

**AYSO REGION 86
BOARD MEETING**

*JANUARY 9, 2008
LEGION HALL*

Those in attendance of the January 9th Board meeting were:

Alan Caserio	Ed Kaufman
Tammy Caserio	Geoff Orias
Gareth Butler	Ed Ornelas
Denise Coury	Nick Ross
Richard Graham	

The meeting was commenced at 7:07 p.m. upon a motion duly made by Geoff, seconded by Richard, which was unanimously carried.

Approval of November Minutes

There being no apparent discrepancies in the November Minutes, Richard motioned for approval followed by a second by Ed Ornelas, which was unanimously carried.

Alan commenced the meeting by recognizing Gareth Butler with a five-year AYSO service award and thanking him for his commitment.

Los Angeles Galaxy

Dan Cerwinske, Account Executive-Los Angeles Galaxy, spoke to the Board and indicated that the Galaxy had a landmark year with attendance. He stated that the Galaxy was only one game short of playoff qualification and that everything is going pretty well. Beckham is pretty healthy and played well at the Australia and New Zealand games. The Galaxy has a new coach from Holland who has a tremendous record in soccer as a player; Coby Jones is now Galaxy's assistant coach. The first home game is on April 12th and the season runs through late October.

Dan asked the Board if there is any interest in his attending our Fall Open Registration this year. Alan suggested that those who show up for early registration can put their name into a raffle for Galaxy tickets; Dan confirmed that he could accommodate in that regard. Alan also proposed that if any Laguna Beach residents purchase Galaxy tickets, a portion of the ticket price could be kicked ~~by~~^{back} to our region. Dan assured the Board that he will work with our region to determine what the Galaxy can do for us. He distributed information regarding tickets and the Galaxy's 2007 youth soccer programs. He asked that our region consider Galaxy tickets as an incentive for region volunteers. Dan expressed that he is open to suggestions about how to entice our region to do business with the Galaxy. Ed Ornelas inquired about a coaches' training session with the Galaxy.

Shawn Graf will head up fundraising and assess overall interest in Galaxy. Alan asked the Board about its interest in our region's purchasing four season tickets. All in all, those in attendance of the January meeting were in favor of our region's purchase of Galaxy season tickets to be used as incentive and appreciation for region volunteers.

Alan inquired about the possibility of our holding some ~~Spring Select~~^{FALL} playoff games at the soccer fields adjacent to the Home Depot stadium. Dan responded by stating that he could help reserve fields if we are interested, assuming they are available.

Section Meeting Attendance – San Diego

Alan stated that it's up to the individual Board members to register for the meeting and book a hotel room. Our region will reimburse for hotel costs up to \$170/night. All Board members interested in joining Alan and Tammy for dinner, please send an email to Alan accordingly.

Alan asked Ed Ornelas and Geoff Orias to think about Spring volunteers who might benefit from attending the Section Meeting; they can bring their spouse and it is reimbursable. Alan recommended that Ed Kaufman attend the Section Meeting for his requisite safety training.

Calendar Review

We did not specifically go over the 2008 calendar tonight. The website is being updated and the calendar is established through June. Board meetings will be conducted on the second Wednesday of each month, with the exception of the September meeting which must occur before the first game day. Alan pressed that there will be no more excuses for non-attendance of meetings with this regular schedule in place. Alan asked Denise to look ahead and schedule Board meeting locations accordingly. Alan asked Gareth to alert him if Picture Day is scheduled within holiday observance on the Jewish calendar. Proposed training dates will also be posted on the website calendar. Geoff suggested that training be posted out closer to the beginning of the season in the hopes of recruiting more volunteers.

Budget Review

No current reports were distributed. Nick noticed that our region's bank account numbers were posted on the website which could be a security concern. Alan will look into and take necessary precautions in future Region 86 budget postings. As Nick has tendered his resignation effective as of the end of the month, Denise Coury will assume the position of Region 86 Treasurer.

Spring Coaches

Most teams are okay; all invitations have been sent to prospective players. There is a possible need for the formation of a BU8 team. If a team is not formed by the end of this month, it may be dropped.

Spring Fields

We're in good shape with the fields. Gareth needs coordination of volunteers for lining the fields and installing the flags. Gareth will inform the first morning team's coaches that it is their responsibility to prepare the fields for play.

Spring Meetings/Deadlines

There will be mandatory meetings conducted during the week of February 11th for Spring coaches and referees. The Area needs all Spring information – teams, coaches, refs, fields – by February 1st.

Uniforms for Spring Teams

Emails have been sent to Spring coaches to respond to Tammy.

Area Referee & Coach Training

Ed Ornelas and Geoff Orias to follow up.

Area Registration Planning Meeting

Saturday, January 19th, 9 am to 12 noon, at El Toro High School. Denise will attend on behalf of Region 86.

Referee Point System for Fall 2008

There will be playoff format changes for U10-U14. We will discuss in more detail at the February Board meeting. Alan indicated that there is difficulty in keeping referees committed to finishing the season, which is "absolutely unacceptable." In lieu of playoffs, there will be a championship tournament. Only teams with eligible ref points and 1-2 committed refs can go to the tournament. Refs would be committed and scheduled ahead of time. If they renege on their commitment, that team will be deducted 3 points in pool play.

Fall 2008 Open Registration

We may try something different to make it easier on everybody involved. Additionally, we should have computers at registration sites; JR put computers into our region's budget when he was interim RC. We will discuss software and wireless service at the February Board meeting. More registration details to be discussed during February and March Board meetings.

Goal Maintenance

Alan has ordered new nets for all goals, new wheels where needed and clips for nets.

Player Ratings

Alan told Ed Ornelas that we're not getting the ratings back. Will discuss further.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the January 9th Board meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. upon a motion by Richard Graham and a second by Ed Kaufman, which was unanimously carried.

Post-Meeting Agenda Item for Board Consideration

Alan received a request from Juan Carlos Gallego concerning his daughter, Hana. Hana did not play in the Fall and one of the guidelines for Spring play is that the player should have played at least 50% in the Fall. Mr. Gallego is a trained, certified referee (who did some Fall volunteering even though Hana wasn't playing), so Alan requested a Board vote to determine if Hana Gallego (~~and other volunteers' children~~) should be allowed to play in the Spring Select program even if they did not play in the Fall, based on the fact that the parent is volunteering to referee and refereed in the fall. Geoff Orias motioned for approval concerning the permission of the children of referee volunteers to play in the Spring Select program even if they did not play in the Fall, followed by a second by Nick Ross, which was carried by a majority of 'ayes,' thus approving the motion. TIFFANY VOTED NO,

RC Alan Ornelas IN THE SPRING

ARC R. W. Ornelas

RCA Ed Ornelas

