

AYSO Board Meeting

August 1, 2019

Attendees

X	Neil Weinberger		Bruce Hancock
X	Taj Chiu	X	Steve Hawkins
X	James Sheehy	X	Chris Herb
	Mimi Goldstein		DeWayne McMullin
	Shanti Rao		Bill Owen
	Chad Pratt		Ivonne Penichet
	Dan Jeffries		Marco Quezada
X-P	Dana Bradley	X	Samir Singh
	Kelly Ching		Mika Walton
	Scott Davis		Adam Yatsko
X	Vic Gutierrez	X	Joanie Paik
X	Steve Haegelin	X	Tara Mastro
		X	Louise Hamlin
		X	Terry Takahashi
		X	Sam Shaker
		X	Monica Pimental

Call to Order

Neil Weinberger called the meeting to order at 7:24 pm.

Board Meeting Minutes

Action Item: Joanie will email link to June meeting minutes for Board review and voting will be by email, due to lack of quorum.

Quick Updates

RAP: Neil completed the RAP (Regional Assessment Program) for Region 13 in June, and anticipates award of Platinum status.

Statue Dedication: Region 13 was recognized as a main donor at the Brandi Chastain statue dedication ceremony at the Rose Bowl.

Hawaii Team: Steve's 16U Girls' team took 3rd place at the Hawaii National Games.

Freeway Jam: Area 1C Freeway Jam was held at Victory Park and PHS on July 20th and 21st. 52 teams participated, with age groups up to U14 and U16. Most participation was for U10.

EXTRA: There are four teams total this year. Marco's team has started practice. EXTRA Parent Volunteers will cover the Victory Park tent, using Teamsnap for signups. Taj noted that the Board will need to close tent down each weekend. Steve, Marco, and Taj will coordinate.

Registrar's Report

Marco hosted an in person registration for Villa Parke, along with families awarded scholarships, on Wednesday. About three or four families registered at the Clubhouse. Overall player registration numbers are down by 10%, from last year with about 1,900 players currently. Shanti expects the final number of players in September to be a little more than 2,000. Shanti successfully recruited more volunteers by emailing individuals directly about open positions.

Fields Report

Marco and Neil reviewed practice fields for fall. The purchase of two new light towers will be put on hold until further notice. Samir noted that the layout for fall practice fields for Muir North was preferred over the All Star season layout. Neil will talk to Marco.

Referee Report

James would like to grow the PRO referee youth program, but he needs an administrator. Mentoring by Referee staff will be available. The minimum age is U10, but these youth referees would need to referee games that are two age groups younger. The ideal candidate for an administrator is a referee volunteer who is also interested in mentoring kids.

Recruitment of referees remains difficult, especially at younger divisions. 8U and below is an ideal starting point for becoming a referee. DRAs will reach out to individuals who volunteered last year, along with those referees who have been identified as candidates to upgrade to advanced certifications. Taj's DCA spreadsheet indicates which individuals have valid certificates.

IFAB Laws of the Game: There are many law changes this year. Steve has developed a powerpoint presentation, which will be available on the Region 13 website. He will also prepare a presentation for coaches and referees at the Volunteer Kickoff Dinner on August 27th.

Treasurer Report

Board welcomed Sam Shaker, who will be joining Region 13 as Assistant Treasurer.

Action Item: Neil will follow up with Board to vote by email to approve Sam.

Coaches' Report

Board welcomed many new DCAs to the meeting. They are close to finalizing teams, with the goal to finish by next week. With the team formation taking place earlier, coaches will have more time to recruit volunteers and attend the necessary training in advance.

Every division currently has a wait list for registrations. Leveraging volunteers to remove players from the wait list appears to be working. Four referees have volunteered so that their players are no longer on the wait list.

All equipment is ordered and to be delivered tomorrow. Board shirts and jackets have arrived and will be distributed by Taj.

Launch will help run the U4 to U5 Playground program. Launch will also run Sunday clinics and assist with EXTRA training. They will also host a few Sunday coach classes at the Clubhouse.

Upcoming Events

The Region 13 calendar on the website is current. Taj is managing the calendar. Region 13 will be hosting a new family orientation and AYSO open house on Monday, August 19th. Board members are invited, with a request to wear Board shirts in support. The Team Manager meeting is still yet to be scheduled. Kids Zone signs will be distributed at this meeting. Kids Zone is a program to encourage positive support and good sportsmanship on fields. Upper Division meetings will be August 20th and 22nd.

Neil has proposed a Chipotle fundraiser on Opening Day. He also hired the Futboleros, a Harlem Globetrotters-style trio who perform soccer shows and tricks and engage kids in fun activities. They will be on hand for three hours at Victory Park. Neil would also like to find ways to make Opening Day more fun, starting with giveaways, such as foam fingers, to celebrate the day.

Other

Picture Day: Lacey Wood Photography has been contracted to take photos over multiple days. They will provide prints along with jpg format files.

Action Item: *Neil to confirm dates before public announcement of Picture Day.*

VIP: The Region 13 website has been updated for the video link to the VIP program. 12U to 14U Buddies are still needed as VIP youth volunteers. Registration is available on the website. Neil will send out the notification regarding Buddies in his upcoming email blast newsletter.

Extreme Temperatures: Tara noted that last year there were a few very hot days and suggested that Region 13 implement a heat policy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Next Board Meeting is September 5th, 2019.