

AYSO Board Meeting Minutes - April 10, 2023
8628 Utica Avenue #800
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

CALL TO ORDER: 6:38 p.m.

PRESENT: Alex Baro, Stephen Bodnar, Joey Catuara, Nancy Cooper, Mark Cummings, Maria Gassner, Mike Gassner, Ismael Gonzalez, Amanda Kim, Charlie Kinsey, Rosalind Morton, Sandie Oerly, Lisa Smith, Terri Smith, Arnulfo Vivas, DJ Yoder, Kristine Yoder, Ivan Monso

Presentations: None

APPROVALS:

Approval of March 6, 2023 minutes - Motion to approve by Joey and DJ. Minutes approved.

Approval of February and March Region Financials: Motion to approve by Joey and DJ- Financials approved

REPORTS:

Coach Admin - Mark - Most coaches are certified. There are still some sideline behavior issues. We will remind coaches of sideline behavior expectations. Mark is determining coach training session dates We may have to do the second training on the morning of picture day or on a Friday night.

Referee - Joey - Classes are done. Coverage has been decent.

Registrar - Rosalind - They are still registering players for the spring season. There are 80 people on the waitlist. 150 registered for Fall so far. She would like to know how many coaches there are so she knows how many players to register.

Fields - Nancy hoped to have two quotes from landscapers to refurbish Red Hill fields. Neither sent estimates yet. Maybe we can fill in dirt spots ourselves. This is the second week we have not done the pop-up goals and it is working out with no complaints.

Uniforms - Alex - Some coaches still haven't picked up uniforms. He wants us to continue using Zeenie because they have excellent customer service. Thanks to Kelly and Debbie for handling Flames Fest. Email Alex with feedback on how to improve for next time.

Practice Fields - Nancy -. Getting Vineyard and Alta Loma opened and closed each day is an issue. We discussed changing practice fields and times to optimize field usage.

EXTRA-There has been a change in guidelines and league designations - Coach applications have been sent out and are due by the end of April. The committee to select the coaches is pursuant to guidelines.

Problem: Players and teams are leaving the region to play at a higher level. Mike recommends creating a task force at the Area or Region level to discuss options and make recommendations to the board to address player retention. Tryout dates for EXTRA were discussed. Mike and Joey will set tentative dates. Section is changing guidelines for EXTRA to make them more universal and consistent. The biggest change is the way they form their leagues in Section 1, 10, 11. They also want an EXTRA U9 division. They support single divisions.

SELECT - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Expo report - Joey - EXPO was okay, but he felt it wasn't great for networking. The agenda was disappointing. Round table discussions were very good. AYSO is attempting to do more in-person activities. We discussed the advantages and disadvantages of our region returning to in-person registration. Some suggestions were to get more people there by combining it with evaluation day for new players, hold raffles, and have computers and printers set up so registrants can get help if they need it. It is also a good opportunity to recruit volunteers. Let people have the option of registering online or in person. We discussed different options for in-person registration.

Tiny Robot - No feedback. Joey will put out another request.

NEW BUSINESS:

Active shooter protocols - Section is putting together a plan for emergency protocols. Nancy contacted Jeff Wright who is designing a power point which he will present at a future board meeting.

Player development - We need to plan our player development and Sparks programs which start in the Fall. One option is to hire the Strykers who have offered to do player development and coach training. Protouch is willing to run our player development program for \$65/hr. (minimum of 3 hours). They will also run the Sparks program. Nancy will get a proposal from them. Another option is to have our region coaching staff run the programs.
Registration for summer camps opened today.

Budget proposed - Discussed budget highlights - Motion to approve the budget by Terri and Rosalind. Budget approved. National wants to raise player registration fees for 2025. This will be voted on in Georgia in June at the National meeting. The reasons for the increase are rising insurance costs and they need lawsuit reserves.

Fall season prep - registration dates, team #s and waitlist - There is a webinar at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday April 12th for fall season preparation. The link is on AYSO insider.

Guidelines for Select 19B scrimmages - Alex motioned to delete the sentence in the select guidelines that says teams are not able to have practice games after April 1st. Mark seconded. The board voted: 14 yes, 17 present, motion passed.

OPEN FORUM:

SPARKS nets - There was a request to purchase yellow goals (pugs) for the SPARKS teams. The request was approved and the board gave permission to purchase the pugs and to buy six sets.

Joey - He gave extra referee coins to coaches to be distributed to extra and select referees.

The board will make a decision on painting fields at the next meeting.

Next meeting date May 1 @ 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment - 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by Maria Gassner, Secretary