

**AYSO REGION 86
BOARD MEETING**

*September 3, 2008
VMCC – LEGION HALL*

Those in attendance of the September 3rd Board Meeting were:

Alan Caserio	Stacie Mead
Tammy Caserio	Geoff Orias
Gareth Butler	Ed Ornelas
Denise Coury	Sarah Pearlman
Kelly Fontenot	Tiffany Reinsch
Shawn Graf	Lynn Whitlock
Ken Greengard	

Commencement of Meeting

The September Board meeting commenced at 7:09 p.m. upon a motion by Ed Ornelas and a second by Denise Coury. All approved.

Review and Approval of July Minutes

Tiffany Reinsch motioned for approval of the July Minutes with a second by Shawn Graf, followed by unanimous approval. No changes were necessary.

Public Comments

Alan asked an attendee, Ken Greengard, if he was present to address the Board in connection with a season or player issue. He indicated that he was not there for a specific reason; he may be interested in joining our Board.

Treasurer/Budget Report

Denise distributed a copy of the registers for the general account and spring/tournament account and informed the Board that she would be meeting with Nick Ross on September 6th for help with Quicken and the account reports. Reports will be forthcoming shortly.

October 8th Board Meeting

Alan proposes that the October Board meeting will be very brief and may include only Alan and Denise to process and sign checks. In lieu of the October meeting, Alan would like to hold a Board Appreciation Dinner that will specifically honor Richard Graham. Spouses would be encouraged to attend. Tammy would work on the details of the dinner, with volunteered help from Shawn. A motion to hold a Board Appreciation Dinner honoring Richard Graham in lieu of an October Board meeting was made by Ed and seconded by Shawn. Approval was unanimous.

Fields Condition

All fields were lined on this day in the early morning. Lots of gopher holes at Moulton Meadows. There's also a big hole at Thurston. Gareth reported that the field lining looks really good. Alta and Thurston nets will be replaced. Alan mentioned that the El Morro field looks really dry but is hesitant to mention it to the District for fear of overwatering.

There is a SchoolPower function at El Morro on September 27th from 4:00 p.m., on. Any games that may conflict must be rescheduled.

Electricity at Alta Laguna

Gareth to contact Ron Lutz and inquire about the availability of electricity at Alta. We have asked the same food vendor from our April registration to come during Picture Day. Shawn will finalize the details once we get permission for the use of electricity and our vendor(s).

Payment of AYSO Camps to City

The City wants \$7.41/hour/field for use during our summer camps. Our per-player reimbursement from the camps will more than cover this expense.

Spring Field Payment

We are still awaiting an invoice from the District in connection with Spring soccer. Last year, we paid approximately \$2300/field/season.

Coach Training

Respective training courses will be conducted at Thurston and Boys & Girls Club. Alan has updated the website with location information. Safe Haven training will follow. Alan asked Ed to open eAYSO rosters for attendance for each division training and Safe Haven. Additionally, Ed to order materials for Kerry's class. All division managers are to contact their coaches. Alan distributed spreadsheets showing all divisions and coaches with color-coded columns for particular issues (i.e. missing volunteer applications, Safe Haven qualified, etc.). "We have been really lackadaisical and we're clamping down on it." Training attendees must keep their certifications and not rely on AYSO to keep all individual records.

Coach ID Cards

Alan gave Tiffany the cards for appropriate distribution.

AYSO Camps for U5-UK Coaches

Alan asked permission from the Board to run a Jamboree-style camp for the first six weeks. Alan would prefer professional training on fields instead of relying on inexperienced and unknowledgeable parents to get the U5 program going. The "U5 Jamboree Program" would occur from September 20th to October 25th, from 2-6 p.m. A motion to approve this Jamboree program/camp was made by Ed and seconded by Sarah. Approval was unanimous.

BU14/GU14 Division

Alan advised that we are adding a 16th player to this division's teams to accommodate all players on current waitlist.

GU12 Teams

Alan advised that we are adding a 15th player to these teams to accommodate all girls on current waitlist. All player replacements will be made based on same or similar skill level.

New Parents Meeting

Will be conducted on September 14th at Boys & Girls Club at 7:00 p.m. Alan indicated that if any Board members would like to attend, he'd appreciate the support. Parents will be solicited to become active volunteers in our program.

Back-To-School Nights

Division Managers are to notify their coaches that there will be no practices conducted at the respective school's Back-To-School Nights after 5:00 p.m.

Referee Update/Scheduling/Classes/Party

Geoff indicated that there are several open referee spots for the weekend but they will be filled. There is a returning referee party on Friday, September 5th at 6:00 p.m. at Kerry's house. Sarah indicated that there will be Greek and Mexican food, live entertainment, beverages. Random drawings will be conducted for Simon Mall certificates. Additionally, Sarah to pick up movie certificates.

A Basic Referee Course will be held at Boys & Girls Club on October 1st and 2nd from 6-10 p.m. Geoff advised that an Intermediate Course will most likely take place over a few weekdays. Alan assured Geoff that the Intermediate Course is a 16-hour course. Geoff to work with Denise on scheduling venues.

U5 Division

Alan indicated that this division is totally full and we must address it. Kelly Fontenot to lend assistance.

GU6

We may need another coach for GU6. There are five teams and game scheduling currently indicates a bye every week.

K-League Opening Day

September 20th. Alan asked Board members to come and help out to greet coaches, teach how to get games started up, etc. Gareth, Kelly, Stacie and Lynn committed their assistance. Lynn asked for division-appropriate guidelines. Alan referred her to U5/U6 season format on our website.

Picture Day – September 27th ONLY – Alta Laguna

All teams are scheduled for our one Picture Day this year. All U6 teams' games are scheduled between 8am and 1pm; and all U5 teams' games are scheduled between 2pm and 6pm. Alan stressed the importance that all teams show up, particularly for sponsor plaques.

Regional Assessment Program (RAP)

Alan reported that, last year, our region was awarded the bronze award. We do not qualify for a higher award because we do not have a Safety Director nor do we have an auditor. Otherwise, we qualify in many respects for the silver award.

October/November Coach Meetings

Division managers take note! Check website! Player ratings, possible All-Star recognition, pictures, pins, trophies will be distributed at Coach meetings. Attendance at these meetings is important for recruitment in many areas.

State of the Region

Alan read the policy in connection with player registration. Flyers were handed out during Registration. Division U14 and above – some other regions have a policy to cancel weekend games if there is not full referee coverage by the prior Thursday night. Alan shared that he has been thinking a lot about what's wrong with our region. This has been the hardest year for him as there are more and more burdens on him. Alan needs more people doing their jobs; his role as regional commissioner should be more of a "conductor." This overburdening has affected his ability to be productive at work.

Alan suggested the following for Spring program implementation and stated, "Division Managers are key to making our jobs easy." If we don't have a Division Manager that can commit to three years minimum, then the division that falls under that Division Manager will be pulled from our region.

Division Manager = miniature Regional Commissioner

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the September Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. upon a motion by Ed Ornelas and a second by Geoff Orias, followed by unanimous approval.

SPECIAL ADDENDUM TO SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES:

On September 9th, Geoff Orias sent an email to the Board indicating that "Currently, our region's policies do not allow any referee who referees a U8 game to assign those points to a U10-U19 team... we do not have very many youth referees that are willing to be the "center" referee – most prefer to do assistant referee positions and mainly the reason for this is to reduce the potential for referee abuse..."

Geoff made a motion that the referee point system be revised to include the following: **Points for refereeing U8 games may not be assigned to U10-U19 team *with the exception* of those points earned by youth referees. Points earned refereeing U10-U19 games may be assigned to any U8-U19 team.** Tiffany seconded the motion, followed by "Ayes" from Sarah, Ed, and Denise. No "Nays" were received.