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MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
AYSO REGION 18

A meeting of the Board of Directors of AYSO REGION 18 (“AYSO18”), was held at Henessey’s Tavern located at 313 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Manhattan Beach, California 90266 and via video conference, on January 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. after verbal and written Notice duly given.

Krista Skinner chaired the meeting and Jessica Waybright took the meeting minutes.

The following Directors participated in person:

Krista Skinner; Jackie Eanes; Jimmy Orland; Woody Hauck; Scott Lentz; Russ Allen; Andrew Werhane; Albert Chen; Amanda Walls Murphy; Chris Wong; Dan Angress; Ken Garcia; Pauline Loder; Christina Finlay; Sarah Lefton; Wolf Heim; Ashley Choi; Byron Eguchi; Jeff Stephens; Dave Brantly; Ashley Choi; Steve Hershowitz; Anthony Lombardo; Michael Hinz.

The following Directors participated via video conference:

Jessica Waybright; Mark Hodson; Nedra Yost; Jamie Chang; Steve Killman; Johnnie Mundell; Ben Davidson

The following Directors did not participate:

Vince O’Hara; Damian Stevens; Michael Miles; Chris Otey; Kim Digillio; Lou Figueroa; Lindsay Skinner; Charlie Abbott; Luciana Melo; Fabiana Lahmon; Pauline Loder; Rogelio Flores; Michael McKnight; Megan Schultz; Rose Rocchio; Kelly Ankley; Scott Champagne; Scott Coopman; Karl Primm; Mars Brownsen; Devon Murray; Iris Shin;

As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Krista Skinner started the meeting by presenting a video of a recent 14UB game and a referee’s call on the play. The Region 18 sideline remained under control, but spectators from the other side were removed from the game. The Board discussed the referee’s decision on the play.

Regional Commissioner’s Report

- Krista requested a volunteer to take over the Secretary position from Jessica Waybright.
- Krista reported that the Beach Cup was totally successful and Andrew Werhane and Woody Hauck set up a system that allowed for timely updates. The Referee coverage was great.
 - o Some teams experienced attendance issues and had trouble fielding teams.
- Krista requested volunteers for the Scholarship Committee. An ideal candidate would be someone with an 8th or 9th grader to serve for 4 years.
- AYSO18 has been given an additional slot for a 12UG team to participate in the National Games in Orange County this summer. Both 12UB and 12UG will have teams representing our region.
- Krista discussed the storage units at Hermosa Storage and the fact that AYSO18 has one unit for coach gear and one unit for referee gear. If a space becomes available the gear will be moved into one larger unit and volunteers will be needed to move the units.

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- Some DCs may have left over uniforms that may not be useful anymore. All unused uniforms should be returned to the storage unit so they can be used in future seasons. Each uniform set costs between \$500-\$1,000.
- AYSO18 would like to install Automated External Defibrillators (AED) at the Marine turf field and Village. AYSO National has some reservations about installing AEDs due to liability issues and so discussions are ongoing.
- A presentation will be made to the Parks and Recreation department regarding re-turfing the Marine Avenue Park. AYSO18 is anticipating contributing a portion of the \$650,000 to the project with the City. Sand & Surf and Vista Mar contributing the remainder of the cost.
 - o The field will be lined for games of 11v11, 9v9, and 7v7. The Board discussed the field layout.
- There is an issue for some parents with the National Membership Fee being charged for returning players. National AYSO is working on the issue and once it is fixed a refund will be given to affected players.
- Mike McKnight is spearheading the search for a new Regional Commissioner to take over for Krista.

League Play

- Most teams are advancing to the playoffs.
- Wild Card spots are available in 10UG and 14UG so second place teams will also advance.
- Section Playoffs will take place February 25-26 in Chino, CA
- Western States will take place March 11 in Moorpark, CA

All-Stars

- The All-Star schedule has been posted.
- Coaches should report the jersey numbers for players to Krista.
- Jackets are due to deliver this week and binders with the rosters will be out next week.
- There continue to be concerns about player availability despite repeated attempts to get parents to commit to the All-Star season before players are placed on teams. The Board discussed rules about attendance eligibility for All-Stars and consequences if a player does not make at least half of the games. Next year there should be written guidance related to attendance and overlap between All-Stars and club players to minimize potential conflicts.
- Section Playoffs will take place March 4-5 in Jurupa Valley, CA
- Western States will take place March 12 in Moorpark, CA

Spring

- There are several DC positions open and DCs that are requesting more help.
- DCs should set team counts soon so waitlists can be established and uniforms ordered.
- Nedra Yost placed the initial uniform order based on last year's player count.

Mike McKnight joined the meeting and explained that Krista Skinner's term as Regional Commissioner will end in Spring 2024. Mike has been reaching out to a number of people to solicit names of people who know AYSO18, is responsive and is willing to take on the role. Ideally a candidate, or two who want to share the role, will be in place by the Fall 2023 season to allow them time to be trained and mentored by Krista for a full year.

Referee

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- ___ Spring Classes are being organized. Most classes will be Regional Referee classes with no plans to offer an Advanced Referee class this season.
- A Survey will be sent to referees to get feedback about their experience, and to determine what is needed to make them more comfortable and retain them in the future.

Coach

- A 12U coach class is being offered on February 25 at Marine.
- ___ Most coaches are appropriately trained, but new coaches will need to be certified before the season starts.

Coach Trainers

- The camps held over Winter Break were wet, but the kids had fun.
- Camps will be offered during Ski Week and Spring Break.
- Mark Hodson will look at potential dates to hold Summer camps.
- The Board discussed offering basic training for youth volunteers to help coaches and goalkeepers.

Meeting concluded at 8:03pm

NEXT MEETING: February 15, 2023 at 7:00pm