

**AYSO REGION 86
BOARD MEETING**

***OCTOBER 11, 2006
VMCC – LEGION HALL***

Those in attendance of the October 11th Board Meeting were:

Gareth Butler	Mark Itnyre
Alan Caserio	Danny Melita
Denise Coury	Geoffrey Orias
Kay Fernandez	Sarah Pearlman
Richard Graham	Nick Ross
Hillary Hilleman	

Commencement of Meeting

The October Board meeting commenced at 7:04 p.m. upon a motion by Denise Coury and a second by Geoffrey Orias.

Review and Approval of September Minutes

Alan asked if anybody had any corrections to the September Minutes; there were none. Geoffrey motioned for approval of the September Minutes which was seconded by Nick.

Treasurer's Report

Nick reported that he had about 14 refund checks to send out. He had no reports to distribute this month due to his travel schedule. Alan reiterated that the refund policy stipulates that refunds will not be given until October.

We received \$2000 from Club for the fields and \$1100 from Andy Thomas for summer camps. We are still awaiting payment from UCI for the Soccer Direct summer camp. There are 1,063 registered players in our region, minus non-playing registered players and yet-to-be-refunded players.

New Board Member – Kay Fernandez

Alan welcomed Kay to the Region 86 Board. Kay performed the data entry for the region. Alan indicated that he hopes for a lengthy duration of her volunteerism.

Picture Day

Denise reported that Picture Day seemed to go smoothly. Most of the volunteers showed up and the day ran pretty close to schedule. Denise brought up that, in the future, we should be more sensitive to the scheduling of Picture Day, as it fell on Rosh Hashana this year. Alan indicated that we need to address that early in the calendar year. Fundraising efforts on Picture Day netted \$175 for our region.

All Stars

The purpose of the impending coaches' meetings is to gather player ratings and all-star nominations, and to select all-star coaches with division managers' approvals. Players' pictures, t-shirts and pins will be distributed to the coaches at respective meetings. Medals will be given to the top four teams in competitive divisions. Alan emphasized that ratings are needed from all divisions. Hillary asked if forced rankings are going to be reconsidered. Players should be ranked according to division skill and should be the collective idea of the coaches. U16 and U19 divisions will not turn in ratings or all-star nominations.

Hillary pointed out that Laguna Beach must cater to all types of players and we must find a way to support all. Alan wants a semi-finalized form from the coaches at meetings so that we can proceed with data entry. There will be no rating for non-experienced players. Alan stated that we need dedicated division managers to scrutinize the rankings.

Mark volunteered that he will personally contact U14 players to inquire about Club experience.

Parental Behavior

Alan solicited the Board's help in monitoring parental behavior. He urged Board members to make contact with police if an altercation seems to be escalating towards violence. The center ref is the official in behavioral issues.

Dogs on Fields

Although dogs are prohibited from being on school grounds, owners will continue to bring their furry friends. Until the school district strictly enforces the no dog policy, AYSO cannot be expected to police the situation. Alan did instruct the Board to inform the referee if there is a problem dog. We do not want AYSO to be involved if there is a dog fight.

Fields

Alan suggested that the region consider hiring a professional company to stripe the soccer fields. The coaches should not have to worry about striping the fields. We need coordination of volunteers. "We must have a way to manage this; and we can't manage it." When a parent volunteers for Fields online, that parent must be contacted within a week after registration. We should determine if hiring a professional makes better sense than continuing with the status quo. Gareth told the Board that he would like to be notified if fields are not striped.

K-League

Alan is looking for suggestions for better team formation of K-League due to the high drop-out rate.

Playoffs

Playoffs for the U12 and U14 divisions will be conducted on weekdays at the end of the month. U10 playoffs will be conducted on November 4th at Thurston and the games will be 25-30 minutes in duration. Championship games will be conducted on November 18th with trophies going to the winners. Semi-finalists will get medals. After every pool play game, there will be a shootout, regardless of the winner. Any tie will result in a shootout.

Board Term and Volunteers

Alan indicated that at the March 2007 meeting, his and the existing Board's term are up. He stressed that we need to fill Board positions and get more parents involved in the program.

Miscellaneous

Mark alerted Alan and the Board that he is getting computer viruses and spam from forwarded AYSO emails.

Ref Points

Sarah reported that U16 and U19 teams need ref points for Area playoffs. Geoffrey motioned that ref points be allowed to be assigned down to lower divisions – to U8. Mark seconded the motion, and the motion was approved upon unanimous consent from the Board.

Mark made a motion that the number of required ref points be reduced to 8 for the U19 division. The motion carried upon consent by a majority of the Board.

The purpose of the ref point system is not for playoffs qualification but to get more parents involved in volunteering. Ref points are given towards volunteering for things that directly benefit the referee system.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the October Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m. upon a motion by Denise Coury and a second by Mark Itnyre.

APPROVED

AL Alan Casiri

RCA Edna Douglas

ARG R.W. Gentry