

**AYSO REGION 86
BOARD MEETING**

*July 14, 2009
VMCC – LEGION HALL*

Those in attendance of the July 14th Board Meeting were:

Alan Caserio	Shawn Graf
Tammy Caserio	Ken Greengard
Kelly Brennan	Staccie Mead
Denise Coury	Ed Ornelas

Commencement of Meeting

The July Board meeting commenced at 7:08 p.m. upon a motion by Shawn, a second by Ed, followed by unanimous consent. Jim Rosenberg, Area Director, was also in attendance.

Approval of May Meeting Minutes

Alan ascertained that all attendees received a copy of the May minutes and further stated that he didn't notice any errors in the minutes as recorded. Upon a motion by Ed to approval the May minutes, a second followed by Shawn and the minutes received unanimous approval.

Treasurer/Budget Report

Denise was not prepared with a report for tonight's meeting and assured Alan that she would provide a current report shortly.

Fields – Ken Greengard

Ron Lutz provided Ken with field approvals. Eric Jetta wants to conduct a meeting with other field users. Alan will assess Little League's needs for the fall. We need Alta Laguna all day on Saturdays. Alan asked Ken about coordinating the fall field layout, based on the following measurements:

Moulton Meadows	70 x 110 yards
El Morro	105 x 65 yards
Top of the World	100 x 55 yards
Alta Laguna (2 fields)	60 x 40, if possible without overlap
Thurston Middle (2 fields)	70 x 45 with at least 10 yards between each field

Alan or Denise to provide Ken with contact information of field striping vendor we use.

Registration Update

Alan reported that there are approximately 660 registered players, approximately 40 of whom remain unpaid. Alan sent follow up emails to the unpaid players and received responses from about 5. Alan asked Stacie to call and follow up. Some of the unpaid were accepted as scholarship players. Denise reported that a non-sufficient funds notice was received on one of the scholarship players.

Alan provided Stacie with registration forms from our mailbox and asked her to go to the mailbox on a regular basis in August, as we typically receive many late registrations in August. Division managers must get their appropriate player registration forms from Stacie before team formation occurs.

A discussion ensued about the lower registration numbers this year. Some speculated that it was due to the format change in registering (online versus our typical large walk-in registration in April @ Thurston). JR theorized that the decrease in registration may be due more to a decrease in volunteerism than over the issue of the current economy.

Alan reminded all that once teams are formed, it's very difficult to accommodate late registrations; we must strive to keep the teams balanced. A highly skilled player that registers late may have to wait before he/she is placed on a team.

Additional Advertising

Another form of "advertising" will be follow-up phone calls. Division managers should call their coaches and ask them to contact prior season players to make sure they're registered. Emails seem to be the best form of advertising in our region.

We may also choose to distribute flyers to the schools during the first week of school for divisions U8 and below. U10 and above teams must be intact because of playoffs.

Management Training – July 25 - Area

Alan highly recommended that all who have not taken management training enroll and attend. JR communicated the perception that competitive organizations, such as Club, have more experience than AYSO. Volunteers who are not appropriately trained can also be a legal liability to AYSO. "Give the best possible benefit to the kids, if we can," JR stated. The biggest benefit is that you have the opportunity to co-mingle with neighboring regions and we don't need to reinvent the wheel.

Regional Auditor

We have never had a regional auditor. This is an area where we can safeguard our region against high liability. Two names that were mentioned as possible candidates were Pat Kelly and Tracy Ferguson.

Referee Training – July 25-Area/ August 29-Region (basic)

Geoff is not in attendance of tonight's meeting, so no discussion took place.

Coach Training – August 14-16-Area/August 22-Region

Neither Sarah nor Tiffany was in attendance of tonight's meeting, so no discussion took place.

Division Manager Reports/Meetings/Team Formations, etc.

Division managers can verify their coaches' certifications on eAYSO.

GU10 Kelly reported 64 players registered, 11 coaches. Alan asked Kelly to urge coaches to recruit more players in GU10.

GU8 Shawn reported 63 players registered, 6 coaches.

BU8 Ken reported 74 players registered, 6 coaches.

The U5 program's numbers are "way up." Regrettably only about one-half of U5 players return to play in U6. We need to determine how to improve the player return rate in U6.

Practice Fields

Thurston Middle School (U10): 2 practice sessions for all 5 days, which can accommodate 8 teams/day.
Alta Laguna Park (U8): 2 practice sessions for 4 teams, so 8 teams/day.

Thursdays and Fridays are the most popular practice days. Alan urged the division managers to get their coaches to commit ASAP to practice days/times.

Coach To-Do List

Alan to publish a step-by-step “cheat sheet” that will provide information on how coaches can register themselves and their players into our system and onto eAYSO. Division managers will distribute.

Season Format – www.ayso86.org

Alan urged all to look at our website and familiarize ourselves with the information that’s available. At the beginning of the season, it’s very common that AYSO volunteers are bombarded with various questions about the program. If we know what’s on the website, we can answer most of those questions. It might be helpful to the volunteers to manufacture “Region 86 business cards” that will direct any player or parent who needs answers about our program to our website.

UK Coach Plan

Neither Sarah nor Tiffany was in attendance of tonight’s meeting, so the discussion was tabled.

National Games – Polo Field Complex, West Palm Beach, Florida, July 4-10, 2010

“The National Games are the highlight of anything AYSO does. It’s the ultimate tournament,” Alan reported. A Laguna BU14 team has been invited to participate. Alan asked Richard Graham to coach the team but he has not committed. We have until September 15th to provide a response. Divisions U10-U19 participate in a *Soccer Fest*, which is one of the best events during the National Games.

Area Meeting – July 27

Alan is not available. Ed was asked to attend, and he accepted.

October Coach Meetings

Alan is not available to attend. The division managers will run the meeting, with Ed and Sarah available as Board representatives.

Miscellaneous

GU19 Team: Richard Graham has made himself available to coach a GU19 team if there’s interest. Alan asked Ed to contact his high school players. Need to know by July 25.


Volunteer Appreciation: LA Galaxy Tickets have been given to: Geoff Orias (March 22), Bryan Menne (April 4), Cindy Landsiedel (April 7), Tiffany Reinsch (April 11, August 15), Chip Collins (May 2), Sarah Pearlman (May 17, July 4, August 29), Todd Thornton (May 30), Chad Cooper (June 9), Stacie Mead (June 13), Kelly Fontenot (June 28), Ed Ornelas (July 19), Mehran Megerdichian (August 1).

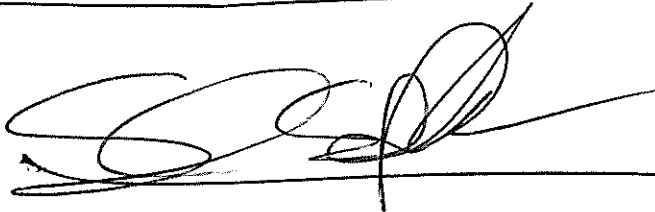
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the July Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m. upon a motion by Denise, seconded by Stacie, followed by unanimous approval.

An August Board meeting will not take place due to coach meetings and training programs.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, September 8th.

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