

AYSO Board Meeting

May 5, 2022

Participants

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

Call to Order

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

Approval of the previous meeting minutes

Shanti motioned to approve the March and April Board meeting minutes. Neil seconded. Board voted all in favor and motion passed.

Report from National, Section, Area and Region - Taj

National

NAGM will be in Las Vegas from June 3rd to 5th. Neil will attend in Taj's place.

Section

Section 1 calendar is live.

Ken Aston referee camp will be held at Chapman College from June 17th to 19th. This camp is highly recommended for upgrading referee badges.

Area

Spring Cup calendar is updated for Upper and Lower Division weekends of matches. Last games are the weekend of May 14th and 15th.

Region

Region 13 has public, private (for out of town time), fields, and suggested calendars. Coaches' practices should be on a shared calendar. Referee scheduling and mentoring could also use a shared calendar. Additional shared calendars are on Shanti's roadmap.

Open volunteer positions are as follows – Team Manager, DCI, DRI and next RC. Highest priority is to fill the DCI and DRI positions, ideally by Fall, so that responsibilities do not fall on Terry and Patrick. Primary responsibility of the Director of Coach Instruction is scheduling, rather than actual instruction. The next RC position should be filled in 10 months, as Taj is coming up on her two year term. Taj will edit the open positions page.

Newcomers are Kelly Pruett, who will take over practice field scheduling from Neil, Kristy Orzewalla, who is our new Uniform Manager, George Hervey, who will be Upper Division DCA, and Cristi, who is the new Upper Division Referee Administrator.

Region 13 will focus on recruiting players from PHS, Muir and Marshall onto Upper Division teams, for better access to these schools' fields.

Upper Division players did not perform very well. They also did not play as many games as the younger kids but paid the same cost.

New full size soccer goals were purchased for Muir North. At Muir North, we need a laminated sheet with instructions for operation of each Tower Light, along with its own number.

The last day of registration for the La Canada Memorial Day Parade is tomorrow, May 6th. This is a family friendly event that is a great marketing opportunity. DeWayne can organize the event, but would like help with publicizing and finding attendees. Region 13 will pay the registration fee. Taj will reach out to Spring Cup and Grad Series teams' coaches to gauge interest.

Game card and score reporting during the Fall is being updated. Back of game cards will have a QR code that opens a smartphone app that connects to game results. It will be ready to debut when coach instruction starts. Referee app will keep track of scheduling, with cards to confirm which referees were at which matches. Region needs to keep track of no show referees as well. Shanti suggests a separate coach app, as opposed to a single app for both coaches and referees.

Referee Report

Patrick refereed Spring Cup. Playoffs will be held next weekend. Upper Division had four qualifying referees with one out due to injury. The Bill Owen Tournament went smoothly with Brian Bonham. UD awards dinner took place. Recent referee upgrades include four new intermediate candidates – Shanti Rao, Sonia Wierman, James Shopbell, and Chris Bass. Ten people took the advanced training but none of the ten passed the exam so there will be a retest. New DRA for UD, Steve Hawkins, and Patrick are in touch but Steve cannot commit to DRI.

In the Referee staff meeting, instruction plans for the Fall were outlined. 8U class will be an in person course and regional referee course will have 8 hours of in person instruction. The regional referee companion course consists of 3-4 hours in person with 4 hours of online instruction. Everyone on the referee staff thought the companion course was unhelpful, so the regional referee companion course will be eliminated in favor of the in person regional referee course. Online courses will cover AYSO philosophy only.

Treasurer's Report

Mimi motioned to add Christina Waugh as a signer to the Bank of America accounts and to remove Neil as a signer. Shanti seconded. Motion approved with all in favor and none opposed. Three signers will be Taj, Miriam Goldstein and Christina Waugh. Treasurer position will eventually transfer from Mimi to Christina.

Trash container was downsized and monthly bills were reduced by \$35.

Communications Report

Newsletter responsibility to be taken over by Erica. Shanti will continue to edit for the next few months until Erica takes over.

Info at AYSO.org is the catchall for all email messages and also voicemails. It can be configured as a shared mailbox with many people to have access.

Coach Report - Terry

EXTRA program will probably not be offered in the Fall. Region 13 has not had an EXTRA team for about 2 years. Coaching instruction courses can be hybrid/online and has more flexibility and options than Referee instruction. With revamp of Region 13's website, many resources can be accessed on the website, rather than having to ask individuals.

Advanced play report – there have been some issues with Spring Cup. Most problems stem from untrained referees who are thrown into games in lower division. Spectators and coaches and players have exchanged words. For the last weekend, Taj has proposed field monitors for May 14 and 15 in the Area meeting. 14U fields need monitoring the entire time. Taj needs an obvious volunteer who can diffuse a situation, help coaches, and get involved if anyone needs for dispute resolution. Referees are not trained enough to know what to do. Two to three hours on either Saturday or Sunday are needed.

Fields Report

Taj is working on Odyssey Charter School fields.

Tournament Report

Bill Owen posted an \$800 profit. It was held over Easter weekend, with rising COVID cases. Having all matches on Area H of Brookside Park was beneficial.

VIP Report

Tony is running VIP and will work with Region 88 coordinator.

Safety Report

County's rules for close contact rules have changed their youth sports guidelines. There may be changes to the outdoor mask requirements, but the impact should be minimal since the sports season is almost over.

Sterling and LiveScan are being utilized for volunteer background checks. We should eliminate Sterling as it is a duplication of efforts.

Items brought up during meeting

Next month's agenda will include introducing any newcomers to the meeting.

In the first day of registration, 500 players were registered. InLeague is much smoother than Blue Sombrero. Today there are 691 players and 92 volunteers total. Shanti is very optimistic for Fall 2022. Taj is on the ball with getting new fields. Communications have improved. Erica has been a great addition. Parent volunteers have provided photos of their children. More testimonials from coaches will be included in communications. Volunteer outreach was discussed. Region 13 may consider an onboarding packet for new volunteers.

LA Galaxy is partnering to provide \$20 tickets to the game and so far 60 tickets were sold. With the sale of 100 tickets, an on field experience will be included. Region 13 night out for Labor Day weekend will be either September 4 or September 17.

Requests for players to be on the same team due to childcare issues may arise with the upcoming season. These decisions will be left to the DCAs.

Extra donations coming in are balancing out the scholarship needs.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm.

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