



AYSO—Region 13 Board Meeting
September 3rd , 2015 7:00 pm
AGENDA

- Call to Order – Al
- August minutes – approved
- Reports
 - Uniforms – Ivonne
 - Coach’s Report – Heidi
 - Referee Report – Kareem
 - Financial Report – Angel
 - Team Managers – Kelly
 - Sponsorships – Chris
 - Walk thru the proposed process
 - Coach / Ref KO Dinner – Pam
 - MST – Pam
 - Fields – Marco / John
 - 9/26...Options
 - Opening day - Anne
 - Picture day - Nobu Junge
- Open Discussion
 - 2015 – 2016
 - Team Numbers
 - Team Formations
 - Additional Registrations
- Area 1/C Agenda / Meeting
- Open Discussion
- Review of Action Items
- Next Meeting
 - October 1st
- Adjourn



Area 1C Agenda, August 27, 2015 Du-Pars, Pasadena, @ 7pm



1. Call to Order - Jane
 - Approve Minutes from June
2. Coach Report: Mike
 - Calendar
3. Upper Division Report: Peter
 - Schedule
 - Final Rosters
 - Coach Meeting 8/31
4. Referee Report: Scott
5. Interlocking
 - What Regions & Divisions
6. All-star -Craig
 - All-stars play down debate
7. YDP- Marco
 - Report back from YDP meeting
8. Area
 - Guidelines due- Need to attach your guidelines
 - Complete board to move to Section play, Accounts payable.
 - Insurance – ecerts
 - VIP – Tom- updates
9. Regional Reports: Reports attached
 - Additional comments
10. New Business
11. Adjourn

Calender and Due Dates to Area

Next Meeting – September 24

Calendar attached

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Board of Directors' Minutes
September 3, 2015

Call to Order: Al Prado called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. In attendance were: Al Prado, Anne Tipton, Chris McDonald, Dan Jeffries, Heidi Taylor, John Sweet, Kareem Badaruddin, Kevin Cuxil, Kim Fitzgerald, Neil Weinberger, Nobu Junge, Scott Davis and Vic Gutierrez.

August Minutes: The minutes were previously approved via email.

REPORTS

Uniforms – Ivonne Penichet was not present but submitted her report via email. She reported that uniforms have been picked up by most if not all division coordinators. Coach equipment has also been picked up. She requested that any big problems or discrepancies be brought to her attention. Heidi reported that more shorts have been ordered as some uniforms are too large.

Coach's Report – Heidi Taylor. Heidi reported that coach training was way up from the last couple of years: 358 for 2015, 291 for 2014, and 259 for 2013. She reported that Kevin and crew did an excellent job. Kevin sent out a Coaching Feedback survey and received very positive feedback. Kevin reported that a few attendees questioned why the AYSO philosophies are presented again when they are also presented at other trainings they attend. The Board discussed the viewpoint that a Coach is often the public's only point-of-contact with AYSO and so must be well-versed in the philosophies and prepared to demonstrate them on the field.

Kevin reported that many new coaches are nervous about practices and want additional time to train on the field. He is happy to accommodate this. Heidi stated that she plans to send practice plans and drills via email to the coaches to assist them with their teams (U6 and U7). It was noted that the Coach Manual includes an online link to a season of practice plans, but these might be a bit complex for newer or lower division coaches.

Via email Heidi reported the following:

Upcoming Coach Training

9/13 at Odyssey Charter School

U6: 9-12:00

U8: 9-12:00

U10: 8:30-12:00

All R13 U12 coaches are certified so no U12 course will be held.

Safe Haven

8/9 7:00pm to 9:30pm

8/13 6:00pm to 8:30pm

GU14 - The weekly odd team out in GU14, which has 9 teams, will be playing the odd team out in Arcadia. Pasadena will host the Arcadia team each week. The same GU14 team will also play VIP on Sunday.

There was discussion about Ref coverage for these games. Al, Kareem and Heidi will arrange things as the season gets closer. It was suggested that VIP play in the late afternoon.

BU6 - Needs more players. There is room for about 20 more players to complete an 8-player roster. The smaller roster will result in more touches for each player and hopefully great development per player. A side effect of the smaller roster is a greater challenge for each team to fulfill their volunteer requirements. A lot of teams only have one referee.

U5 - Two upcoming information meetings: September 9th at 6:30pm and September 11th at 7:00pm.

Heidi reported that there is a shortage of Referees in most divisions. The Board discussed a variety of ways to encourage volunteers to step up. It was suggested that the best approach is personal - Coaches meet the families before the season starts and appeal to the parents. They can also remind parents that they do not have to make a full season commitment.

Neil recommended Region 13 recruit/mentor Refs from U12 players and align them with U6 teams as a 2nd Ref. Both would benefit. U12 players may want to referee but don't realize they are old enough to do it, and U6 needs Refs. It was generally agreed that this kind of program would be helpful in the future.

Al will send an e-blast about the need for Refs. Heidi and Kareem will work together and go through player lists to see if any parents are previously certified Refs, and will reach out directly to those parents.

There was discussion about the release of practice field assignments for U6. It was generally agreed if U6 has only one Ref it is OK to release a field. Kareem will create a Region 13 general-use "Referee Name" for the 2nd Ref required on the online field request form. Neil will send U6 practice field assignments to Heidi and Anne.

Referee's Report – Kareem Badaruddin. Kareem reported that training is ongoing, and is going well. 604 Refs have been trained. Another training class might be scheduled for Sunday 9/13, but will this will be decided after 9/5.

Financial Report – Angel Huitz (not present). Al reported that he is signing checks tonight.

Team Managers – Kelly Leyva. Kelly reported that TM training classes are finished. An additional training class is unnecessary. She is now fielding emails from parents who need information about what to do now. She directs them to register online as volunteers at AYSO, give the ID# to the coach, and attend safe haven training.

Sponsorships – Chris McDonald. Chris distributed a draft “Team Sponsorship” letter to inform families of Region 13’s Team Sponsorship program. There was general discussion about what the money gets used for (fields and field improvements) and ways to improve the letter. It was suggested that we remove the old Sponsorship letter from the website. Al will handle this.

Chris also distributed a Procedure Outline of how the team sponsorship process will actually work. This Outline addressed the following processes: Online form, Online payment processing, Mail-in payments, Notifications and Team Sponsor Plaques. The Board discussed ways of linking payments (online and mail-in) to the teams for verification. It was suggested that Region 13 might use a service such as Shopify (which takes a % as a fee) to handle such database issues. Chris, Al and Kevin will further discuss how to implement online Team Sponsorship donations.

Coach and Referee Kick-Off Dinner – Pam Vigil (not present). Al reported that the evening went very well, with approximately 140 attendees.

MST - Pam Vigil (not present). Al reported that the paperwork is being submitted.

Fields – John Sweet / Marco Quezada (not present). Al reported that the problem created by the Rose Bowl’s cancellation of our fields on 9/26 has been resolved. Field swapping efforts have secured alternate fields for the teams on that date.

John reported that he has received 1 U10 “test” goal, size 7x21. John will send back a 2nd goal he received as it is defective. The new goal is reported to be heavy, but has wheels, and should be no problem for 2 people to set up and break down. There was general discussion about how large the new goal is, and how the larger size might affect the standing of teams (for the better) who play at Victory Park versus those who play with smaller goals (6x18) at other fields. It was generally agreed that smaller goals should be ordered instead of the 7x21. John will place an order for 8 goals for Victory Park, size 6x18.

There was discussion about scheduling a building party for the goals, which will include spray-painting the matching corners to color-code them for easy assembly.

Opening Day – Anne Tipton (Ivonne Penichet and Mark Evans are not present). Anne reported that the Futboleros are set to perform at Opening Day festivities on Saturday, September 12th. The event will be held from 9am – 11am at Area H (Rose Bowl). She has secured a few parents to do face-painting and she will arrange a balloon display. She has arranged Jamba Juice to come and offer \$2 smoothies for players wearing their jerseys. Region 13 will get a small percentage of sales as a donation. Dole will also donate Squishems. Al and Anne will create a web flyer for Opening Day and it will promote the Jamba Juice special.

Picture Day – Nobu Junge / Kim Fitzgerald. Al reported that the cancellation of the Rose Bowl fields on 9/26 may affect Picture Day (the Wiggle Waggle Walk is set for Sunday 9/27 and set up is on 9/26). Via email earlier last week, Marco suggested we might still shoot pictures at Brookside Park. The Board discussed alternative locations, and it was generally agreed to try and schedule both Brookside Park and

Victory Park on 9/26. Nobu will follow up with the photographer to check their availability for both locations. If they cannot accommodate us, we will go with Brookside Park for all teams.

There was discussion about offering Coaches with 2 or more teams an advance signup date (as we did last year) for the online schedule offered by the photographer. Al stated that there are 65 coaches with 2 teams, and 4 coaches with 3 teams. Heidi and Neil will have game schedules by this weekend and will send Nobu the information she needs to arrange advance signup.

OPEN DISCUSSION 2015-2016

Team Numbers, Team Formation Schedule and Registration - Al reported that team formation is still going well.

Rose Bowl Cleanup – Al led discussion about cleaning up the fields prior to opening day. It was agreed that early Saturday morning 9/12 would be the best time for the cleanup. Donuts and coffee can be arranged for volunteers who arrive early for duty.

Tent Duty – Al led discussion about volunteering to man the R13 tent at Victory Park. He requested that Board Members be available for a few shifts. Al will create a schedule so Board Members can sign up for times. Kelly can ask Team Managers at Victory Park to take a shift. There was discussion about how to organize a checklist for tent volunteers so they know their responsibilities. It was noted that Pam has a manual that is helpful, and contains field layouts and game schedule. It was generally agreed that 1 Coach/Ref staff should be on the premises for emergencies, while 1 volunteer is at the tent.

Year-End Dinner – It was generally agreed to schedule the Dinner for Monday evening, December 14th at Brookside Country Club. Team Managers will be invited along with the Coaches and Refs, and it is a +1 event.

VIP – Vic reported that this Wednesday is the 1st practice. He will know how many players at that time.

Area 1C Agenda / Meeting – Al distributed the Area 1C August meeting agenda.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Al reported that starting on January 1, 2017, U.S. Soccer is changing the season (as to determine age) from August 1 to January 1. So, in Fall 2016 we will go by age on 7/31/16 and in Fall 2017, we will go by age on 1/1/17.

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

- Al will send an e-blast about the need for Refs.
- Heidi and Kareem will work together to reach parents who might Ref.
- Neil will send U6 practice field assignments to Heidi and Anne.

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- Kareem will create a Region 13 "Referee Name" for the 2nd Ref required on the online field request form for U6.
- Chris, Al and Kevin will further discuss how to implement online Team Sponsorship donations.
- Al will delete the old Team Sponsorship form from the website.
- John will place an order for 8 goals for Victory Park, size 6x18.
- Al and Anne will create a web flyer for Opening Day.
- Nobu will follow up with the Picture Day photographer about Brookside Park and Victory Park on 9/26.
- Heidi and Neil will send Nobu team information so she can arrange advance Picture Day signups for double & triple team coaches.
- Al will create and email a schedule for Board Members to sign up for Tent Duty.

NEXT MEETING – October 1st

ADJOURN – *Al Prado proposed a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Kevin. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by Kim Fitzgerald