

**AYSO REGION 86  
BOARD/SPRING SELECT MEETING**

*January 14, 2009  
VMCC – LEGION HALL*

Those in attendance of the January 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting were:

Alan Caserio  
Beverly Butler  
Denise Coury  
Sam Hooper  
Stacie Mead  
Geoff Orias  
Tiffany Reinsch

**Commencement of Meeting**

The January Board meeting commenced at 7:03 p.m. with a motion by Denise Coury, a second by Geoff Orias, followed by unanimous consent.

**Review and Approval of November Minutes**

Geoff Orias motioned for approval of the November Minutes with a second by Denise Coury, followed by unanimous approval. No changes were necessary. There were no December Meeting Minutes, as there was no formal December Board meeting due to Volunteer Appreciation Night on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Section Playoffs**

Alan presented Sam Hooper with a check for \$250 for the Section playoffs at which our Region's BU12 team will compete.

**Calendar Review**

Alan indicated that our Region's calendar through next January has been set. He hopes that every Board member will review the calendar, especially making particular note of the dates of the Board meetings. There is no excuse for Board members not to know when our meetings are conducted, in most cases the second Wednesday of every month.

Significant calendar entries include:

- February 28:** Spring games begin (which is one week earlier than usual).
- April 11, 12:** Blackout weekend for Spring play – no games due to Easter weekend. This is the only blackout period for the Spring season this year.
- April 25:** Open, paperless super-early bird registration. Registration to occur online or at Boys & Girls Club
- May 20:** in the evening. Again, an open, paperless registration with a discounted registration fee. Registration to occur online or at Boys & Girls Club.

- June 10:** Last, physical registration date at Boys & Girls Club.
- Sept. 12:** Fall games begin
- Oct. 3:** Picture Day – all teams. We are utilizing the same photographer we’ve used now for 3-4 years.
- Dec. 12:** Volunteer Appreciation Night (if budget permits)

Alan still needs to secure the above registration dates with the Boys & Girls Club. The physical registration will save our Region money, as the Boys & Girls Club is charging us a flat rate of \$400 for the year whereas the District charges us several hundred dollars each time we use Thurston.

A few meeting attendees voiced strong concern that without our typical, large-scale registration at Thurston, there won’t be the pressure applied to would-be volunteers for the 2009 season. Specifically, Geoff is worried that with the coaches following up on referees for their teams, it won’t allow volunteers enough time to get adequately trained for the season. Geoff requested that Alan push back the training to later dates so that the coaches can get the word out with ample notice of the scheduled training sessions.

**Section Meeting Attendance**

Alan acknowledged those in attendance who have indicated they will attend the Section Meeting. He reminded all that there would be a Region dinner on Friday night and possible Area dinner on Saturday night.

**Budget Review**

Alan asked Denise to ensure that all credit card deposits that went into the general account after November 1<sup>st</sup> be transferred to the Spring/Tournament account as they are player fees for Spring Select. Alan distributed a spreadsheet that summarizes last year’s budget and actuals, proposed 2009 budget figures and proposed player fees. One of our biggest budget hits last year was player refunds due to the lack of teams formed. Alan suggests that we take a “wait and see” approach on some of the budget items, and those items will be placed before the Board for a vote.

*Player Fees.* The economy will play a part in this year’s registration by either helping or hurting our Region’s registration figures. The hurt will be the result of families who cannot spend the money on soccer registration. However, our Region may be helped by numbers of club players possibly dropping out of club because of high player fees and opting to return to AYSO. Alan assumed somewhat of a worse case scenario and urged all attendees to carefully review the budget chart and report back to him with any ideas or questions.

**Spring Coordinators’ Meeting Report**

Tiffany reported that, basically, there were a lot of “to-do-by” dates. Spring teams will be seeded by each region and play 4-5 games, then be re-seeded by the Area. There will be 12-14 games scheduled for the season. The first half of the season will be recreational play and the second half will be competitive. Club players should be placed on a Seed 1 team, which will not be the case in our Region for lack of Seed 1 teams. Each region’s *initial* Spring Select list is due January 16<sup>th</sup>. There is a January 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for each region’s *final* Spring Select list: roster, fields, etc. Coaches are required to be division-appropriate trained. If a coach is not qualified by January 30<sup>th</sup>, his/her team will be dissolved.

During the week of February 9<sup>th</sup>, there is a Spring Coaches’ meeting at El Toro High School. For Divisions U16 and U19, there will be a Team Captain meeting after the week of February 9<sup>th</sup>. The only blackout period during Spring Select is April 12/13 for Easter weekend. Other significant dates are:

May 3: Conclusion of Spring pool play  
May 6: Coach Appreciation  
May 16/17: Spring Tournament

By noon on each Friday, the RCs have the option of cancelling Spring games if refs are not signed up to cover the weekend games.

### RCA/RRA Area Meeting Report

Geoff reported that each Monday, refs can start signing up for out-of-region games. If one ref position remains open, a parent can sign up to ref his/her child's game. The Area is tracking ref sign-ups. Alan urged all that if you attend a game and there's only one ref, please report it to Geoff. Last spring, our Region had 106% ref coverage. All regions must be forced to step up and cover their games.

### Spring Coaches/Referees

Not much to report. Geoff asked for help with the names of the Spring coaches. Alan indicated that he has heard nothing from Hillary Hillemann. Alan will pull her team if he does not hear back from her by January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Current breakdown of Spring teams: <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>  
GU8 1 BU10 ~~8~~, possibly 10  
GU10 3 BU12 2, possibly 3  
GU12 2 BU14 1  
GU14 1

Sam indicated that Bob Hite may be interested in taking a GU16 team. Sam will follow up with Bob and advise.

### Area Referee & Coach Training

Nothing yet to report.

#### Spring Fields

Will be lined by the company we've been using after the District's/schools' Ski Week. Moulton will be used by U12 and U14; Thurston will be used for U8 and U10. Alan is waiting for baseball notice concerning Alta Laguna and El Morro. Corona Del Mar/Newport took girls' software teams but still want to use El Morro.

### Spring Uniforms

Alan advised all to contact Tammy with uniform details. Divisions U8, U10, U12 are allowed uniforms not to exceed \$25 each; U14 (and any divisions above) can spend a little more, up to \$30/uniform.

### Summer Camps

Alan to work with Chip.

**Area Registration Planning Meeting**

We will conduct another postcard mailout that will announce Fall season registration dates and camp dates. Denise to check on City Recreation Catalog-Spring Edition advertisement as well as SchoolPower Student Directory.

Alan to discuss further planning with Stacie.

**Board Positions**

Sarah Pearlman has been officially released from her duties as ARC. Alan proposed that Ed Ornelas serve as ARC: Denise motioned that Ed Ornelas serve as ARC, seconded by Stacie Mead, followed by unanimous approval. (Ed abstained from the vote; Alan Caserio had Ed Ornelas' vote for the meeting.) Alan proposed that Tiffany Reinsch serve as ARCA: Denise motioned that Tiffany Reinsch serve as ARCA, seconded by Geoff Orias, followed by unanimous approval. (Tiffany abstained from the vote.) It was discussed that Kerry might serve as CDI.

The following assignments have been made by the Coach administration:

<i><u>Division Managers:</u></i>	Tiffany Reinsch	GU14, BU14 and upper divisions
	Sam Hooper	GU12
	Dave Ferguson	BU12
	Shawn Graf	BU10, GU8
	Ken Greengard	BU8

Currently, there are no Division Managers for GU10, GU6/BU6 and U5.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the January Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. upon a motion by Geoff Orias, seconded by Tiffany Reinsch, followed by unanimous approval.

**The next meeting will occur on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the VMCC.**

**Post Meeting Board Vote:**

January 19, 2009

A request was made to the Board that MaryEmma Meyer be approved to play on Sam Eidt's Spring Select-GU12 team. MaryEmma was placed on a Fall team but dropped out before the first game due to a pre-season/non-soccer injury; her family was issued a refund. Sam was advised that she could be invited to play but he must carry a minimum 15-player roster. (The minimum is usually 14.)

After receiving a majority vote from the Board of 8-0 in favor, MaryEmma Meyer has been approved to be invited to play Spring Select on Sam Eidt's GU12 team.

RC Alan Caserio

CVPA Lynn Whitlock

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