

**AYSO REGION 86  
BOARD MEETING**

*APRIL 9, 2008  
VMCC – LEGION HALL*

Those in attendance of the April 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting were:

Alan Caserio	Richard Graham
Tammy Caserio	Stacey Mead
Martyn Christian	Scott Tenney
Denise Coury	Lynn Whitlock

**Commencement of Meeting**

The April Board meeting commenced at 7:08 p.m. upon a motion by Richard Graham and a second by Denise Coury.

**2008 Board**

Alan began by introducing tonight's meeting attendees. We currently have a full Board with the addition of the following members who have been appointed by Alan:

Martyn Christian	TBD; will serve in a Coaching or Refereeing capacity
Stacey Mead	Registrar
Scott Tenney	Safety Director
Lynn Whitlock	CVPA

**Review and Approval of March Minutes**

Alan asked if anybody had corrections to the March Minutes; there were none noted. Richard Graham motioned for approval of the March Minutes with a second by Martyn Christian, followed by unanimous approval.

**Treasurer/Budget Report**

Denise reported that there is approximately \$33K in the general account and between \$4-5K in the spring/tournament account. Alan cautioned to closely monitor the spring/tournament account as we still need to pay for fields. Denise will submit full reports at the May meeting and thereafter on a quarterly basis.

**Section Meeting Recap**

Alan thanked all those who attended and stated that hopefully more will be able to attend next year. In the meantime, new Board members must become certified in their respective positions. Alan will inform the new Board members of upcoming certification training dates.

**Springtacular (formerly known as RexTravaganza) and Other Tournaments**

Spring teams can go to tournaments as soon as the spring season is over. The following are some of the upcoming tournaments:

John Blanche Memorial (Area 11 only), Temecula	May 17, 18
Mission Viejo Classic	in June

Swallows Tournament, San Juan Capistrano  
Great Western Shootout (Richard Graham will be participating)

If interested, now is the time to apply. Contact Ed Ornelas (Coach Administrator) and write a deposit check to Region 86, then Region 86 will write a deposit check to the tournament. It is the responsibility of the coaches to collect money from the players.

Scott Tenney asked if tournament teams can be formed from various players. Alan responded that each tournament typically has stated rules and qualifications for play and to follow those guidelines; refer to National and Area websites for specific tournaments. Alan advised that tournament player rosters should be kept confidential in order to prevent unwanted phone calls from parents of uninvited players.

### **AYSO Region 86 Sponsored Camps**

Alan stated that we've "run into a little glitch." He submitted permits to the City for our summer camps and fields are available. However, the City now wants a 36/64 split (36% going to the City) because of what it perceives as outside vendors taking advantage of the opportunity and using our facilities/fields for free. Alan will follow up and attempt further negotiation.

### **Coach Report / Coach Training Dates**

Ed Ornelas is on vacation. Alan reported the following upcoming coach training:

Basic Training and Safe Haven: U6-U10	August 16 at Thurston
Intermediate Training: U12-U14	July 19-20 and August 16-17 at Thurston
Advanced Training: U16-U19	Refer to Area website

### **Referee Report / Referee Training Dates**

Geoff Orias is on vacation. Alan reported the following upcoming ref training:

August 23 at Thurston

October 1-2 – Alan is expecting a large turnout and is attempting to secure Boys and Girls Club as venue to avoid added expenditures such as last year's room rental at Women's Club.

### **Players Playing Up Policy**

As a result of some controversy last year, a policy was put in place with regard to players playing up. A player may play up if:

- the consensus is that he/she is capable of playing up
- parent has requested and strongly urged the play-up
- Alan approves the player for play-up
- our region is not displacing any kids in that age group

Once a player plays up, he/she should stay up.

### **Fall 2008 Format Approval**

Alan summarized the 2008 Format for the new Board members and referred them to our website for more detailed information. Scott Tenney indicated that the last two fall seasons were very frustrating for him with regard to ref points. "It's not clear that parents are aware of the need to be engaged." Alan stressed that there was ample notification at last year's registrations. Coaches must put the onus on the parents. Parents must know ahead of time that if teams do not have enough ref points, it's not the coach's fault

(assuming the coach has successfully communicated the consequences of not having enough ref points by the conclusion of the season).

**Other Business**

*BU14 Spring Player Replacement Request:* Danny Melita came to the Board meeting to request the Board's approval on a BU14 spring player matter. One of Danny's impact players, Blair Conklin, sustained an injury last week so Danny requested Board approval to temporarily replace Blair with Alex Iannotti. Although Alex is not a currently registered AYSO player, he occasionally attends Danny's practices and has been "helping out the team." Danny further stated that he has games on both Saturday and Sunday and that it would be an "easier and less stressful way to fill the void." Being that this is spring break week, he's already missing several players and will most likely be playing teams with full rosters.

Spring policy states that only those players who played in the previous fall season are qualified to play in the spring program.

The Board urged Danny to contact all waitlisted boys to determine if any would be interested in joining the team ~~on a temporary basis~~. Danny stressed that he would want to replace with a "like player." Alan suggested that Danny consider adding Alex to his roster as a 16<sup>th</sup> player; Danny declined.

After considerable discussion among the Board members and Danny, Danny's request was deemed inconceivable, first and foremost due to policy restrictions and, additionally, the fact that Alex would be required to register as a current player and pay the \$150 registration fee.

a 16<sup>th</sup> PLAYER

*Region 86 Scholarship:* Johnny Alvarez has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from our region; formal presentation will take place at a to-be-determined date. Area 11 also gives out four (4) \$1,000 scholarships. Alan encouraged the Board to spread the word to Laguna Beach children about qualifying (i.e. becoming an AYSO volunteer) in order to be able to apply for the scholarship.

**Registration Day**

Alan solicited help on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 p.m. at Thurston to clean and move tables into position for Registration Day. Additionally, Alan will be at Thurston on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. to set up and would appreciate any help.

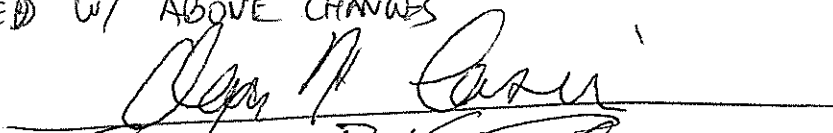
Alan summarized the format of and various duties on Registration Day. Coach and ref tables will be set up so parents can talk with Ed Ornelas and Geoff Orias about volunteering. Alan asked Martyn Christian to be available.


Martyn volunteered to coordinate and pick up the food and beverages for the volunteers.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the April Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. upon a motion by Richard Graham and a second by Scott Tenney, followed by unanimous approval.

APPROVED w/ ABOVE CHANGES

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