

AYSO Board Meeting

February 6, 2020

Attendees

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

Call to Order

Neil Weinberger called the meeting to order at 7:26 pm.

Uniforms

We had lots of dark colored uniforms (black, blue, dark green) so we often had teams playing against each other that had to wear pinnies. We would like to make sure we don't have that situation again in Grad series, as it caused confusion amongst the kids and the coaches.

VIP Report

VIP has ended, and trophies and photographs are being distributed. Vic reported that he is waiting to hear from Tom about Area's tournament weekend for VIP in the Spring. Taj recommends announcing the VIP tournaments next season so more referees can come out and help.

Fields

Muir North light towers require maintenance. One old tower needs repair while one newly purchased tower needs service. AYSO owns 9 total light towers, including two new towers.

Spring Cup practices start the 1st week of March. There are fewer practices for Spring Cup compared to All Stars.

Programs

All Stars is more than halfway through the season. Practice fields have worked out well compared to last year. There are the same number of teams, 22 teams total for U10 to U14, as last year. Two teams are at the top of their division. Torrie's (G10U-area) is number one and Rao's (B10U-area) team is tied for first place. Glendale is in the top 14 out of 16 divisions (area and sectional). The EXTRA program dilutes the Region 13 teams. The quality of refereeing is not as good as it has been in previous years.

Grad Series has been going smoothly. However, a third of games have been blowouts. Louise tried to balance volunteers with player ratings to form teams. Coaches need more instruction next year about ratings coming out the Fall 8U season. Not many Grad Series coaches were continuing coaches from Fall season, so they were new to coaching.

Referee scheduling has been unpredictable, with some games having too many referees and others not having enough. In response, Louise set up an online signup sheet for Grad Series. We are considering how to handle referee scheduling for the Fall. Should we make DRAs responsible for confirming that games are covered with referees using a system similar to the WeiJoinIn Sheet that Taj and Louise created for referee signups during Grad Series. The benefit of this system is that we were able to see which games had holes and fill them with PRO referees looking for games. The downside, more work for Louise to fill the referee holes.

Oscar is managing Winter Stars. Launch is running the program. 120 players signed up, and about 80 to 90 players show up weekly. This is the third year of the program, which provides an opportunity for players to continue playing soccer when they are not participating in All Stars or Grad Series.

EXTRA program registration is live on the Region 13 website. Tryouts are on March 8th at McKinley. Neil will send out the newsletter announcing EXTRA and Spring Cup tomorrow. In keeping with last year, EXTRA teams shall be formed in divisions having enough players with volunteers that can support these teams. Four teams were formed last year. Marco's EXTRA team is going to Riverside.

Spring Cup announcement is on the website. Samir reached out to both coaches and players, and signups are due next week. Team formation was discussed. Coaches are reaching out to other regions to recruit.

Bill Owen Spring Classic tournament will be March 28th and 29th. Registration is open on both the AYSO National website and the Region 13 website. Area H at Rose Bowl will be the venue. Roster size for the Bill Owen tournament is different than Spring Cup roster size. Neil proposed to increase the roster size for Bill Owen so that Spring Cup teams could compete, as Spring Cup is around the same time frame. With respect to awards and apparel, if the logo is standardized and dates are not printed, any remainders can be used for the future and that is what Steve Haeglin has decided to do.

Shanti has a suggestion to split the girls 10U division into fun and competitive categories. Each team has two players who are outstanding, while the rest of the team are less talented and do not participate. Steve proposed 9U and 10U groupings. 9U would be able to playthrough, but not 10U. Neil, Taj, and Shanti will meet to discuss further.

The Fall registration schedule will be similar to last year, with registration opening at the end of March. Early bird rates will apply starting April 1st. Rates will increase in mid-May, then increase again in Mid-July. Fall registration will close in mid-July and players will be on the wait lists. This system gave DCAs leverage for volunteers to be moved from the waitlist last season and create new teams as there players and volunteers to do so.

EXPO is a convention for AYSO sections 1, 10 and 11. There are Coach, Referee and Admin instruction courses. Region 13 pays for classes, hotel, and gas. It will be held on March 19-22, 2020 in Anaheim. EXPO provides an opportunity to engage with other volunteers from other regions. Neil and Taj will be there. Neil will send out an email for registration along with hotel information to the Board.

Neil will circulate the season tickets for LAFC. Spring Region 13 night is April 25th at LA Galaxy. 50 kids will have the chance to be on the field. Instead of general seating, this year Region 13 will get assigned seats. Neil will touch base with the number of Spring Cup players, who will get one ticket.

Taj will have support from Terry, Louise, Susan and Samir and she will continue as RCA. Samir will be Assistant RCA and Advanced Play Coordinator. James will stay on the Board as the RRA, but he will need more help. Board positions are staying the same except for Stas Petropolous who will be replacing Chad Pratt as CVPA.

A workday is needed to clean up the clubhouse. Unused items will need to be donated. The clubhouse also needs some minor repairs.

March 27th Friday night is the Region 13 Rose Bowl game. Two upper division girls' teams will play with a potentially all female referee team. Davila from Occidental contacted Neil about having Region 13 kids come out and see a game. They may also want to volunteer for the Rose Bowl game.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

[Next Board Meeting is March 5, 2020.](#)