

# REGION 41 AYSO

## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**July 17, 2017**

The monthly Region 41 AYSO Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Regional Commissioner Chris Connelly at 6:15 p.m. The meeting was held at Laguna Niguel IHOP, located at 23810 Aliso Creek Road, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677-3930.

In absence of objection, Chris Connelly served as Chairman and Secretary of the meeting. Chris Connelly noted that five (5) of eleven (11) Board Members were present.

Following a motion from board member Derek Bartolome and seconded by Chris Connelly, the minutes from June 24, 2017 were approved by unanimous vote.

Marti Reed of the Positive Coaching Alliance gave a presentation regarding her organization's program. The Board thanked her for her presentation and indicated they would consider which programs Region 41 would utilize for the upcoming season.

Following Ms. Reed's presentation, the Board discussed the various programs described by Ms. Reed and agreed that a pre-season program for the coaches and the parents would be most advantageous.

### **AYSO NATIONAL & AREA ITEMS:**

The Board reviewed and discussed national AYSO news, including the recent NAGM on June 23-25. Chairman Connelly provided a summary of the national AYSO board of directors and president elections, as well as voted on the proposed amendments.

The Board also reviewed and discussed the new US Soccer mandated rule changes for the upcoming fall season as follows:

- 12U will play 9 v. 9, no heading, and goalies not allowed to punt;
- 10U will play 7 v. 7, no heading, goalies not allowed to punt, and build out line will be utilized; and,
- 8U, no heading, build out line utilized, no throw-ins, and goalies not allowed to punt.

The Board then discussed the number of players for 8U games. Chairman Connelly again indicated that US Soccer has mandated 4 v. 4, but that all other Area 11L regions are planning to play 7 v. 7. Chairman Connelly indicated that given the smaller number of players in Region 41, the Region may be better served by playing 4 v 4 or 5 v 5. The board again agreed to table the discussion to a later date.

### **AYSO REGION 41 ITEMS:**

Chairman Connelly reminded the Board members that UK Soccer camps are scheduled to take place in Laguna Niguel from July 31 to August 4, 2017 and that all Board member children who attend the camp(s) will receive a 50% discount.

Chairman Connelly then indicated that Region 41 currently has 208 children registered to play the Core program for the upcoming fall season. As only 5 board members were present, it was agreed to table the discussion regarding the formation of teams to a later date. Chairman Connelly indicated her will invite the Board to an informal meeting at his residence within two weeks to form the teams.

Chairman Connelly also provided a summary of the current and proposed budget for the 2017-2018 season. Current assets are approximately \$125,000, with a projected budget deficit of \$20,000 for the 2017-2018 seasons. Chairman

Connelly also indicated the projected budget was based 270 children playing in Region 41 – a number which may not be realized.

The AYSO 6 principals, mission, and vision was reviewed by the Board to ensure all members are aware of AYSO's goals.

Chairman Connelly provided an update regarding field availability for the upcoming season and shared an e-mail from Brett Woodhull, Laguna Niguel's Recreation Supervisor, which indicated he is committed to getting AYSO access to one synthetic turf field during the upcoming season.

Chairman Connelly then provided a summary of Region 41's marketing efforts and requested that a board member take over the marketing chair position. New board member, Lissette Bartolome agreed to take the position.

Upcoming training for registrar, referees and coaches in neighboring Regions and through AYSOU was then discussed.

Chairman Connelly then provided an update on UK International trainers for the upcoming season. Due to visa issues, UK International is having trouble getting trainers this year. As a result Region 41 will not be able to expand its use of UK International trainers. Instead, UK International will provide the same training as previous season, consisting of two weeks of preseason training for all teams, and season long training for Region 41's playground program. Board member Derek Bartolome encouraged the board to consider other training programs, to which the board members in attendance agreed.

A status report of current Board member positions was provided and Chairman Connelly encouraged current Board members. Although not in attendance, Rod Robinson has agreed to be the new Coach Administrator. Lissette Bartolome has agreed to take over the marketing chair. Chairman Connelly reiterated the need for a new Region Treasurer, but the no attending board member indicated a desire to fill the position. Chairman Connelly also indicated he would take over the Playground Program development chair position.

The attending five (5) board members agreed that the Region goals for the next year should be the development of a VIP and Schoolyard program, developing an opening day program, and setting-up a committee to develop an action plan to celebrate Region 41's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018. Voting on the goals will be conducted at a later date.

The Board was notified that the next board meeting will occur on August 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD.

Chairman Connelly asked if there was any other business. None was raised. Chairman Connelly adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

*Chris Connelly*  
**Chris Connelly, Regional Commissioner**

July 20, 2017  
**Date**