

AYSO REGION 86
LAGUNA BEACH
BOARD MEETING
September 7, 2005

MINUTES

Those in attendance of the September 7, 2005 Board Meeting were:

Alan Caserio
Tammy Caserio
Gareth Butler
Denise Coury
Richard Graham

Hillary Hillemann
Mark Itnyre
Ed Ornelas
Sarah Pearlman
Nick Ross

The Board Meeting commenced at 7:06 p.m. with a motion made by Richard Graham, seconded by Ed Ornelas. Alan Caserio opened the meeting by recognizing the Laguna residents in attendance for the purpose of addressing the Board. While their issues would be addressed at the beginning of the meeting, Alan indicated that the Board would not render decisions on their respective matters until the end of the meeting.

Approval of July Meeting Minutes

Alan remarked that he had no comments on the July Minutes. Approval of July Meeting Minutes noted.

Public Forum

Howard Hills – Daughter/player, Lura Hills. Mr. Hills prefaced his remarks to the Board by indicating that he started his kids in soccer in 1992 and that this was the first time he's asked anybody to do anything for his kids. Lura's date of birth is October 13, 1991 and she wants to play at the level she's been playing during the last couple years. Her typical position is that of goalkeeper or defense and is not a high-profile payer but would like to improve. In the 9th grade, Lura played on a GU14 team. Hillary indicated that she should be playing with high school girls. Alan stopped the discussion and stated that the GU16 team is full and further indicated that if she remains on the GU14 team she might be an all-star. Alan stated that is she is moved up, she will be denied all-star player opportunities. ***Board Vote: Unanimous consent of Board in favor of moving Lura Hills to GU16 team.***

Bill Christiansen – Son/player, Liam. Mr. Christiansen was in attendance to request a team switch. He indicated that he has coached for 25 years at the high school level and many years at the youth level and fully understands the difficulty in team formation. However, his wife had major knee surgery and he is extremely busy. They are not familiar with any people on Liam's BU8 team. Mr. Christiansen remarked, "Liam is an average player, not terrible but no ringer." The problem is that they don't feel comfortable with their son being carpooled by strangers and they know people on three of the other teams where they would be comfortable. Sarah assessed that Liam's emergency contacts are all on other teams. Mr. Christiansen stressed that they are

asking because of need, not convenience. **Board Vote: 7-1 vote opposed to moving Liam Christiansen to another team.**

Jodi Clauson-Cook – Daughter/player, Hannah Cook. An assistant coach and friend of family, Tim, was in attendance and generally spoke on behalf of Ms. Clauson-Cook. Ms. Clauson-Cook has transportation issues being that she is a single, working (works three jobs) mother. They are requesting that Hannah be placed on Chuck Kinder's team for transportation issues in addition to the fact that Hannah has indicated she will only play on his team. Alan brought up the issue of team balance. Ed indicated that Hannah is a rated 2 player and that there are three teams with 11 players. **Board Vote: 6-1 vote (with one member, Hillary, abstaining) in favor of moving Hannah Cook to Kinder's team.**

Charles Rieckhoff – Coach, GU14. Dave Lumley, another GU14 coach to whom Charles was an assistant, was traveling in Norway when the call for another GU14 head coach was made. Charles' #1 concern is that the girls get the support needed for a successful season. Dave Lumley will apparently be out-of-pocket towards the end of the season and he and Charles had worked out their respective schedules for the benefit of the team. Since Charles has stepped up to be the head coach for the lacking GU14 team, there may be an issue for Lumley's team. Ed has a phone call in to another candidate to help out or step up to coach. Alan indicated that next year, in an effort to avoid this type of situation, teams will only be formed based on the number of coaches available by August 1st.

Confidential Items/Board Conduct

Alan requested that the Laguna residents step out of the meeting, stating that a confidential executive meeting was to be conducted. Alan informed the Board that, as a Board member, it is necessary that we be aware of all policies, the duration of the season and other matters. Always speak kindly of past Board members. Alan mentioned that in the past two to three weeks, he and Ed can attest to the fact that over a dozen emails have come in. Please uphold policies and be mindful that Alan needs the complete back-up of the Board on any decisions. Alan asked the Board if there are any confidential issues that need to be addressed at this time. Hillary indicated that as the CVPA, Hillary should have a copy of any letters addressing abuse issues, with a second notification to Alan. If there are any safety issues, they need to be addressed first to Mark Itnyre, then to Alan. The Board must maintain confidentiality on these issues.

Mark indicated that if he were a parent coming to the Board and then was dismissed because of an "executive meeting," he would be taken aback. Alan indicated that his point was well taken.

Treasurer's Report

Balance Sheet as of August 31 was distributed. The "savings account" showing a \$305.99 balance was to be a "tournament account." Alan inquired about checking availability on that account and Nick affirmed that it is has checking availability. Budget date should be changed to February 1st. Nick indicated that there is approximately \$10,000 yet to be deposited. Nick will reconcile the number of players this year with the fees received. It was reiterated that refunds must be requested.

Budget vs. Actuals. Alan informed Nick that the Budget must be posted on the website by October 1st.

Fields

Gareth reported that all fields are lined except Alta Laguna which needs to be overlapped with white. Fields will be ready and "looking good" for opening game day. Must tolerate existing nets this weekend at the schools. Alta Laguna is not in very good condition; it was in much better condition last year. TOW is over-watered. Sprinklers were to be cut off; will follow up. Richard Graham to approach the city and school district about over-watering as a safety issue in order to get it resolved. Richard indicated that he does not have a key for El Morro for the first game. Alan addressed Gareth about the issue of "how to line a field." Gareth should get volunteers for each field. Bathrooms will be open if requested and paid for.

Goal Delivery

Delivery imminent of a new set of goals for Thurston and new nets for TOW and El Morro goals. Alan needs assistance for goal delivery; requested help from Mark, Ed and Gareth. Charles Rieckhoff offered his assistance.

Coach Update

Coach Clinic moved to Sunday, September 25th, 2-5 p.m., Safe Haven – U6. Ed thanked the Board for the flowers sent upon hearing of his father's death and for help with the clinics. All coach positions filled but need to address GU14 open issue. Mark indicated that he does not have a full team (BU14). Not feasible to play other Area teams with a minimum number of players on a team. Area is disorganized in scheduling matters. Alan asked Ed to pin down dates for coaches at the end of the season for player ratings. Ratings should be made during last week of October, with U6 and U8 ratings in early November. Soccer pictures, pins and t-shirts will be distributed to the coaches for their kids upon their attendance of rating meetings.

Coaches should be recognized for their commitment. Alan proposes that Ed do occasional things for the coaches. Sarah emphasized that many coaches feel they have no support.

Game Scheduling

Mark Itnyre questioned the point of playing in the Area if scheduling isn't done and we're getting "TBD"s. Alan suggested that nothing be done with regard to the TBDs on Sundays. We do not have to play Sunday games; it does nothing to our standings. If individual coaches want to play, they need to find a field, identify refs, etc. Alan further stated that he is opposed to two games on the weekend and more than one practice per week. Alan provided the Area with enough slots for scheduling, ½ home, ½ away games.

Hillary indicated that Region 86 does not have a competitive program and that players leave AYSO if they want to play competitively. Alan indicated that a program would be supported if our volunteer base were stronger.

Club paid AYSO \$2000 to play at El Morro on Sunday mornings. El Morro field is available to AYSO on Sunday afternoons if we desire to play.

Referee Update

Basic referee classes will be conducted on September 21 and 23. There is a referee party scheduled on Friday, September 9th, 6-9 p.m. at Kerry's house, 31672 Scenic; Board is invited. Sarah is looking for more referees; we have a lot of youth refs. Game scheduling conflicts effect ref availability. Sarah to concentrate on upper divisions, U16 and U19, first. Alan indicated that the software program has a quirk. When refs log onto the system, games they can ref are not tailored.

Alan gave an action item to Ed to email all coaches that there is a no-tolerance policy on youth refs and the abuse of rules and regulations or trading of players. Will result in strict disciplinary actions. Hillary heard that some BU8 coaches are talking about trading players.

K-League Registration

Tiffany was not in attendance of meeting. Hillary inquired about a flyer for K-League registration. Alan advised that he would call Tiffany and ask her to call Hillary. If Tiffany can't oversee the process, it won't be done. Hillary is "let off the hook" unless Tiffany contacts her.

K-League Opening Day

Opening Day is October 1st. Alan asked that each Board member show up at games to show support and to guide coaches that there should be only two coaches and ten players on the field. There should be seven players on each team with substitutions. Bad habits carry through to subsequent years if not corrected early. Board members should wear "official shirt." Alan to ask Cindy to attend a lot of the games.

Safety/Regional Assessment Program

2005 Application packet – submittal in October. Mark believes that next year we may be at the silver or gold level. Mark does not feel support from volunteer group or Area. May have to disband teams because of lack of volunteer base. Next year we must be sticklers and not form teams without coaches.

Volunteers

Hillary needs wet signatures for background checks. Ed to put out email to coaches and assistant coaches to fill out volunteer application.

National Games Update (GU14)

All-star or team – must play through spring. Richard Graham to coach National Games? Will explore.

Recruitment of New Board Members

For replacement or addition.

Golden Spoon Sponsorship / Other Sponsorships

Golden Spoon is requesting recognition for their support of AYSO. Mark made a motion for such recognition, seconded by Nick, followed by unanimous Board consent. Alan mentioned desired solicitation of the two new restaurants at Newport Coast center for sponsorship.

Other Business

Spring Select discussions should commence in late November, not December.

Formal adjournment of the September 7th Board Meeting at 9:41 p.m., motioned by Sarah, seconded by Richard.

Next Board meeting scheduled for October 12th at Lang Park.

RC Alan Connerio

RCA Ed O'Connell

ARL R. W. Fisher