

**AYSO REGION 86
BOARD MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2006
LEGION HALL**

Those in attendance of the September 6th Board Meeting were:

Alan Caserio	Hillary Hillemann
Tammy Caserio	Geoff Orias
Denise Coury	Ed Ornelas
Wendi Dvorak	Tiffany Reinsch
Frank Ebrahimi	Nick Ross

Commencement of Meeting

The September Board meeting was commenced at 7:18 p.m. upon a motion by Denise Coury and a second by Ed Ornelas.

Review and Approval of May and July Board Meeting Minutes

Alan offered that he saw nothing wrong upon his review of the May and July Meeting Minutes. Those Minutes were unanimously approved upon a motion by Ed Ornelas and a second by Tiffany Reinsch.

Public Comments

Alan asked for any public comments. None were made.

Treasurer's Report

Nick Ross distributed the current Balance Sheet and ancillary reports. The 8/31/2006 report shows a balance of \$115,000; Alan reported that there is now approximately \$74,000 in the account. Approximately \$20,000 in checks fees have yet to be deposited. Alan asked Nick if he would have time to go to the bank the following morning to complete a deposit before leaving town.

Alan reported that there are 1032 players registered, up over 100 from last year. This marks the best enrollment ever in Region 86.

Fields

Gareth Butler was not in attendance. Alan reported that there are some problems with the fields, chief being that there is a baseball backstop in the way at Thurston. The backstop is out too far which leaves room for only one soccer field. Alan told the powers that be that we need a resolution. Alta Laguna is too small; Thurston is critical.

Goals: Two sets of goals will be delivered soon to El Morro and TOW. Hillary expressed gratitude for the use of the El Morro field. Frank inquired about field lining and reported that it's faint at El Morro.

Hillary wanted to put to rest any rumors that she was very assertive with a maintenance worker at El Morro, demanding that the sprinklers be turned off so that she could conduct a practice one morning. She assured the Board that Messrs. Duddy and Jetta gave her permission to use the field in the morning. Hillary proposes that, going forward, timeslots be allocated during the beginning of the season, before

school is in session, for morning practices. Alan suggested that we look into pulling permits for earlier practice times next year.

Coach Update

Ed addressed sharing of practice slots with Club Soccer. This week, only some teams asked to practice during an available timeslot. Ed urged all to refer to the website for the practice matrix.

All coaching slots are filled. Ed called Etienne during the meeting to inquire if Etienne is going to coach and, if not, if he has a replacement in mind. Ed and Etienne will be in further contact.

Coaches Classes: Ed reported that it was "standing room only" at the classes. Rick Davis, AYSO National Executive Director/AYSO Hall of Famer, gave an outstanding speech. Alan publicly thanked Ed for rallying and really getting everything going this year. Ed recognized the division managers for their successful efforts. Ed indicated that the division managers made his job much easier.

Referee Update

Geoff reported that there have been rule changes with regard to the ref program:

- *Substitutions (U16/U19 games):* Up to six free substitutions can be made, at the discretion of the center ref, at any time when the ball is not in play. It is urged that subs not disrupt the flow of the game. Rapid restarts are expected. Alan indicated that this rule change is in line with FIFA rules.
- *Substitutions with regard to Injuries (U14 and above):* If a coach or an adult enters the field to assist an injured player, that injured player must exit the field and a sub must step in. Alan feels we should not adopt this rule for intra-region play.
- *Area Playoffs regarding Overtime:* In a tied game, if the team's coach cannot get the line-up formed for the kicks the ref can form the line-up.

Misconduct Administrator: Geoff indicated that he will serve in this capacity, as requested by Sarah.

Ref Training. The August 26th training was successful; 27 refs were trained. There are upcoming classes on September 18th and 19th. There will possibly be a latecomers class scheduled on October 1st or 8th.

Alan thanked Geoff, Sarah and Judy for all their efforts and stressed that we all are aware of the importance of having good refs in order to realize a successful program.

K-League

Alan reported that everything seems to be under control. Kelly Fontenot is the division manager for K-League. There are 14 K-League teams presently formed. Alan inquired of Hillary and Tiffany if flyers should be distributed in an attempt to increase K-League enrollment. The consensus was that it isn't necessary. K-League begins at the end of September. The K-League Parents' Meeting is scheduled on September 17th with a Coaches' Meeting on September 19th. U6 Coaches' training scheduled for September 24th.

Alan would like to invite all players' parents to a meeting in order to explain AYSO, what it's about and what's expected. Parents need to know what's beyond K-League. Alan reported that we have the most trouble with parents and coaches at the U8 and U10 levels, in part due to the formation of bad habits at the K-League level.

Picture Days – Alta Laguna Park

U8 through U19 September 23rd
K-League/Make-Up October 14th

We will use the same photographer as last year. Alta Laguna seems to be the preferred location for Picture Day, as it offers the most parking.

All Star Coaches

Now is the time to start thinking about All Star coaches. Ideally, a list of All Star coaches should be ready by October 24th. Alan urged division managers to help recruit All Star coaches with Ed's guidance.

Miscellaneous

Artwork. Alan circulated a sample of the artwork that will go onto players' t-shirts this year. Mitch Kruger is donating the t-shirts.

LBHS Field and Lights at El Morro. Alan attended the School Board meeting to inquire about AYSO's use of the high school field. He will meet with Dr. Austin, LBHS' new principal, to discuss further. He will also inquire about the likelihood of installing lights at El Morro, thus working with the State Park authorities and LB School District.

Survivability of Region 86. Alan brought up the long-term survival of AYSO in Laguna Beach. We must push hard this season to recruit more Board members in order to be able to carry on. Alan appreciates the role of Regional Commissioner, but he emphasized that he needs more people to whom he can delegate responsibilities. "What we've built up can evaporate overnight." We need a full Board in order to take the burden off of Ed and him. Alan would like all division managers to become Board members. Additionally, we need division managers in place and overseeing each division. Alan indicated that U8 is probably the best division from which to recruit parents to become involved.

Roundtable

Practice Slots @ Fields. Hillary believes that Club may be taking advantage of the fields. She reported that Club had four teams practicing on Thurston's field on Wednesday. Club has exclusivity of Moulton Meadows on Tuesdays and Thursdays; the remaining slots are ours. Ed will communicate with Etienne and work out scheduling for AYSO. One slot means one team; Etienne needs to understand that. Division U14 teams have preference for second practice period (over Club's option).

Team Balance. Tiffany stressed that, going forward, inexperienced players should be ranked low. She ended up with three inexperienced players on her team and, as a result, claims she is spending a lot of practice time going over rules of basic play on a U12 team. Hillary added that she feels players are force-ranked. Alan offered that we need good, dedicated division managers to resolve this. The division managers, under Ed's direction, should rank players and oversee team formations. Alan should have nothing to do with team formation. Alan stated that the complaints about team balancing are premature, as no games have yet been played. He expressed concern that there is an emphasis on winning and not the AYSO philosophy in that the emphasis should be on fun.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the September 6th Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m. upon a motion by Denise Coury and a second by Ed Ornelas.

APPROVED

Alan Ornelas

TREASURER Mitch Kruger