

**AYSO REGION 86
BOARD MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2007
LEGION HALL**

Those in attendance of the September 5th Board Meeting were:

Gareth Butler	Danny Melita
Alan Caserio	Geoffrey Orias
Tammy Caserio	Ed Ornelas
Denise Coury	Sarah Pearlman
Shawn Graf	Nick Pivaroff
Richard Graham	Tiffany Reinsch
Hillary Hillemann	Nick Ross
David LeBon	Lynn Whitlock

The meeting was commenced at 7:02 p.m. upon a motion duly made by Tiffany, seconded by Geoff, which was unanimously carried.

Approval of July Minutes

Alan invited corrections to the July Minutes as he had been notified of errors.

The first suggested correction was that Geoff Orias was approved by the Board as having *voting rights* (no matter his position on the Board), not that he was taking over the position of RRA (as reflected in the July Minutes).

The second suggested correction was with regard to the designation of CVPA. Alan indicated that Lynn Whitlock was a possible and strong candidate for CVPA but was not, in fact, named to the position; no correction to the July Minutes was made.

The third suggested correction was with regard to Sarah's current position on the Board. Misunderstandings existed concerning Ed Ornelas' position of RCA and whether Sarah was taking over the position indefinitely or on an interim basis. Alan suggested that Ed, Sarah and he meet together at the end of the fall season to determine whether or not Ed will be returning. In the meantime, Tiffany motioned that Sarah serve as RCA for the fall 2007 season; Geoff seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried. Sarah will continue to receive RRA emails as well.

Non-Agenda Item: National Games

Alan announced that we will officially decline the BU16 invitation to the National Games.

Treasurer's Report

Nick distributed the current balance sheet and financial reports. Current expenses that will effect the \$122K+ account balance are uniforms, medals, pins, referee coins, field lining, etc.

Geoff inquired about the budget for referee incentives. Nick and Alan defined the appropriate budget line item as "5274- Awards/Trophies."

Nick announced to the Board that we should be on the lookout for his successor as treasurer.

Refund Policy

Alan identified this as his third year as commissioner. He is appalled at how many parents allow their children to drop out of the program after team allocations, uniform purchases, etc. have been made. AYSO is a child development program. Players need to commit to their respective teams; thus, Alan recommends that, effective fall 2008, changes be made in the refund policy. In a nutshell, no refunds will be made after teams are formed (i.e. July 31st). There will be exceptions in individual cases.

Alan distributed a draft letter and asked the Board to review it for possible revisions/approval at the October Board meeting.

U14/U16 Schedule

Above schedules have been posted on our region's website. Changes will only be reflected on the Area website, so Alan recommends that confirmation of games be checked against the Area website.

Re: GU14 – There are three teams and eight girls on the waitlist. Alan asked the Board if the overflow girls should be placed on teams based on player's registration date or with regard to keeping the teams balanced. "Sarah will place players on team based on player ranking and keeping team in balance." Upon a motion duly made by Sarah, seconded by Hillary, the motion was unanimously carried. All girls not placed on a team will receive a letter of explanation with a refund.

Re: GU12 – Five girls have dropped off; there are six waitlisted. Currently, there are:

3 teams with 13 players
3 teams with 12 players
1 team with 11 players

Coach Update/Coach ID Cards

Sarah reported that two coaches are not certified. We are missing volunteer forms from some of the coaches and assistant coaches. Another U10 course is probably needed.

Late Registrants/Team Placement

Alan asked that division managers log onto the system and place players whose registration forms were distributed by him. Kids need to be placed on teams ASAP. Send email to parents about their child's placement and direct parents to contact the coach for team information.

Henceforth, Alan will forward all emails that should go to division managers accordingly. Alan expressed his utmost appreciation to the division managers. Uniforms for divisions can be picked; please contact Tammy. U14 and above can be budgeted higher; U12 and below should order inexpensive uniforms.

Fields

Gareth reported, "Most are pretty good; some are so-so." Initial field layouts are done. Moulton Meadows is in better shape than usual but there is still a problem with holes. Will try to fill holes.

Where two games are taking place on adjacent fields, spectators should stay on one side of the field and divide sides.

Alan gave Gareth extra keys and a list of additional volunteers for field coordination.

Hillary suggested that Sarah or division managers send out emails about trash left on fields (which has been out of control), particularly after practices.

Alan is asked for a volunteer to place nets at Alta Laguna. Nets have been installed elsewhere and all goals are set at all fields.

Re: Baseball at Alta Laguna on Thursdays. Not certain if it's high school baseball or Little League. There are more kids playing soccer than those playing Little League. If it's the high school, we've got a problem. Gareth will assess and report back.

K-League Team Formation

Kelly Fontenot is K-League coordinator.

All Stars/Spring Select

Alan informed all that at the last Area meeting, the executive level voted out (10-2) the All Star program for this season: all divisions, based on numerous reasons. Alan to post this information on the website. This will allow for the formation of spring teams almost immediately after the fall season. Spring Select practices start February 1st. The problem will be in securing fields. Spring teams will be based on how many impact players are able to play. Tournament teams will probably consist of a majority of spring players.

Upcoming tournaments are: Thanksgiving Tournament, San Clemente and a tournament in February, Laguna Niguel.

Returning Referee Party

Reminder of party on Friday night, Sept. 7th at Kerry's house.

Area vs Region Referee Point System

Geoff indicated that one big difference is that the Area is making each team identify who its one ref is. Ref should have relationship with player on team. Our region's ref point system is harder than Area's in some ways, but easier in other ways. "Kind of a wash." Coaches to assert themselves in getting one new parent referee from each team. U10 referee points may be allocated to higher divisions. Hillary inquired about the cause of the ref shortage. There are 50 referees with kids in the program who have not turned in volunteer forms. Hillary stressed that the point system must be enforced. Geoff has already emailed divisions managers to inform coaches about ref clinics and further indicated that there are four upcoming clinics.

Picture Day – September 22nd; Make-up – October 13th

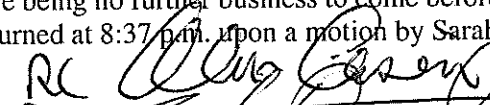
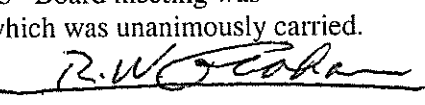
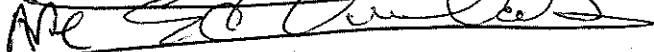
Schedule has been generated and provided to photographer. Alan is looking for a Picture Day Coordinator for fall 2008. David LeBon indicated that he might be interested in the position. Alan to send picture schedule to David.

Volunteer Appreciation Night

\$5K budget. Woman's Club is a possible venue. Alan indicated that Region 84-Mission Viejo does a casino night. Suggestions made that Appreciation Night occur in early December, mid-week. Denise, Shawn and Tiffany to coordinate.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the September 5th Board meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. upon a motion by Sarah and a second by Hillary, which was unanimously carried.

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