

**AYSO REGION 86
BOARD MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2007
LEGION HALL**

Those in attendance of the November 7th Board meeting were:

Alan Caserio	Ed Ornelas
Denise Coury	Tiffany Reinsch
Frank Ebrahimi	Nick Ross
Richard Graham	Ken Steinhoff
Ed Kaufman	Dion Strombotne
Ken Kristensen	Todd Thornton
Walter Metez	Mark Vanderbeek

The meeting was commenced at 7:03 p.m. upon a motion duly made by Denise, seconded by Tiffany, which was unanimously carried.

Approval of October Minutes

There being no apparent discrepancies in the October Minutes, Richard motioned for approval followed by a second by Ed which was unanimously carried.

Spring Select Overview/Requirements

Alan informed attendees that Ed is the Spring Select coordinator and first point of contact for anything concerning Spring Select.

Our region's website will be updated for the spring. Every child that wants to play on Spring Select must register on the website. Coaches and refs will also necessarily register on the website. Parents of players will be asked to volunteer, particularly for the most urgent need as referees. The website registration information will not indicate the Spring Select fee but the invitation letter will give payment details.

Alan and Ed will mitigate the team balancing. Team formation works when coaches can agreeably balance the teams.

Qualification for Play: Spring Select play is by invitation only. Players must have played at least 50% of their games. Alan advised that he doesn't want to entertain Club players at certain divisions (U14 and above). We have to ensure that the first priority is given to those who played AYSO in the fall.

Qualification for Coaching: The Board is responsible for the selection of Spring Select coaches. Coaches will be informed by Thanksgiving weekend if they will be part of the Spring Select season. For U10, coaches must be trained at the U10 level. For U12, coaches must have at least U12 training certificate or intermediate. For U14, we're looking for advanced-trained coaches. Coaches training will occur in January (dates are posted on the Area 11 website). Alan highly recommends that U10 coaches enroll in intermediate training. For Division U14 coaches, Alan recommends advanced training. Training session dates are posted on the Area website.

There is a coaches meeting on February 11th. All refs and coaches are required to attend the meeting.

Because there will not be an All Stars program this year, Spring Select is being pushed up. Coaches may not invite players (i.e. official notification) until after Thanksgiving weekend. Coaches are responsible for mailing out the invitations. \$75-\$100 registration fee **must** accompany acceptance or the child will not be placed on a roster. Alan urges the coaches not to send out more invitations than there is availability on the team:

U12, U14	15 players (max.)
U16	18-22 players

Alan recommends that coaches carry full rosters. Most games will be scheduled on Saturdays and there's a possibility that weekday games will be scheduled (on lighted fields). Practices officially start on February 1st (unofficially, the coaches can start practicing in preparation for upcoming tournaments but they're not the Spring Select teams, per se).

Games will begin during the first weekend in March and will continue through April (12-14 games played per team). The Area 11 Spring Select tournament is optional. The Area Board is going to seed each team either a 1-2 or 3. The first six games will be scheduled and standings will be kept. Based on standings and win-loss records, teams will be re-seeded for the remainder of the Spring Select season.

If anybody gets kicked off a field during the Spring Select season, that person will be in an Area disciplinary hearing.

Richard stated that Divisions U16 and U19 follow the same regulations as CIF dictates in that those not in high school soccer can start on February 1st.

The second half of the season will be scheduled over a two-week period between spring break week and the Section meeting. The Seed 1 team will be looked at as an "All-Star" or "Plus" team. The Spring Select Tournament in Temecula will be held during the May 3-4 weekend. Medals will be distributed to the coaches of qualifying teams on May 5th.

Interested coaching volunteers at tonight's meeting were:

Frank Ebrahimi (with Alan)	BU10 (with assistants Wolfgang Block and David Williams. Maybe three teams, definitely two; Mark Vanderbeek believes there are five coaches interested in BU10)
Ken Steinhoff	GU10 (with assistant Dominique Pitz)
Dion Strombotne	BU12 (with assistant Peter Davidson or Peter Freeman)
Walter Metez	BU12 (with assistant Jay Sullivan)
Todd Thornton	GU12
Tiffany Reinsch	GU14
Richard Graham	GU16

Not in attendance were Danny Melita and Greg Anderson who have also indicated an interest in coaching BU14.

Referees: Every team must provide three certified refs. At least two refs must be able to handle center position for U12. Coaches and assistant coaches may ref for other teams. Refs must be committed to at least four games (or as many home games as the team has).

Fields

Field availability will be posted on the website as soon as possible. Alan asked coaches to be patient. Alan hopes that his meetings with the City, etc. will translate into smoother field coordination.

Calendar

Fall playoff games will be conducted through December 1st with no games over Thanksgiving weekend. Area playoffs will occur December 8-9.

Nothing more is scheduled until January, with the Board meeting scheduled for January 9th. The preliminary 2008 calendar and proposed budget will be discussed at that meeting.

Budget

Nick apologized for not having a chance to generate reports. Alan asked if player fees have been paid to National and Nick confirmed that a check went out on October 10th. Alan asked Nick to check eAYSO-online invoices and determine if we've paid. Also need to pay registration fees to the Area.

Outstanding budget item: \$4000 for LBHS for scholarships.

Volunteer Appreciation Night – December 5th, 7-10 p.m.

In lieu of a December Board meeting, Board members and their spouses are asked to attend our region's Volunteer Appreciation Night at Hotel Laguna. All volunteers and their spouses are invited to attend. Denise reported that everything is firm with the hotel and the casino company and the night should fall within the \$5000 budget.

U10 Tournament/Playoffs

Went really well, came off without a hitch. Alan had a thought about refs and the playoffs. We seem to have this problem every single year in that teams have their ref points so the refs disappear. As more and more teams are eliminated, ref coverage dwindles. Why do a select few get stuck covering these games? Alan proposes that we advertise that there's a regular season and then an optional tournament (not playoffs). Refs must be committed to a certain number of games so we get refs upfront before the tournament begins. If a ref reneges on a committed game, the team is deducted three points, which will hurt the team in its standings, especially at the U10 and U12 divisions (and possibly U14). Alan asked the Board to consider his proposal.

Play Ratings

Ed to discuss with Alan.

Area Referee/Coach Training

Discussion tabled until January Board meeting.

NAGM/Section Meeting

The National meeting is scheduled for Memorial weekend in San Francisco. The Section meeting is scheduled for March 29-30 in San Diego. Alan urges every Board member to attend the Section meeting and get training in basic management as well as training in his/her Board position.

Regional Assessment Program Application. Alan states that our goal is to earn the bronze award. Richard announced that our region is the best behaved with regard to the issuance of yellow and red cards.

Sponsors

Nothing to report as our region's Sponsor Coordinator did not show up for the Board meeting.

Board Organization/State of the Region

"It's quite burdensome and it's getting harder and harder... There are certain things that have to be done that fall on my shoulders."

Alan indicated that we must get more people on the Board next year, especially division managers. Ed asked for the list of Division Managers. Division Managers need to be mentored and retained. The Division Manager position can be a voting position. Division Managers are always invited to the Board meetings but they don't come. "Our overall goal is to figure out how to lessen the burden on us."

Nick Ross indicated that he will be resigning as Treasurer effective January 31st.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the November 7th Board meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. upon a motion by Ed and a second by Richard, which was unanimously carried.

RC Alan M. Casin
ARE R.W. Fisher
REA Ed O'Leary