

REGION 41 AYSO

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 25, 2018

The monthly Region 41 AYSO Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Regional Commissioner Chris Connelly at 6:22 p.m. The meeting was held at the home of Chris Connelly, located at 31112 Boca Raton Place, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677.

In absence of objection, Chris Connelly served as Chairman and Secretary of the meeting. Chris Connelly noted that six (6) of seven (7) Executive Board Members were present, including himself, Derek Bartolome, Rod Robinson, Megand Valles, Chris Bouma, and Jason Roxby, which constituted a quorum, so Region business could be discussed. In attendance also was non-voting board-members-at-large, Lissette Bartolome, Nader Kalantari, and Dinny To.

The minutes from the previous board meeting on January 14, 2018 were reviewed, and other than Lissette Bartolome indicating that she was not in attendance, the minutes were approved with no further changes. Upon the motion of Rod Robinson and seconded by Megan Valles, the minutes were approved, with the one emendation that Lissette Bartolome was not present, by unanimous vote.

Nominations were considered for region secretary. Rod Robinson nominated Kortni Chase, which was seconded by Chris Bouma. No other nominations being made, Kortni Chase was elected by unanimous vote.

In absence of Region Treasurer, Darryl Ross, Chairman Connelly provided the attendees with the current Region 41 financial reports. Following a review of the March 2018 financial documents provided by region bookkeeper, Pamela Hudlett, a motion to approve the financials was made by Chris Bouma, seconded by Rod Robinson, and approved by unanimous vote.

AYSO NATIONAL, AREA and REGIONAL ITEMS:

Chairman Connelly provided a summary of the recent Area board meeting. Rod Robinson, Derek Bartolome, and Lissette Bartolome provided a review of the Western Region AYSO Expo, which included a discussion of holding a meeting with all the division coaches at the end of the year to complete player ratings. The idea was welcomed by all and agreed to be put in place at the conclusion of the current Spring 2018 season.

AYSO REGION 41 SPECIFIC ITEMS:

- **Congratulations to Derek Bartolome**

Chairman Connelly congratulated Derek Bartolome on his completion of the AYSO Referee Instructors course. In appreciation of his accomplishment, as well as his superior volunteer efforts as a referee, the board agreed to award Derek a special referee watch, to be presented at a later date. The board also agreed to purchase the same gift for region referee administrator, Chris Bouma, and Ronald Reuf, in recognition of their many hours of volunteer service to Region 41, refereeing multiple games each weekend during the various seasons. Rod Robinson and Derek Bartolome also shared their experiences at the quarterly Laguna Niguel Sports Advisory Committee meeting.

- **2018 Spring Season**

Dinny To, Nader Kalantari, and Rod Robinson provided an update regarding the current season. Other than the numerous rainouts, all three gentlemen reported that the season was progressing well. However, the board did agree to try and move the 8U games to a better, larger field.

Chairman Connelly indicated that all the teams currently playing Spring soccer are eligible for post-season tournaments, provided the parents of the players agree to play the tournament fees.

- **Referee Training**

Chris Bouma and Derek Bartolome informed the board that a Regional Referee training course would be held April 8, 2018 at Laguna Hills Community Center. Various ways to market the event were discussed, including encouraging the 12U and 14U players to take the course by offering pizza parties, mentorship programs, and recommendation letters.

- **Board Member Reports**

Board members provided reports on the current state of coach administration, registration, safety, and marketing. Updates for CVPA and referee administration were given by Chairman Connelly and Derek Bartolome.

- **Volunteer Appreciation Event**

Next, the board discussed a new date for the volunteer appreciation event, which was originally scheduled for February 10, 2018, then moved to March 24, 2018. The board agreed to set the new date for June 23, 2018.

- **Blue Sombrero**

Chairman Connelly then indicated that it appeared there were recent phishing scams with the Blue Sombrero, and that the board should be watchful for any unusual activity within the program or with members. The following executive positions were needed – Treasurer and Secretary. The additional board positions needed also included spring and all-star season coordinator, and a Sportsmanship Coordinator. Rod Robinson indicated Kortni Chase is still interested in the Secretary position.

- **2018 Fall Core Season**

Chairman Connelly indicated that Registration is now open. The board then discussed pre-season events and the board members in charge of each event. They are as follows:

- In-Person Registration Event to be held May 12, 2018 at the Sea Country Senior and Community Center. Megan Valles and Chris Bouma to coordinate.
- Coaches meeting to be held August 15, 2018 at City Hall or the Sea Country Senior and Community Center. Chris Connelly and Rod Robinson to coordinate.
- Meet the coach day to be held August 18, 2018 at Crown Valley soccer fields or Chapparosa. Rod Robinson to coordinate.
- Opening Day to be held August 25, 2018 at any large field with ample parking made available by the City of Laguna Niguel. Photos, DJ, short scrimmages, and carnival to be implemented. Lissette Bartolome and Chris Connelly to coordinate.

- **Other Business**

- Board member, Nader Kalantari asked that the UK International trainers be made available to the Spring Coaches. Chairman Connelly agreed to look into the matter.

- **Adjournment**

Chairman Connelly asked if there was any other business. None was raised. On a motion made by Megan Valles, seconded by Chris Bouma, and carried unanimously, Chairman Connelly adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Chris Connelly

Chris Connelly, Regional Commissioner

April 15, 2018

Date