

AYSO REGION 13

Board of Directors' Minutes

February 2, 2017

Call to Order: Al Prado called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. In attendance were: Adam Yatsko, Al Prado, Anne Tipton, Dan Jeffries, DeWayne McMullin, Heidi Taylor, John Sweet, Kevin Chun, Kim Fitzgerald, Marco Quezada, Mark Evans, Neil Weinberger, Pam Vigil, Serj Stepanian, Steve Hawkins, Vic Gutierrez and others.

January Minutes: The minutes were previously approved via email.

UPDATES

Coach's Report – All Stars – Begins 1/14/2017. Heidi questioned whether the All Stars launch clinics that were rained-out games will be rescheduled, and whether another drop-in clinic can be scheduled. Marco and Neil will check.

Grad Series. Heidi reported that Grad Series is a challenge due to players dropping after teams were formed. She thinks it was due to the rain, and the recent political climate. She thinks coaches may have formed the teams too early, and parents dropped when payment was due. She has suggested that teams mix their players rather than playing short. Serj said he may have a few more grad series players.

There was discussion about how credit card fees will be covered in the Grad Series fee (\$90 for returning Fall players, and \$110 for new players), and about how Blue Sombrero will handle registration and payment for Grad Series in the future.

There was discussion about ref communication, yellow cards, goalie rules, and Scott's "teaching moments" as appropriate to Grad Series. There was further discussion about lack of refs signed up and volunteers not taking training classes, and so dropping out. There was discussion of the pros and cons of U8 "upgrade" classes and scheduling regular trainings before the end of Fall season.

Fall Training - Anne reported that training will be scheduled for August 5 and 26, with a possibility of one more in September.

Referee's Report – Kevin reported that All Stars is going OK. He reported that Bryan Bonham is getting mentors for Grad Series games, but there is a shortage of refs for games. Bryan manages to get subs scheduled. Bryan has more mentoring slots to fill for this week, but it is going OK.

Steve reported that the referee staff will meet in March to plan Fall training. There was discussion about training needs, including the possibility of mandatory training for U12 refs and the need to address the new rules in place this year. There was further discussion about training new refs vs. returning refs. Al suggested EXPO can help the referee staff prepare for these issues.

Kevin reported that ref staff is reporting a lot of ref abuse. He suggested ref staff and coach staff join forces at training classes and come up with a game-management module. There was discussion about division level trainings, how to get the information to all coaches, and how to make it mandatory (team

formation meeting? withhold uniforms?). There was further discussion about how team managers, as an additional authority on the field, might be engaged to help manage sideline behavior. It was generally agreed, however, that the coach sets the example for the team and parents.

DeWayne proposed that the board consider the purchase of new ref shirts – yellow with fewer stripes – to present a unified look for the region’s refs. These will cost about \$45 each (the old ones cost about \$19 each). It was suggested that Introduction of the new shirts could be done in phases through the divisions, or all at once. There was discussion about joining up with other regions to place a combined order thereby getting a better price.

REGISTRATION – Serj reported 1C Cup registration is at about 150 – 160 players in U10, U12 and U14. Registration of U16 and U19 players is scarce. He has about 20 additional reg forms to process. There was discussion to set the registration cut-off date for the middle of next week (February 8ish). John Sweet will eblast information about the cut-off date.

There was discussion about team formation and how to handle more registrants if they come in late. It was decided that extra players will be accommodated by expanding the teams as needed.

Blue Sombrero - Al reported that Blue Sombrero will be active for the Fall season. It will replace EAYSO for registration and should make it easier - it can do eblasts to registrants, will likely reduce the number of reg days at the Clubhouse, and can be set up to handle R13 scholarships. Al outlined how R13 will set up the fees online, \$150 for example, and that registrants will see 2 line items at checkout: \$132 to R13 and a \$17.50 “membership fee” that goes to National. Refunds will therefore be in the amount of (roughly) \$132.00. Al reported that EXPO will have more information about this process. Al will email DCAs to encourage them to attend EXPO.

Al reported Blue Sombrero will replace the R13 website as well, though the R13 URL will stay intact and open onto Blue Sombrero. Padley can still do updates, and Neil will remain the in-staff web person. There was discussion about how online payments might eliminate the need for registrants to come into the clubhouse, thereby decreasing our outreach to potential volunteers.

EXTRA – Mark reported that he sent proposals for next year’s program: 8 teams, 2 Boys U10 and U12 teams, and 2 Girls U10 and U12 teams is a good program. His proposal included pros and cons of including U9 and U11 teams. He wanted the board’s recommendation so he can set up tryouts soon. There was discussion about how the program will impact Fall season and All Stars teams, having mixed-age teams, and the need for more experienced coaches so R13 can offer strong player develop. The board agreed to offer U9, U10, U11 and U12 teams for the program.

Mark asked the board to consider the purchase of numbered pennies, as was used for All Stars. The cost is about \$6.50 each. He will talk with Ivonne to arrange details of the total cost, and will report back to the board.

Marco will work on field space for tryouts.

Financial Report – Angel was not present. No new reports.

BOSC – Bill Owen Spring Classic tournament is scheduled for April 1 and 2. Marco will know soon if the city is OK with the dates at the Rose Bowl. Pam had application paperwork for Al to sign, and she reported

that she has online registration ready to go, but needs to confirm the dates for the fields: Area H with Brookside as overflow.

Fields – John reported that the rain has caused many field closures. He reported that Muir HS team is playing late so some R13 practices have been impinged upon at Muir Central, and on Muir South R13 teams occasionally play on the softball side of the fence & Muir complains. John and Marco will discuss spring fields in the near future.

Vic reported that he needs a field for the VIP Festival on Sunday, March 26th. He expects about 60 VIP players from Area 1/C and thinks Victory Upper might work. Marco will look into the availability of Victory Upper. The 1C Cup tournament is also held on that weekend. Neil and John will arrange U12 “buddies” for the VIP Festival game.

Area 1/C

EXPO - Al urged the board to attend EXPO.

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

- Al will email DCAs with a reminder about EXPO.
- John will eblast information about the 1C Cup registration cut-off date for next week.
- Marco will look into the availability of Victory Upper for the VIP festival.
- John and Neil will arrange U12 “buddies” for VIP festival.
- Mark will work with Ivonne on getting numbered pennies for Extra and will report back to the board.

NEXT MEETING – March 2nd

ADJOURN – *Motion to adjourn. Seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.*

Respectfully submitted by Kim Fitzgerald



AYSO—Region 13 Board Meeting
February 2th, 7:00 pm
AGENDA

- Call to Order – Al
- January minutes – approved
- Coach’s Report – Heidi
 - All-Stars
 - Begins 1/14/2017
 - Grad Series
 - 1/C Cup
 - Fall Training
- Referee Report – Kevin
 - Fall Training
- Registration
 - Blue Sombrero
- EXTRA™ - Mark
- Financial Report – Angel
- BOSC Dates
- Fields – Marco / John
- Area 1/C
 - EXPO!!
- Review of Action Items
- Next Meeting –
 - Mr. Sweet 😊
- Parting thoughts by Al
- Adjourn