

AYSO Board Meeting

December 2, 2021

Participants

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

Call to Order

Taj Chiu called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

Approval of previous meeting minutes (November)

Joanie will distribute via email.

Reports

Report from National, Section, and Area - Taj

Region

All Regions have transitioned from AYSOU to ETrainU.

Area

League Play Through and All Stars is happening now.

All Stars is an Area program, with all teams submitted to Area by December 15th. All Stars teams are selected by coaches. Section Teams are made up of younger and older players, depending on their age, and players are selected before All Stars. One Section (usually olders) and one Area team are formed, with as many regional teams formed after.

An Intermediate Referee course is planned for mid-December. Also, an Advanced Referee Class will be held in Region 88. Ken Aston Camp will be held June 17-19, 2022 at Chapman University in Orange. Area 1/C Roadshow will be January 7 thru 9, 2022. Some courses are up at ETrainU.

Region

Slack has been invaluable. Everyone can join via aysoregion13.slack.com.

Board shirts and jackets will be distributed at the Holiday Party at Victory Park. The event is outside, December 13th, at 7 pm, and children are welcome. Please RSVP by Thursday. Emily Mencken is helping with the planning.

Referee Report

There was no meeting this past week. There will be a recap of the season. Figuring out referees for playoffs, with some holes in the schedule. Some referees are referring the game after instead of before. Also there are semi-final games this weekend. Patrick is reaching out to some pro referees. All Stars preparation is underway, and Patrick needs to send referees to Samir.

Grad Series is trying to help train new referees. Steve H. suggested that 8U referees needing upgrades to Regional should take the regional class at the Roadshow. It is the full class and not an upgrade class. A new Grad Series coordinator will succeed Louise. Taj is planning a mandatory All Star coach meeting. Grad Series is a great opportunity for Pro Referees. Two intermediate badge upgrades were obtained.

Registrar Report – Shanti

101 players are signed up for Grad Series, and waiting list is turned on. Region 13 has never filled up Grad Series before the start of December. Winter Stars has over 112 players registered. 250 All Star players are signed up. InLeague has been easy for signups. Refunds and drops are not as easy. Is there a cap on Muir North due to number of players for Winter Stars? Taj is concerned about having too many players during covid. Typically twelve kids at a time play in one group. There have been up to 100 plus kids. There should be a limit to minimize the number of kids exposed to a positive case. Shanti will review. 130-160 kids have signed up in the past, with not all kids showing up. For equipment, bownets are durable but the bags are not.

Newsletter draft can be edited to start waitlist until additional fields are located.

Treasurer's Report - Mimi

Budget has always been conservative with reasonable amounts for volunteers. So historically we have been under budget. We focus on ideal pricing structure for each program, then review expenses to not change the pricing. Sometimes the pricing is adjusted so programs run at their own cost. Goal is to provide quality program at a reasonable price. Overhead is the clubhouse, cleaning and utilities, which is always separate from the program. During Covid, we understood how much overhead would be spent and how far into reserves would be needed. Region 13's six programs- Extra, Grad Series, Spring Cup, Fall Program, Winter Stars, All Stars are analyzed separately. Fall and Tournaments are identified to carry the overhead, as these programs are a funnel for the other programs.

4U/5U

Last week was the final weekend with tournament. Trophies were distributed. Attendance was 80% average, with more signups than show ups. Shanti can make an interest list for 5U.

Advanced Play

Finishing up team formation for All Stars, with number of teams even with last year. Started up faster with 490 sign ups this year. Girls 14U had most drops because of the EXTRA team. Planning for 21 teams. Tryouts ran smoothly. Many first-time coaches at 10U and 12U levels. Region will host one introductory meeting and Area will host its own meeting to go over expectations.

Play Through requires field monitors. Struggled with monitors at all fields during MST. Neil, Steve and Taj covered long sessions. Blair is too far. Finalizing play through weekends, with Muir hosting 12U and 10U at Arroyo. Field monitors will be needed. Setting up so many venues was a challenge. Four is too many.

Shanti has ordered All Star uniforms. Order All Star sweatshirts right now to get them in time.

Miles Standish Tournament Report

Many compliments from participating teams. AYSO revenue is \$63,000, with about \$53,000 in revenue. \$20-25,000 total after expenses. One injury occurred at Blair with a possible concussion. Neil and Susan stepped in to manage the scoring for playoff. Safety Director from South Los Angeles said they would not participate again, due to poor treatment by spectators and discrimination. However feedback from the team was contrary. Feedback was requested from teams that were new to tournament.

Upper Division - Neil

All Pasadena teams lost in the first round. Feedback was received. Neil would like to pass the torch of running upper division. He would like to develop the 19's into a more competitive team, but they came in at the bottom of their league. He has been talking to other upper division coordinators about their regions.

Fall Playoffs

General idea this weekend is that everyone has a game with mostly first round or quarter. Smaller brackets have semis. Saturday December 11th is most of semis. There is no Sunday game this weekend. Next Saturday and Sunday are games. With two weekends next sat is semifinal and Sunday the 12th is all finals for 10 brackets. Most finals are at Victory with 14Us at Blair. Traditionally, the DCA brings trophies for their division to the field.

VIP -Tony

VIP Program will finish its fall program this Sunday at La Canada JV. Winter Spring has enough interest so there may be 10 players. Saturday or Sunday 11 am slot would be preferred if possible. Wednesday night and Sunday worked well. More players were showing up with Wednesday night. Mostly a fun season with both kids and parents having a good time.

Tony received an email from someone with a grandchild who wants to play. Plan is to run Winter Spring program. Tony did better than he thought with volunteers.

Covid

Only 9 tests tonight, when there are normally around 20. Friday night had a lot of walk ins.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

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