

AYSO REGION 86 MEETINGS

February 9, 2010
VMCC – LEGION HALL

Those in attendance of the February 9th Board Meeting were:

Alan Caserio	Ken Greengard
Tammy Caserio	Geoff Orias
Kelly Brennan	Stacie Mead
Beverly Butler	Mehran Megerdichian
Denise Coury	Sarah Pearlman
Shawn Graf	Lynn Whitlock

Commencement of Meeting

The February Board meeting commenced at 7:06 p.m. upon a motion by Shawn, a second by Geoff, followed by unanimous consent.

Approval of January Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion made by Mehran to approve the January Meeting Minutes, followed by a second by Stacie, the January Minutes were unanimously approved.

Board Nominations/Board Appointments

Alan opened the discussion by informing all that Ed Ornelas and Dave Ferguson have tendered their resignations. On behalf of the Board, Alan verbalized his appreciation for their respective years of service to the Board and to the community.

Beverly motioned for a nomination of our Regional Commissioner. Geoff motioned for a vote from the Board to nominate Alan Caserio as Regional Commissioner of AYSO Region 86, which was seconded by Denise and followed by unanimous approval. Alan thanked all and stated that the “ups outweigh the downs, by far.” He voiced his appreciation of everybody for their continued support of him and the region.

Alan reappointed all to their current Board positions. If any nominations come in after this meeting, we will address those nominations accordingly.

Disneyland – Give a Day, Get a Disney Day Program

Geoff is the first recipient of a Disneyland voucher. Alan will extend an invitation to all Region 86 volunteers who give at least eight hours of service and urged all to sign up immediately.

Spring

“Everything’s going really great!” No schedule yet; should come out during the weekend of February 13/14. Alan asked Geoff if refs are in place; unfortunately, eAYSO was upgraded and information was lost. In connection with spring scheduling over the weekend following Ski Week, Alan advised that if a team has at least six players, to go ahead and play the game. If not, the game must be forfeited.

Budget

Mehran asked about the decrease in Park Fees. Alan explained that by eliminating TOW as a practice/playing field, we would save money in park fees. We would use other fields to compensate for the loss of TOW.

Fall 2010 Format

The differences in the 2010 fall format versus 2009 would be:

U5/U6. U6 would be run the same as U5, except U6 would run for four weeks, not six weeks. Up to 12 players would be placed on a team. UK coaches would train on Saturdays.

Season End Tournament Play. Based on the number of teams that go to tournament: for example, two teams would go to one championship game; three teams would go to playoffs, then final championship game.

U8. Would be scheduled for eight weeks of games. If ref points are not earned by Week 8, the season is over. If ref points are earned on time, U8 teams would play for 11 weeks (“three bonus games”). A discussion ensued about a soccerfest type of tournament.

Referee Issues. Alan proposed to eliminate all restrictions to ref point allocations. Geoff wants to give U8 parents a “lock-out” time to give them the exclusive opportunity to sign up for games. Geoff feels the lock-out period will also help retain refs for center positions, as they’ll get the necessary experience. He would monitor sign-ups. Alan added that U8 team ref coverage is difficult. Geoff told the Board that he will prepare a proposal and send it out for a vote.

Beverly motioned to approve the Fall 2010 Format as explained by Alan. Geoff seconded her motion and it was unanimously approved.

Division Managers – Assignments

Sarah reported, “Pretty much everyone’s coming back.”

U5	Stacie Mead
U6	Ken Greengard
BU8	Mehran Megerdichian
GU8	– vacant –
BU10	– vacant –
GU10	Kelly Brennan
BU12	– Sarah is working on this placement – possibly Detlif
GU12	Shawn Graf
BU14	Sam Hooper
GU14	Hoss Tabrizi
BU16	Sarah Pearlman
GU16/19	Tiffany Reinsch

Fall Coach Recruitment/Team Formation. Alan informed DMs that they need to contact coaches beginning March 1st. Registration will be open to refs, coaches and all volunteers for the month of March – “priority registration.” If coaches are returning and in good standing, they would get priority to return to their division. If coaches want to move up a division, we need to ensure that they’re trained for that division. Area training is scheduled in June, with additional training through the summer. Sarah will update Alan so that he can make any necessary revisions.

As players sign up, DMs can begin forming teams keeping team balance in mind. Alan cautioned that this be done discreetly, in a highly confidential manner/not to be published. Formed teams will go into a hat and those teams will be randomly drawn by coaches. Alan and Sarah will make any necessary player swaps to get coaches' kids on their teams but not to accommodate any special requests except in extreme situations.

After teams are formed and accepted, DMs may not place any additional players on teams due to possible conflicts of interest. DMs will still be responsible for normal season activities. Alan and Sarah will assign any additional players after Labor Day in order to select from a larger pool for better team balancing.

Sarah reminded all of the DM Dinner on Wednesday, February 10th, 6:30 p.m., at Ristorante Rumari. Spouses are welcome.

Region 86 Board Goals

Alan urged all Board members to attend the June 5th weekend "Road Show." National will be hosting a local symposium at which all volunteers are provided a great opportunity to take additional and specific training in their respective positions. This is in lieu of a Section Meeting. More info to follow...

Open Registration

Registration will be conducted as discussed at our January meeting. The bulk of registration will be processed by families online. A discussion ensued about increasing registration fees to make up for any budget shortfall. Ultimately, there was a majority concurrence that the registration fees should remain as proposed.

Advertising – Ideas and Assignments. Alan asked Shawn if she would oversee the production and distribution of school flyers by April 1st. Stacie and Alan will work on the mailer. By April 1st, Alan urged anybody who still has auto magnets to place on their vehicles and install yard signs. Alan will explore getting more magnets made. Denise will follow up with the City to determine if ad placements are being taken once again for the Recreation brochures. Also, Denise will place advertisements in local papers and take advantage of free blurbs. Alan will check into ongoing advertising in the SchoolPower Student Directory.

Facility Use Permits. Alan met with Eric Jetta and Jennifer Sweet. TOW field renovation was discussed. Jennifer Sweet will talk to the School Board about funding the renovation in partnership with Region 86.

Roundtable

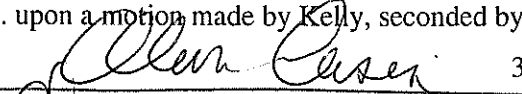
Alan opened up a roundtable session. Geoff voiced his displeasure with D4 Sports for the ref system. Any person can go online, sign up for games and there's no way to stop inappropriate sign-ups. With *Schedules, Etc.*, you're at their mercy. D4 Sports, at least, gives us control over the system to add information, etc. Will eAYSO be a viable alternative soon?

Alan shared that he's going into his 6th year. With the Board's vote, it will add another two years. Alan would prefer not to be RC once his son is in U16. He asked the Board to form a nominating committee to get the word out and seek an RC in training who will come onboard so that Alan can teach him/her the ropes. Alan does not intend to leave the Board entirely. When he steps down as RC, he plans to pick up a different position on the Board, possibly as Treasurer.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the February Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. upon a motion made by Kelly, seconded by Beverly, followed by unanimous consent.

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