

AYSO Board Meeting

November 4, 2021

Participants

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

Call to Order

Taj Chiu called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

Approval of previous meeting minutes (October)

Shanti motioned to approve the October minutes. Joanie seconded. Minutes were approved with all in favor.

Reports

Report from National, Section, and Area - Taj

Section

All Regions have transitioned from AYSOU to ETrainU. Training is not happening, so there is not a demand for it right now.

Area

All Stars and league play through is happening.

Region

Board shirts and jackets are at the clubhouse, open Thursday 4-8 pm. Testing will take place over Thanksgiving week. Testing will move to Tuesday during holidays to allow for tournament testing.

Picture Day went smoothly.

Upper Division

Season is coming to an end on Monday.

Caroline, who coached 16 to 19U, had a great season. Rich's team lost to Boyle Heights, 6-1. Last Sunday were last games. Boys 16U are still playing. 19Us did not make playoffs. 15 of 105 kids were unvaccinated, so weekly covid tests were required.

Referee Report – Patrick

No referee meeting. DeWayne is usually at Victory. Two to three referees are getting their intermediate observations right now. Brian Bonham is soliciting referees for MST. There is an attempt to generate more feedback from referee volunteers. At 12U, they want to host intermediate referees. Taj suggested Al Prado. Patrick has a list of more seasoned referees. Mentoring has died off. Uncovered games are being played, and game cards reflect tallies. Brian and Rich Aguilar have made finding subs the responsibility of the team. Having 10U referees not run their own games has been successful this season.

Coaches Report

Three or four coaches have been misbehaving during the weekends, with a total of four suspended coaches for the season. These were all cases where coaches were abusing referees by intimidation, so suspensions were well deserved. Game cards are important, along with coach feedback forms. Coaches should all sign a pledge to respect the referee.

MST

Closed registration for MST. All of Victory Park, along with Blair and LCHS will be available. 12 teams are playing in each division except for girls 10U, which have 8 teams. Registration is ahead of scheduling. Region 13 has typically collected referee fees. Teams pay tournament fees, along with a referee deposit. Teams get back deposit if referees show up. Two thirds of teams bring referees. As host, Region 13 is not allowed the option of not bringing a referee team. In Steve's history of collecting fees, teams have never had to pay the deposit. Preference would be to not require the deposit, as it is difficult to not only gather but to also keep track of teams' deposits. Enforcement of referee volunteers would be internal and by coaches.

Winter Stars

Winter Stars will be run by Oscar. Launch trainers will run sessions on Sundays, broken up into two groups. Little to competitive kids will play, and there will be scrimmaging. Taj and Oscar will sort out details. Need a minimum number of players for the program to pay for itself.

12U and 16U can play in Winter Stars, but 14U can't. Previously only 4 older players were interested. If there is enough interest, there could be a 16U integrated with 14U.

Grad Series – 8U to 10U

Grad Series 5U – have all the players and this would be the opportunity for parents to take coaching classes. There would be a 6U coaching and referee class.

6U to 10U

Great mask compliance. Last weekend is November 14th. Upgrade referee class was not useful for 10U. This would be before Grad Series.

There is supposed to be a roadshow but so far no details. There would be a regional referee class. Region 13 would teach referees. Missed this season training new instructors, so next year should focus on referee training.

Advanced Play Report

For All Stars, Area is going to follow same covid 19 protocols for testing, requirements, presuming LA County does not change guidelines. Region 13 to follow same protocol. Region will be responsible for reporting to Area about clearance status each week. MD Labs volume may be lower. About 20 people a week have been going in for testing, which can be handled by one person. LA County is going to extend testing to 5 year olds in January. Need to test down to 10 and 12s. Testing requirements have prompted zero traction for getting vaccinated. For MST, testing will be required a week before. MD Labs will provide onsite testing at Victory Park with results the following morning. No refunds will be provided for teams with players who test positive, and they will be excluded from the tournament. Masks will be required for coaches, all players on touchlines, and not required for players on field.

Fields

LCHS JV fields are in bad condition. Surf and Region 13 have been using these fields. Dirt clods are in walkways between pool and gym. Field has gotten too wet. Fields for MST are sorted out, with one at LCHS JV field and LCHS turf and Blair.

Normally we only have Muir for winter, but we will not have Muir South. It will be a big problem. Muir Central is not available and it has been key. No room for current All Stars. Fields need to be addressed with Marco.

VIP – Tony

Wednesday and big Sunday practice for VIP program. Some players only come to Wednesday and others to Sunday. Good to have both practice days. For Spring Program, let Tony know what the window is in advance so that he can talk to current player families and volunteers to gauge interest. Practice field on Sunday is LCHS. That gate will be locked, so need to walk between football field. VIP players are having fun. VIP buddies received article forwarded from Shanti.

COVID Report

Few games cancelled every week due to team quarantine (6-7 games) from U12 and below from testing at schools. No transmissions of positive player case to other team members. There have been exposures but not at Region 13. One case where child tested positive and one of the vaccinated parents had symptoms and tested positive.

Dan reported whether there will be a state mandate for vaccines. Actual rates of covid should go down. County will probably change quarantine rules so that false positives will be treated differently. There should remain an encouragement to vaccinate.

All Stars players are recommended to be vaccinated, as the vaccine is widely available. Need to check with National on their vaccine stance.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm.

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