



# Area 1F Board Meeting Torrance Airport March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Present: Jason South, Jose Serrano, Frank Baldanegro, Matt Skoll, Alfredo Padilla, Michael Wolf, Paul Lopez, Melinda McKee, Denise Zagala, Larry Manth, Edgar Mendez, Fidel Coronel, Rob Jensen, Clint Paulson, Nicole Padilla, Adam Hernandez**

**I. Call to Order:** Jason South  
Meeting was called to order at 7:26 p.m.

**II. Treasurer's Report** Jason South

**III. Minutes** Jessica Lopez  
Minutes from the 02/15/2023

**IV. Area Director** Jason South

1. Area Director Presentations:

- Jason: First became AD during COVID while there was no soccer. When soccer returned, he worked through all the COVID protocols. He continues to learn, just became a management instructor. He has become a part of the Section board and works with the all the RC's in our area as well as the surrounding areas to ensure all is fair and we continue to grow. He likes to keep a positive outlook. Priorities for the future are to recruit more referees and encourage them to upgrade. He would like to us the profit from Area Spring League and Founders Cup to lower the costs for the regions. He would like to see each region have upper division teams and become more competitive, so kids stay with our regions.
- Denise: Has been with AYSO for 12-13 years. Held various positions from team parent to CVPA. Became RC and has been in the position for 6 years. Goals as area director are to communicate with all the regions. Be in touch with the regions as a group as well as one on one. Would like to work with each region to increase registration and volunteers. Work on adding programs back into the regions. Make sure people in the area are aware of what programs we offer as an Area so that kids don't get passed back thinking there is no program for them. Increase volunteer retention, which is a big problem for all regions. Figure out how we can keep coaches, referees, etc. Work together as an area, keep an open dialogue. We should be proud that we the birthplace of AYSO. It is important that all volunteers are properly vetted, have all their certifications. We are here for the children; it should be all about the kids.

2. Votes were in favor of Jason South to return as Area Director

3. Spring League: Some games have been canceled due to rain. GU10: 10 teams, GU12: 8 team, BU12: 12 teams, BU14: 8 teams, GU14: 6 teams, BU8: 5 teams, GU8: 7 teams, and BU10: 10 teams.

4. Founders Tournament: We have 3 applications so far: GU8, GU12, and GU16.

5. Rob sent an email out to all RC's to get preliminary numbers to get an idea of how many teams are going to register.
6. Some team's want to email applications, we are only accepting mailed in applications with checks.
7. Received a list of 150 referees, they have been emailed and we have received 6 responses. We are looking to increase volunteer numbers for Founders this year. We need 2 volunteers per region per hour.

**V. Staff**

Nothing further to report.

**VI. Open Forum**

Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm. Next meeting will be in April 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss Founder's Tournament.