

**AYSO REGION 86
BOARD MEETING**

**MARCH 7, 2007
LEGION HALL**

Those in attendance of the March 7th Board Meeting were:

Gareth Butler	Richard Graham
Alan Caserio	Mark Itnyre
Tammy Caserio	Geoff Orias
Denise Coury	Ed Ornelas
Jeff Elghanayan	Nick Ross
Shawn Graf	Max Brown

The meeting was commenced at 7:05 p.m. upon a motion by Denise Coury and a second by Richard Graham.

Approval of February Minutes

Ed motioned for approval of the minutes of the February Board meeting, followed by a second by Richard Graham and subsequent unanimous Board approval.

Los Angeles Galaxy

Dan Cerwinski, Account Executive for the Los Angeles Galaxy, 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. The first home game is on April 12th and the season runs through late October. Dan expressed that he is open to suggestions about how to entice our region to do business with the Galaxy. He offered to be present at our April open registration. Ed inquired about a coaches' training session with the Galaxy. Shawn 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 March meeting were in favor of our region's purchase of Galaxy season tickets to be used as incentive and appreciation for region volunteers.

Treasurer's Report

Nick distributed the current balance sheet and indicated that there was not a lot to report. He is in possession of spring select player registration checks that needed to be deposited; \$2,500 from All Star registration paid for bags, uniforms and sweatshirts. Alan indicated that one-half of the costs of sweatshirts should come out of the spring budget.

Section Meeting

Alan circulated Section Meeting information and highly encouraged those who have never attended a section meeting to consider going. He indicated that it was a good place to see various vendors, etc. He asked that Board members please respond with a yes or no to his future email regarding Section Meeting attendance. He urged the Board to make decisions early so that the region could take advantage of discounted registration fees. He reiterated that our region would pay for the hotel room and that we were currently holding six rooms.

Alta Laguna Practice Field

We have acquired Alta Laguna as a practice field. U10 teams would get first priority for that field. Currently, two BU10 teams have reserved Alta Laguna for Friday practices; Gareth asked for Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m. Alan asked Ed to send emails to coaches announcing its availability.

Volunteer Appreciation

Referee meeting is scheduled for March 8th, 7:00 p.m., at the library in order to discuss the following:

- Area changes
- Long sleeve jerseys (blue/yellow)
- Offside rule
- Game sign-up

Alan proposes that the April 4th Board meeting be a social event (non-business), held at a local restaurant to show appreciation to the Board and other region volunteers for running our program. Spouses would also be invited. Alan asked that any venue ideas be forwarded by email to Tammy. Partners Bistro was suggested as a possible venue. Ed motioned for approval of an April 4th dinner, followed by a second by Gareth and unanimous Board approval.

Online Player Registration

Alan was hopeful that online registration would be activated by March 11th for region volunteers to sign up their players for discounted fee.

2007 Season Format

Alan urged the Board's motion for approval of the following program changes:

U7 and U8 divisions, assuming there are enough players

U9 and U10 divisions, assuming there are enough players

The additional divisions (U7 and U9) would allow us to send more players to the playoffs and to All Stars. Just about every region in the area is dividing up its lower divisions.

U8 division will have a modified offside rule.

If only one pool in playoff division, we'll conduct only one playoff game until more ref volunteers come forward. We have the fewest number of referees qualified to ref the upper divisions.

We are awaiting the Area's decision concerning ref points.

Mark motioned for approval of format changes as published on the web; Ed seconded, followed by unanimous Board approval.

Open Registration – April 28

Alan indicated that he would appreciate full Board participation with registration. Parents of spring players could fulfill their volunteer commitment by helping out for a two-hour window. He proposed that, because it's a privilege to play in the spring, if a spring parent does not volunteer, his/her child may be blacklisted from spring play next year.

Banners would be posted at Thurston, El Morro, TOW, the Itnyres' home and Courtesy Auto Body (S. Bakkum).

Tiffany is in charge of assembling volunteers (i.e. spring select parents) and registration materials. Tammy will order food for volunteers' consumption during registration. Alan and Shawn will coordinate booths, vendors and fundraising efforts.

Miscellaneous

Mark Itnyre announced that he was resigning from the Board, effective immediately; however, he indicated that he may still ref. Alan thanked Mark for his efforts on behalf of our region and extended an invitation to him to attend the April Board dinner.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the March 7th Board meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. upon a motion by Richard Graham and a second by Shawn Graf, followed by unanimous approval.

RC Alan Owen

RCA Ed Dunder

ARC R.W. Graham