

AYSO Board Meeting Minutes - May 1, 2023
8628 Utica Avenue #800
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Alex Baro, Stephen Bodnar, Joey Catuara, Mark Cummings, Nancy Cooper, Maria Gassner, Mike Gassner, Amanda Kim, Charley Kinsey, Rosalind Morton, Sandie Oerly, Ari Ruiz, Lisa Smith, Terri Smith, Jeremy Swan, Arnulfoo Vivas, Shaylene Wright, DJ Yoder, Kristine Yoder

PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVALS:

Approval of April 3 , 2023 meeting minutes- Motion by Joey, Seconded by Ari- Minutes approved

Approval of April 10 meeting minutes - Motion by Joey, Seconded by DJ - Minutes approved

Approval of April Region Financials: No financials tonight - we will approve at next meeting

REPORTS:

COACH ADMIN: Mark - Went to an area coaches' admin meeting - Many regions are having problems addressing sideline behavior and the effect of cards. All regions are addressing balanced teams. Mark emphasized the importance of balancing teams and different methods of rating new and returning players. The recommendation is to return to in-person player rating meetings. We discussed ways to give incentives rather than punishments for attendance. The area wants to hold a super camp to provide training in all areas needed. Possible dates are August 12, 19, and 26.

REFEREE: Joey - Struggling with coverage because a large number of teams did not earn their referee points. For more motivation, we should consider reducing the number of games in the future. There are fewer referees and coaches in spring, but this year half the teams did not advance and had very few points. We do have referee incentives, but we need incentives for parents and volunteers.

REGISTRAR-Numbers are a little lower than normal but we have a month left of registration. There are about 500 players registered so far. Another announcement was sent yesterday.

FIELDS: Nancy will talk with the city to ask what the city will do when they close fields for restoration. Nancy suggested we use some of our savings for fencing. We do lose Etiwanda Creek Park on 5/22. We lose Beryl and Red Hill June 25th. We need to figure out where we will hold mid-week tryouts. Sandie discussed options for games due to EXTRA tryouts taking up some of the fields. EXTRA tryouts can move to ECP Tues/Thurs from 6-7:30, p.m. and Beryl on Saturdays from 6-9 p.m. We can use all four fields. .

UNIFORMS- Alex will order 250 reversible pennies. He received a good discount. Balls are \$8/ball. He is working with Zenie - they will buy the ball and put it in the box with uniforms. This saves us \$3,000. He will meet with Zenie soon to start choosing designs for Fall.

PRACTICE FIELDS - School fields are limited for fall - Nancy thinks we should limit the number of days we put teams at schools to reduce the opening and closing of locks and gates during the week. In addition to Beryl and Vineyard, she requested Church, Heritage, Old Town Park, and Milliken or Kenyon. Some fields in some regions rent lights for their non-lit fields. She will talk with a vendor who provides electric lights with rechargeable batteries.

EXTRA - Mike - There has been a change in guidelines and league designations. There is a coach selection meeting Thursday 5/4/23 at 6:30 p.m. Tryouts are scheduled for May 9th, 11th and 13th. He has been talking with Frank in area to create a task force to brainstorm ways to retain players. Players are leaving individually and in groups to play with other organizations.

SELECT: no report - All teams received \$1,200 from Grape Stomp.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Active Shooter protocols - Jeff Wright will present at our next meeting in June. Nancy has been working with National but their training is much more generic.

Player Development: The best time for this is probably Friday evenings. We can request to use school fields in the summer for player development.

Nancy figured out the money with the Fury. We received a net profit of \$26,000 after their expenses.

Fall season- This is the time to add, change, or modify guidelines. We will vote on changes in June. Since the season is over, the only agenda items are the guideline changes, the board vote, and Jeff Wright's presentation. The deadline to submit proposals for guideline changes is May 9th. Submit changes to Joey.

OPEN FORUM:

3 options for paintings:

1. Volunteers
2. Proposal for Bill Drayer to do it
10 large fields -\$45/field
5 small fields - \$23/field \$700/week to do it all the time or \$2,300 for set up for fall, spring, and after holidays for fall and spring. We pay for paint.
3. Mini robot - (We decided this wasn't feasible).

Motion to accept Bill's proposal to paint the fields providing we sit down with him to itemize tasks and let us request what we want. We will get an itemized estimate from him which includes our wants and needs. Motions by Alex and Lisa Smith. Motion passed. Once we receive the proposal, we will vote on whether or not we want to use Bill's services.

Next Meeting Date is June 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: 8:16 p.m.

Submitted by Maria Gassner/Region Secretary