

**AYSO REGION 86
BOARD MEETING**

***OCTOBER 12, 2005
LANG PARK COMMUNITY CENTER***

Those in attendance of the October 12th Board Meeting were:

Alan Caserio	Mark Itnyre
Tammy Caserio	Ed Ornelas
Denise Coury	Sarah Pearlman
Richard Graham	Tiffany Reinsch
Hillary Hillemann	Nick Ross

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. with a motion by Richard Graham, seconded by Sarah Pearlman.

Approval of September Meeting Minutes

The September Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved after a motion was made by Nick Ross, seconded by Richard Graham.

Treasurer's Report

Nick distributed the Balance Sheet as of 9/30/2005 which included a Budget vs. Actual Report. Comment was made about the uniform expense being considerably over-budget. Alan remarked that extra K-League uniforms were purchased.

Fields and player fees must still be paid. There are a total of 968 registered players (including scholarship players); not all have paid. A lot of players who dropped out did not request a refund. Alan emphasized again that any requests for refunds must be made per AYSO policy that is posted on the website.

Alan turned in the Region 86 Budget to the Area but has not yet received any comments.

State of the Union

Alan addressed the Board with gratitude and stated that, all in all, things are going pretty well. The coaches' meetings are all set and those who attend will receive their respective team pictures, pins and t-shirts (shirts ordered through Clayton). Alan reiterated that if coaches don't attend meeting, they don't get any of their stuff.

Picture Day

Denise offered that the "jury is still out" on the photographer due to a few mishaps but, ideally, we would prefer not to have to photographer-shop again next year. Alan indicated that on-time delivery, as promised, will be the deal-maker or breaker. The Board was in agreement that the photography taking place at Alta Laguna Park was preferred to other locations, especially due to a better parking situation.

Referee Coverage – Playoffs

Sarah remarked that the youths are doing okay but that adults need to show up as mentors. More adults are needed to give feedback and guidance to youth refs. Sarah wants to see that every team provides one or two refs. Mark commented that he had problems refereeing because of the late delivery of game schedules. Sarah indicated that our region has yet to have one weekend with full ref coverage. Hillary offered that parents can be sideline refs with the presence of a good center ref. Sarah expressed her frustration with the amount of time it takes to get refs to commit, i.e. phone calls, emails. She stated that the problems lie with the parents in the younger divisions.

Alan called order to the meeting stating that there is "not a whole lot ~~was~~^{we} can do right now." He indicated concern that refs are not allocating their points to teams. All refs must go to the "Referees' Corner" link on the website in order to allocate points.

There are ample opportunities available for refs – clinics, training, but Laguna people are not showing up. Further discussion will be tabled until the January Board Meeting. The Board must contemplate how to form 2006 teams based on volunteerism. We must ensure we have enough refs and coaches to support the number of assigned teams. Mutual agreement must be made by both teams' coaches to allow a parent from one of the teams to be center ref.

Ref discussion was concluded with a singing of the *Birthday Anthem* to Sarah, after which she left the Meeting for another engagement.

Coaches Meetings, Playoffs, Ratings, All-Stars

Ed indicated that the Safe Haven Clinic was held for K-League, which was poorly attended by Laguna. Ed expressed concern that some of the K-League coaches aren't certified.

Everybody is aware that teams need points to advance to the playoffs, otherwise it's not fair to the coaches who ref a lot of games. There will be some disappointed coaches towards the end of the season.

There has been a lot of feedback received that this season has the most balanced teams.

Coaches must rank players and select All-Star nominees in preparation of attendance of coaches' meetings. Alan stressed that the coaches should decide on the All-Stars. Hillary mentioned a pet-peeve of hers in that it is important that coaches nominate kids based on performance in their individual positions and that the coaches should identify positions for players.

Alan indicated that the philosophy of how a team is assembled is entirely up to the All-Star coach. All-Star participation is totally optional. If an All-Star coach isn't available for the division, then there will not be an All-Star team. Divisional coaches select All-Star coach. All-Star coach will receive form letter as invitation, including costs associated, from the Board. The invited player's family will accept or decline. All-Star practices will commence on December 15th, with two games in January.

Alan instructed Tiffany that it is the Registrar's job to switch selected players from inactive to All-Star. When there's money involved, a player will not be placed on a team without payment.

WEEKENDS OF MATCHES

Further discussion about All-Stars to take place at the November Board Meeting.

Parental Behavior

Most responses to the email sent by the Board to all Region 86 players' families were positive. Alan suggested that if a Board member is approached about the email, you should ask, "Was there anything in that email that was applicable to you?"

Player Rating/Ranking System

Hillary informed the Board that a sliding scale was used last year. Scale should remain simple. She remarked that players don't always fit within a bell curve. Alan suggested that coaches should rank players best to worst, least dispensable to most dispensable. If a player's attitude is an issue in his/her ranking, the coach must make comments accordingly.

Advanced Play/AYSO Plus

This program would offer players who qualify to play on a Plus team. If the player does not make the try-outs, he/she falls back into the system. Hillary expressed concern about retaining AYSO players, indicating that a lot of talented players go on to play Club, thus leaving AYSO altogether. Hillary inquired if we can provide a Plus program so that we do not lose those better players to Club. She volunteered to look into the viability of a Plus program for the U10/U12 divisions. Alan suggested that we look into the likelihood of a Plus team coach, stating that it is a huge commitment. Approval from the Area is necessary. Plus needs to be in place by the time of registration. Problems with Plus include the dilution of teams of their best players, in addition to the loss of any coaches who are parents of Plus players.

It was suggested that Region 86 team up with one other region next year, for scheduling purposes. Ed made a motion, seconded by Mark.

Round Table

Mark inquired why the other Area team was not ejected in a recent game situation.

Adjournment

The October Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. with a motion made by Alan, seconded by Ed.

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RCA Edward L. [unclear]