

AYSO Board Meeting

March 3, 2022

Participants

X	Taj Chiu		Caroline Amicone
X	Neil Weinberger		Steve Hawkins
X	Natasha Kaur		Dana Bradley
X	Mimi Goldstein		Bill Owen
X	Shanti Rao		George Hervey
X	Dan Jeffries		Ivonne Penichet
X	Terry Takahashi	X	Craig Rosebraugh
X	Joanie Paik		Samir Singh
X	Stas Petropoulos	X	Steve Haegelin
X	Patrick Shopbell		Tara Mastro
	Susan Streets		Scott Davis
	Louise Hamlin	X	Monika Wehbe
	DeWayne McMullin	X	Oscar Alvarez
X	Sam Shaker	X	Frank Garibaldo
	Ryan Holmes		Andrew Thompson
X	Christina Waugh		Brandi Lane
	Tony D'Angelo	X	Bruce Hancock
X	Erica Urquiza	X	Gus Razo

Call to Order

Taj Chiu called the meeting to order at 7:22 pm.

Approval of previous meeting minutes (February)

Monthly Board meetings to be continued over zoom or occasionally in person.

February minutes were amended to update the CD rates and correct minor items. Terry motioned to approve the February minutes as edited. Neil seconded the motion. Board voted all in favor and none opposed.

Reports

Report from National, Section, and Area – Taj

National

Al Prado is running for position on National Board.

NAGM will be held at the Marriot in Las Vegas from June 3 to 5th. All executive members of AYSO are asked to attend or submit votes. The National Board is elected at NAGM. Taj may attend in person or virtually.

Section

The AYSO expo will be held from March 24-27 in San Diego. Region will pay for travel and hotel expenses. AYSO Region 13 encourages coaches and referees to attend. Terry and Patrick to reach out to preferred volunteers to attend.

Ken Aston Referee Camp will be held from June 17 to 19. Excellent courses provide a great opportunity to develop more referee instructors.

Area

Samir and Betsy De Leon from Region 214 are co-coordinating the area program. Currently Spring Cup will start March 17th for lower division, with upper division March 20. Spring Cup may start April 2nd. Dates are being finalized.

After 20 years plus of the same RC, Region 88 will have a new RC, Armen Cazian, starting May 1st.

Region

Region 13 has purchased LAFC tickets for the season, along with parking. Tickets are available for Board, DCAs, DRAs along with volunteers. Pam will be the coordinator for the tickets.

LiveScan fingerprinting is required for all volunteers. Taj found a local company to provide this service, Federal Fingerprinting. Events will be hosted at the Clubhouse on Wednesday evenings. Taj is advertising to the Area, not just the Region. Region 214 and 88 volunteers used the service. Upcoming dates are March 9, 16, and 23rd from 6 to 7:30 pm. At least 15 people need to show up in order for the fingerprinting vendor to have enough volume for processing. InLeague registration is coordinated with LiveScan and shows up under certifications.

Covid testing is on hold. Testing may be revived during Spring Cup. Rosters are not available for Spring Cup yet.

InLeague should navigate the user directly to the needed courses. Safesport took a while to navigate to required courses. Terry and Patrick can help Samir with verifying coaches and referees to establish whether courses have been completed. Screen capture or video showing how to navigate would be helpful.

On March 18th the Celebration of Women's Soccer will be held at the Rose Bowl. Region 13 was one of the donors for the Brandi Chastain statue. Rose Bowl has extended use of the venue, and an upper division girls game will be played from 5 to 8 pm. Neil is coordinating the event.

Registrar Report – Shanti

On March 21st inleague version 2 will be released. Armen in Region 88 will also be using same version, which will help run Area. Pricing needs to be determined in the near future. The Region 13 newsletter will go out on Monday, March 7th. Erica Urquiza has volunteered to be our Communications Director, with focus on overall strategic communications effort. Tavo Zavala will work on the website. Email domain will migrate to gmail, with a gmail plugin to see family's registration history.

Inleague will cost \$9 for registration, which is more than sportsconnect. It is a straight commission. Stripe charges a 2.7% fee as well, on top of the inleague cost. Total fees will be \$15 per player. Registration fees are forecasting at an average \$200 per player fee. Mimi has not reviewed fees with escalation for break even. Early bird fees would be \$180. One volunteer typically signs up for every 3 players. Each volunteer will cost Region 13 \$50 dollars, an average cost of \$8 per player. Refund policy will need re-evaluation. \$50,000 of scholarships were awarded in 2021. Inleague will make the donation link more prominent during registration process.

Angel City reached out to Region 13 for partnership opportunities. This may take shape in group ticket purchases, and promoting season ticket sales.

Referee Report – Patrick

An intermediate referee course will be held at the Region 13 clubhouse this weekend. All Stars and Area are having playoffs. Region 214 is teaching, with Region 13 hosting. Regional referees are the first level of referees with 80% of referee volunteers stay at this level and gets you to 12U. Intermediate would be center referees. Spring Cup is having challenges with lag in certifications. Game counts are required before an observation is requested, in order to move to the next level referee upgrade. There are not enough qualified referees for 14U games. With only two completely certified referee instructors in our Region, Chip Heller and Steve Hawkins, more referee instructors are needed to provide in house courses for Region 13.

Treasurer's Report - Mimi and Christina

Zelle payment linked to bank account requires Board approval. Marco requested payment for Launch. Taj motioned to use Zelle as acceptable form of payment to vendors that we regularly work with. Dan seconded. Motion approved with all in favor and none opposed.

Coaches Report – Terry, Oscar, and Craig

Terry is working on confirming DCAs. Last season debrief on lessons learned will occur next month.

Winter Stars has two more sessions left. Started with 200 players and the last Sundays the numbers have gone down to 180/150/120. Overall comments and feedback have been positive. 7-8 fields are being utilized, and Launch coaches have stabilized since one coach, Amanda, has taken an overall coordinator role.

Grad Series ends March 5th. Overall the season went well with no rain outs.

Coach Instruction Report - Taj

Director of Coach Instruction role is still vacant. It is a front loaded responsibility, and requires some training and email skills. Experience for this role would be about 4 years of coaching including at the 12U level. Training opportunities are available at the Roadshow and during summer. Taj, Neil, Francis, Victor, Karim, Peter and Marco are current coach instructors.

Advanced Play Report - Samir

All Stars have done really well. Many teams will continue to play in Spring Cup.

- a) B10 Sectional - 5th place
- b) B10 Area - 2nd place
- c) B10 Regional - 3rd, 5th, and 6th place
- d) B12 Sectional - 3rd place
- e) B12 Area - 1st place
- f) B12 Regional - 2nd, 4th and 6th place
- g) B14 Sectional - 3rd place (2nd in pool play)
- h) B14 Area - 1st and 8th place
- i) G10 Sectional - 1st place
- j) G10 Area - 2nd place
- k) G10 Regional - 1st place, 3rd place
- l) G12 Sectional - 2nd place
- m) G12 Area - 3rd place
- n) G12 Regional - 1st place
- o) G14 Sectional - 6th place
- p) G14 Area - 4th place

Fields Report

Muir South will not be used for All Stars this weekend, due to the poor field conditions.

Muir North lights have improved, with field conditions are better than Blair and Victory Park. Tower lights are being repaired, with possibility of not using the rental at Muir North.

Safety Report

No news to report.

CVPA Report – Stas

Coaches need full vaccination with boosters. Otherwise, weekly testing is required.

New Business

Members need to vote in our executive board of 9 members, as proposed by Taj. Slate of directors as listed in the Board Agenda are as follows:

1. Executive Board
 - a. RC - Taj Chiu
 - a. Assistant RC - Neil Weinberger
 - b. RCA - Terry Takahashi
 - c. RRA - Patrick Shopbell
 - d. Treasurer - Mimi Goldstein
 - e. Registrar - Shanti Rao
 - f. CVPA - Anastassios Petropoulos
 - g. Safety Director - Dan Jeffries
 - h. Secretary - Joanie Paik

Executive Board was accepted by unanimous vote.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Next Board Meeting is April 7, 2022 at 7:15 pm.