

AYSO REGION 13

Board of Directors' Minutes

September 1, 2016

Call to Order: Al Prado called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. In attendance were: Adam Yatsko, Al Prado, Angel Mazariegos, Anne Tipton, Chris McDonald, Dan Jeffries, DeWayne McMullin, Heidi Taylor, John Sweet, Kelly Leyva, Kevin Chun, Kim Fitzgerald, Neil Weinberger, Serj Stepanian, Steve Hawkins and others.

August Minutes: The minutes were previously approved via email.

UPDATES

Coach / Ref Kick-Off Dinner – Al reported that the dinner was well attended, and extended a Thank You to Pam for organizing it. Next year a microphone and sound will be arranged for presentations.

Coach's Report – Divisions needing coaches: Heidi reported that Boys U10 is short 1 coach. She led discussion about whether R13 should play only 35 teams, rather than 36. If we play 36 teams, they play with fewer players. 36 teams would put all wait-listed players in. She reported that every effort has been made to recruit more coaches, and we are also short on Refs. The Board discussed various ideas and decided to put 36 teams on and see how it goes next week, perhaps using temporary coaches (board members).

Divisions needing players: Tony D'Angelo, DCA, reported that Girls U14 has 3 teams of 14 players, 5 teams of 13 players and, one or two potential players from Villa and a recent sign-up. We need 5 players to put each team at 14 players. There was discussion of how to many teams to form, whether older U12 players can play U14, and whether players can ask friends to join and play on their team (as long as the AYSO rule of Balanced Teams is in place). There was discussion about playing with a "Gentle(wo)man's Agreement" to email opposing team coach about number of players if playing short. It was agreed that R13 should form 8 teams, work at getting friends of players to join (with the "Balanced Teams" caveat), and encourage email contact between coaches if teams are playing short on any given day.

Heidi further reported that we are short on refs in several divisions and she will review roster size for BU6, BU7 and GU7.

Referee's Report – Kevin Chun reported that Ref training classes are in full swing, with classes coming up on Sat and Wed, along with a TBA training date. There was discussion about how to encourage sign-ups prior to training classes as large numbers arrive just before the beginning of training, and have not signed up. It was agreed that this is a sign of R13's good training, and it was suggested that we could use laptops to allow refs to register at EAYSO when they arrive to classes.

Kevin led discussion about how to get a list of team Refs. EAYSO and Al Padley were suggested as a source.

Upcoming Training - Al and Anne decided on the following training dates:

Safe Haven - Tue 9/6 7-9:30pm

U6 and U8 – Thu 9/8 6:30pm – at the Clubhouse
U10 – Sun 9/11 9am – 1pm – location TBD

Anne needs location for U10 meeting next Sunday (indoor and outdoor space). Al will contact LaSalle. Al will send an Eblast to announce the dates.

There was discussion about expiring Safe Haven certifications, and that this is the last year old certifications will be “grandfathered”. Next year coaches and refs will need new safe haven certifications. R13 will advise volunteers in the Spring and hold classes as needed.

Registration – Serj reported that we have approximately 2616 players. Some dropped in August, but he is holding another registration next week (9/8 or 9/9) and expects 20 – 25 more players, some will be wait-listed.

Uniforms – Ivonne was not present. No new reports.

Financial Report – Angel reported that refunds take about 4-6 weeks, and that she is processing refunds tomorrow and for the next 2 weeks. These will include Heidi’s wait-listed players who are paid but haven’t been placed. She also reported that R13 has collected about \$330,000 in registration fees (that included refunds).

Angel reported that PayPal contacted her about \$2,000 in a previous R13 account. She is working on getting access to this account.

She reported that the online reimbursement form is working well and encouraged the Board to turn them in for final numbers. She will send a check report soon, along with a financial report after all numbers are finalized.

Angel requested the Board have vendors email their invoices to her, rather than mailing them. They will be paid more expediently.

Al reported that Angel and DeWayne are working on an auditing plan, and that DeWayne will transition to the R13 Treasurer position.

There was discussion about checks and reimbursements for Freeway Jam checks. Al delayed the cashing of checks to save on the number of refunds. Al will authorize the cashing of the checks. Reimbursements will be done as well.

Sponsorship – Chris reported that he is getting inquiries about sponsorship. He asked whether the Board uses a website designer to upload sponsor images/artwork/logo and list of sponsor names. It was recommended that Al Padley be the website manager for the tasks, and Neil will act as the contact person.

Fields – John extended thanks to Neil for getting practice fields organized and assigned. There are pending U4 and Sunday clinics and those fields will be arranged. He reported that he ordered new U10 bags from Score for the goals at Victory and they should be ready for game day. There was discussion about fields for skills clinics and “Pasadena North” (off Washington) or Blair were suggested.

EXTRA – Al reported that 4 Extra teams are formed and play begins 9/10. Registration was \$450 plus regular R13 registration fee.

Picture Day – Kelly Ching sent a report via email: Dates/locations confirmed with Juliet from UE are as follows:

SUNDAY 10/2 - U4/U5 - at Muir North

SATURDAY 10/8 - U6 and above - at Brookside

SUNDAY 10/16 - individual make-up day - at Victory Park (same as last year)

UE will be doing the team plaques and await team rosters. Coaches will sign up via UE link to be released after opening day. Chris McDonald has been given UE contact info re: sponsorship plaques. Angel is to handle the deposit/amount due for UE that Al is to sign tonight.

Angel reported that she has paid the invoice in full for the sake of convenience and will mail it to UE, and will pay any overage if/when we are invoiced by UE after picture day.

Opening Day celebration – Al reported that entertainment has been arranged: Galaxy Star Squad, the Futboleros, and food vendors will be arranged. It is scheduled for the morning of Sept 10th at Victory Park.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Neil led discussion about the need to streamline the information R13 has on its coaches, players and volunteers, so that key groups within the organization have easy access to the information – to form teams, contact refs, team managers, etc. He suggested that a sub-committee might be formed in the Spring that will re-think and possibly re-program the existing system. It was generally agreed that Neil, Heidi, Kevin and Al will revisit the issue in more detail next year.

There was discussion about how Blue Sombrero might solve some of the existing data flow problems, and how it will replace the existing R13 website. Al reported that will help with scheduling tournaments and streamline online registration, and should be in place for next year's registration season.

Al requested DCs to pay special attention to coaches who are not discouraging players from heading the ball. The new safety rule is in place for U10 and U12 players, and coaches will be sanctioned by the Board if players are using the technique.

Neil requested that emails requesting field changes being made by parents NOT be sent to him. He can only accommodate requests made by coaches.

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

- Al will send an Eblast about upcoming Safe Haven and coach trainings.
- Al will call LaSalle about location for U10 training on 9/11.

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, October 6th.

ADJOURN – *Motion to adjourn. Seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by Kim Fitzgerald



AYSO—Region 13 Board Meeting
September 1st, 2016 7:00 pm
AGENDA

- Call to Order – Al
- August minutes – approved
- Coach / Ref KO dinner
 - Thank you Pam
- Coach's Report – Heidi
 - Divisions needing coaches
 - Divisions needing players (GU14)
- Referee Report – Kevin
- Upcoming Training
 - Safe Haven
 - Coach (U6/U8/U10)
 - Referee
- Registration
- Uniforms – Ivonne
- Financial Report – Angel
- Sponsorship – Chris
- Fields – Marco / John
- EXTRA™
- Picture Day - Kelly Ching
- Opening Day celebration
- Review of Action Items
- Next Meeting
 - October 6th
- Adjourn