question asked whether there was enough soccer programs. Winter season for 5U players received a strong response. Oscar is running a very successful program. A Grad Series for 5U would probably have enough kids. Region 13's culture matches what parents are looking for, when it comes to their children. Next week's newsletter will remind everyone to use coach feedback forms. One improvement identified was a request for paid referees. Follow up requests went to Patrick and Terry.

6-8U coaches are putting names on trophies. Parent volunteers are handling this request.

Picture Day is being organized by Shanti and Tara. First one is this upcoming weekend, October 23rd and then the 30th. There was a little hole with Upper Division. Neil confirmed that EXTRA's Picture Day has been scheduled for October 23rd.

Upper Division Report 16U to 19U – Neil

Upper division is two thirds of the way into the season. They will finish at the end of October, with playoffs at beginning of November. Schedules were made so that AYSO would not conflict with high school soccer. There have been some discipline issues. 19U's are struggling with wins and losses but coaches have maintained player engagement. All three teams of 16U Boys are doing well. For the last 4 weeks, Neil has made Launch training available for each team, with 6 teams participating. 90% of players are vaccinated. There are eight upper division teams this year. UD referees are all experienced, Advanced or up. Each Region 13 team has a qualifying referee. Region 13 is well ahead in number of referee points.

Treasurer's Report - Mimi

July, Aug Sept numbers will be in the new system.

Profit and Loss statement shared. Deferred fiscal year ends 6/30 but with change in accounting systems. Mimi ran the report and broke out everything that is Fall 2021. Report includes 2020 expenses due to covid. Fall and Spring had overhead (no spring program). For the year without Fall season we are at \$45K. We were profitable with two covid programs. Fall thru June with 265K income. There were 270 refund requests, which is extraordinarily high. Region 13 had to pay fees on the refunds, but we will break even.

Circulate checks to show vendors and spending as an audit. Fine on expenses. Everyone's doing a great job checking in. Trophies were budgeted for using past receipts.

PUSD equipment donation has been made.

Referee Report – Patrick

Division Referee Kai, Rich, Chip have email lists of referees in their respective divisions. Next Tuesday is a referee zoom meeting to check in, ask questions. Ask a Ref webpage is popular. Ref app is working pretty well. However, some ref assignments are still not confirmed. App has been helpful with posting no's. There are enough referees around fields, since they typically have a game before. Having referees show up for game before has helped cover the no shows. The mentor button on the app has been discovered and is very popular. DRAs have been trying to cover the mentor request, and this is well

received. 10U referees have settled in. Sometimes the mentor request is made by a coach or referee other than by the mentee him/herself.

Coaches Report – Terry

Weekly training would be good. All but 40 coaches have been trained. Stas and player volunteers require covid clearance.

Game reports 6, 7, 8 are not coming to Terry. Referees will submit with QR code in the back. Game reports are not shared with the Coach or AC. The number of blowouts is higher due to the way teams were formed by cohorts. Team standings will not be posted on the website. Standings ramp up competition and parallel an increase in referee abuse. Standings will be used for seeding teams in playoffs only. Susan and Louise can form a committee to assign teams to flights.

Taj recognized Stas, Terry, Patrick, and Dan for their continuing efforts and gave them all a heroic thank you.

4U/5U - Oscar

322 children are registered and are on a total of 21 teams. There have been a few complaints about masks. Oscar is reminding people of mask wearing rules.

Fields

All games are moved off of Wilson Middle School. Lost Muir Central so half of games are at Blair or Wilson. Tried using PHS North but it was too muddy. Sprinklers have been fixed since, and the fields look good. Taj was a referee at Wilson would like to relocate games due to the many divots in the field. All Wilson games will move to PHS North.

There will be a few schedule changes. Today a slightly changed version of Week 5 was released, with changes to 14U games due to field change from Wilson to PHS North.

VIP

Tony D'Angelo says there are 14 players on roster. Good turnout. Wednesdays are difficult for volunteers. Unstructured play, because there are a lot of little kids. LC JV field Wednesdays are working out well.

Covid Report

Stas CVPA background checks have been slow and two volunteers were not cleared for this season. Covid – started with very few cases but now two games have been cancelled in lower divisions of 6U thru 14U. Two more games will be cancelled due to missing tests or no proof of vaccination. Need tests for about 40 players requiring weekly testing. Terry has been following up with players and volunteers. Dan has been interfacing with the County and Pasadena Health Department. Taj set up testing, and Steve is out at clubhouse tonight. There is an uptick in school cases.

Current covid policies have no change to masking policies.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Next Board Meeting is November 4, 2021 at 7:15 pm.