

**AYSO REGION 86  
BOARD MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 9, 2005  
LANG PARK COMMUNITY CENTER**

Those in attendance of the November 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting were:

Gareth Butler	Richard Graham
Alan Caserio	Mark Itnyre
Tammy Caserio	Ed Ornelas
Denise Coury	Tiffany Reinsch

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m. upon a motion by Tiffany Reinsch and a second by Gareth Butler.

**Review of October Meeting Minutes**

The Board reviewed the October Minutes and found one typographical error pertaining to the All-Stars program. The correction was made that there are two weekends in January of **matches** (not two weekends of games as reflected in the Minutes).

The *corrected* October Minutes were unanimously approved upon a motion by Denise Coury and a second by Tiffany Reinsch.

**Treasurer's Report**

Nick was not present so Alan gave the Treasurer's Report. After writing all checks since last month, there was approximately \$61,000 in the account. Trophies, t-shirts and other items totaled approximately \$20,000. Nick had pointed out that we spent almost the entire budget allocated last year, but that was misleading because of fields expenses/fees and uniforms. We are going to try to pay everything in January. Per AYSO rules, regions are to end the season with anywhere between \$5 and \$12 per player in bank account(s).

**All-Stars Coach Finalization**

Ed indicated that All-Stars coaches volunteered during coaches meetings. No objections were made.

**All-Stars**

All-Stars matches scheduled for weekends of <sup>14, 15</sup>~~7, 8~~ January and <sup>21, 22</sup>~~14, 15~~ January. There is no fee to play in the All-Stars program. There are optional items a player may purchase: \$35 sweatshirt, \$16 bag. All-Stars coaches will be permitted to select jerseys in the \$12-15 price range per player and socks.

There is a need to better control the registration of All-Star and Spring Select players.

### National Games – July 2006

Alan received the 2006 National Teams information letter, which was passed on to Richard Graham for his completion as coach representing Laguna's National Games team. Alan remarked that Laguna Beach has never been selected to participate in the National Games. GU14 will participate. Richard distributed a GU14 National Games Team Selection & Development program of events. He subsequently asked for ratification of the program.

The National Games is a lottery of sorts. Alan submitted all of our teams at the meeting in Hawaii. GU14 was chosen in the lottery. On March 1, 2006, we can submit another division if there is an opening in the National Games.

The National Games is a tournament, but all who attend can enjoy the events and the clinics. The tournament is pool play over four days (Wednesday through Saturday), with finals played on Sunday. Teams are judged on sportsmanship too. All teams are encouraged to bring pins or other tokens to trade with opposing teams at the end of games. Alan indicated that it is a "great experience all around for players and volunteers."

Richard has been talking with possible sponsors (i.e. Billabong, Roxy/Quiksilver) for Laguna Beach's National Games participants. Toyota may donate vans for our use in Chicago. Will inquire of airlines for complimentary tickets that have a hub in Chicago. Alan suggested that we get the local media involved in Laguna's participation in the National Games. Richard indicated that Sarah has volunteered to assist him in the program. Richard plans to document Laguna Beach's involvement by taking photographs and video.

Richard indicated that with the various Cup Tournaments in the spring, the girls selected to play in the National Games will be "seasoned travelers ready to go to Chicago!"

Ed Ornelas motioned that Richard Graham be appointed the National Games coach representing Laguna Beach. Tiffany seconded the motion, followed by unanimous Board approval.

### Playoffs

By this November Board Meeting, there have been 14 games played during the playoffs. The November 9<sup>th</sup> game was the only game with full referee coverage. Gareth ref'd three days in a row. Alan remarked that we would "wade our way through it for the rest of the season." There is less ref coverage during the playoffs than during the season. The arrangement of refs is too taxing on those refs who are always committed, and it is very stressful for Sarah and Alan. Region 86 struggles to get the AYSO-required 3-man ref coverage. We can rely on a handful of refs, plus Alan and Sarah. Additionally, youth refs

are relatively fragile. Comments made by coaches and parents truly intimidate youth refs. With that, Tiffany indicated the need for higher standards in coaching and general conduct on the fields.

We must look into providing incentives in order that referees would serve through the playoff games. Some options:

- There would be no playoffs per se; there would be pool play throughout the season. The drawback is a possible de-motivation of teams who, halfway through the season, are at the bottom of their division.
- Teams would be required to submit the names of three referees.
- Instead of full-blown playoffs, each division would have a mini-tournament (30-minute games) on a given Saturday with possible music, caterers. The first and second place teams would then go to the championship games at the end of the season. There would be no Sunday games and no weekday games. Mark indicated a possible drawback being that every player would probably not play in a 30-minute game.

#### **Referee Appreciation Dinner**

To be held at Ristorante Rumari, no host bar. Set price per person with a provision for non-alcoholic beverages. Invitations will be extended to all playoff refs, all Board members, and refs who really stepped up and ref'd their games. Dinner to be held on a weeknight – possibly on a Monday or Tuesday.

#### **Spring Select**

Regional Commissioners to make proposal to Jim Rosenberg. Laguna Beach spring teams get “slammed” due to Region 86’s being represented by a smaller population. Alan suggested that the Area rules be changed to allow one-half of recreational teams rosters to be made up of All-Stars and that recreational teams follow the same format as Select teams.

#### **Section Meeting – San Diego**

Scheduled for April 21-23, 2006. All Board member expenses will be paid/reimbursed. Tammy to check into hotel accommodations.

#### **Miscellaneous/Round Table**

Alan asked that all Board members come to the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting with Budget suggestions.

Ad placement for Laguna Beach's Recreation Dept. Spring catalog will be addressed at January meeting.

Tiffany indicated that Top of the World fields definitely need to be lined. Gareth to follow up.

To date, there have been five injury reports made during this season. No supplemental insurance claims have been made.

There will not be a Board meeting in December. Alan will have the 2006 calendar at the January meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the November Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m. upon a motion by Alan and a second by Ed.

APPROVED 1/11/06

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