

**AYSO REGION 86
BOARD MEETING**

*Wed June 12, 2024
Susi Q Community Center, Laguna Beach*

Those in attendance at the **June 2024** Board Meeting were:

Name	Position	Name	Position
Alan Caserio	Treasurer	Tyler Hathaway	Board Member
Andrew Fisher	Coach Admin	Joao Orvalho	Referee Admin
Louis Carson	U5 DivMgr		
Rouzbeh Rotabi	G8 DivMgr		
Josh Hall	G12 Coach		
Guillermo Moratorio	Board Member		
Dushan Stevanovic	ProTouch		
Luca Megerdichian	ProTouch		
Tim VanWoerkom	Area Director		
Erik Berg	Board Member		

Commencement of Meeting

The June 2024 Board meeting commenced at **7** p.m. upon a motion and second by **Alan Caserio**, and **Andrew Fisher**, respectively.

Public Comment

Rouzbeh Rotabi addressed the board to request two 10U girls (by birthdate) be transferred to 8U girls and allowed to play down a division as they are still second graders with late birthdays. Alan C. and Tim V. noted that potential drawbacks to allowing this are: 1) If we allow it for one, we may have to allow it for anyone else that requests this, 2) Some parents may not feel too good about this if they find out that their child is playing against players technically a division ahead of their child. Also noted that the only way this could be allowed is if the 8U girls division played completely within a R86 gaming circuit.

ACTION: The board to vote on this and notify Rouzbeh before the next week is out.

Review and Approval of May 2024 Minutes

No formal AYSO board meeting in May – nothing to approve!

Treasurer's Report

Current bank balance is approx. \$58K with no large bills paid up. No outstanding checks! 2024 Fall pricing set at \$250 1st player, \$150 2nd player, 3rd+ free
Asked about scholarships – any parent/player needing/requesting financial assistance simply needs to send Email request to rc@ayso86.org.

ACTION: Request for someone to liaison with B&G Club and School District to let needy parents know they can request financial assistance from our Region for their kids to play. **No one stepped forward to do this!**

Calendar Review

Reviewed calendar items up through Spring team formation deadline (1/31/25).

To access calendar on our website (www.ayso86.org), requires login!

ACTION: Request that all board members review calendar on our website and be completely familiar with upcoming events/meeting.

ACTION: Erik Berg volunteered to coordinate Picture Day with and get a vendor signed up to do this in our Region, preferably on Saturday Oct 6th. Alan Caserio to send potential vendors to Erik. This should be set before the next board meeting!

ACTION: Request to Andrew Fisher and Joao Orvalho/Gary Schaffer to set coach U10/U12 coach field training and Regional Referee training, respectively! This also should be done before the next board meeting.

Safety Director's Report

***There is no Safety Director** – this position is one of the required board positions. Main duties include issuing liability insurance certificates to School District and City, processing incident reports and notifying parents about SAI (soccer accident insurance) if there are injuries, and field/equipment maintenance/safety – this includes the sheds. Special training exists for this position.*

CVPA's Report

***There is no CVPA (Child & Volunteer Protection Advocate)** – this position is one of the required board positions. Main duties include ensuring and helping volunteers register properly and working with coach/referee administrators to ensure volunteer compliance. If there are incident reports regarding child and/or volunteer protection, works with RC to resolve. Special training exists for this position.*

ACTION: The following board members still need to volunteer for MY24 (please do this before next board meeting): Gary Schaffer, Joao Orvalho, Louis Carson, Guillermo Moratorio, Erik Berg, Geoff Orias

Registrar's Report

***There is no Registrar** – this position is one of the required board positions. Main duties include ensuring and helping parents register their children. Also should recruit assistant registrars to help with registration promotion. Special training exists for this position.*

Current Player Registration Status (not accounting for player transfers):

U5 – 10 players

DivMgr: Louis Carson DivMgr

Coaches: Charles Gedge

U6 – 15 players

DivMgr: none yet

Coaches: none yet

G8 – 8 players

DivMgr: Rouzbeh Rotabi

- Coaches: Rouzbeh Rotabi, Nicole Riley (Possibly Alan Caserio w/ Alyssa Neilson if necessary)
- B8 – 14 players
DivMgr: none yet
Coaches: none yet
- G10 – 8 Players – will play Area gaming circuit if not 4 teams/coaches
DivMgr: Andrew Fisher
Coaches: Brett Heard
- B10 – 11 Players – will play Area gaming circuit if not 4 teams/coaches
DivMgr: Andrew Fisher
Coaches: Andrew Fisher, Navid Aslani
- G12 – 7 Players – will play Area gaming circuit.
DivMgr: Andrew Fisher
Coaches: Josh Hall (waiting for Ryan Howe to register MY24)
- B12 – 12 players, 7 on wait list – very close to having two teams
DivMgr: Andrew Fisher
Coaches: Andrew Fisher, Ali Akbarzabeh
- G14 - No team/coach – no players unless a coach comes forward
- B14/B16 – 8 players – both to play together at B16 level in section gaming circuit
DivMgr & Coach: Kelsey Irvin

Promotional Activities Discussed:

It was asked what the registration history has been in the past and why the numbers this season are so low. A brief history was given. Registration grew from 1974 through to about 2010/2011 where the Region has over 1000 players each Fall. It started declining after that but took a huge dip in 2019 due to COVID. It has oscillated between 200-450 players ever since, but this year is due to lack of volunteerism and almost no promotion, with late registration. Things done in the past to promote:

- Mailers
- Flyers to schools
- PTA website
- Banners hanging at schools
- Yard signs
- Newspaper and community brochure adds
- B&G Club, Jog-A-Thon, Boo Blast Sponsorships
- Patriots Day Parade
- Tables at various events – talked about Farmer's Market

ACTION: Request put up banners and/or made to take flyers around to Pre-Schools such a Montessori, Laguna Presbyterian, Annalise, etc. to promote 5U/6U and maybe 8U participation where we believe we must grow the program the most. There we're no takers/volunteers! This would be the job of the Registrar team, if we had one!

ACTION: Alan Caserio to secure spot at Farmer's Market on some Saturdays in June/July/August with City to set up a table to promote registration. Request that

all board members take a 1-2 shift at the table on one or more of the Saturdays and a signup sheet will be put out there once the dates are obtained. Erik Berg and Louis Carson to find/locate/re-acquire the popup! We will use existing promotional items and make flyers to give out.

ACTION: Rouzbeh Rotabi volunteered to reach out to Erik (w/ B&G Club) to coordinate/promote registration.

Referee Report

Gary Schaffer (RRA) was not present. Joao O. (ARRA) was present.

ACTION: Request that Gary and Joao register for MY24 ASAP

ACTION: Request that Gary and Joao reach out to all previous referees to get them back this Fall, especially our independent referees

ACTION: Request that Gary and Joao calendar/schedule Region Referee Training in our Region for some time at end of August with Ben Murray and Geoff Orias as trainers.

ACTION: Gary and Joao asked promote Area referee training on July 14 (Regional Referee training) or July 13/14 for upgrade to intermediate referee for existing Regional referees (as much as possible)! Check volunteer/training status of new volunteers that have signed up to be referees (Lindsey McCarthy for example).

Coaching Report – Andrew Fisher

See Registrar's report for coaches thus far per division.

Volunteer coaches can receive \$100 discount coupon code for registering their players. If they did not receive one, they can Email rc@ayso86.org to get credited.

Need 4 coaches/teams each in G8/B8 to have in-house gaming circuit.

ACTION: Andrew to reach out to Kevin Walden, Kosta Adamou for G8, Kelsey Irvin for B12, Ryan Howe for G12 (and B10), working on B8 and other divisions

ACTION: Andrew to promote Area coach training on July 13/14 for all coaches that need it.

ACTION: After Area training, Region should schedule 10U/12U field training, Dushan (ProTouch) has offered to run that training – Andrew to schedule/calendar.

ACTION: Regarding Division Manager: Alan to send all board members, especially those managing divisions the training guide he wrote up a number of year ago for guidance/training.

Field/Permit Status:

Field Permits submitted for Fall 24 to the City. Request is for:

Moulton Meadows: Tue, Thrs, Fri 3:30-dusk for practices, Sat 8:30-dusk for games (U10-U16 teams) (LBFC to use Mon/Wed afternoons)

Alta Laguna: Mon-Fri 3:30-dusk for practices, Sat 8:30-dusk for games (8U teams)

Lang Park: Mon-Fri 3:30-dusk for practices, Sat 8:00-dusk for games (5U/6U teams) – 5U does not practice, 6U can practice (up to coach).

LBFC using School fields mostly. At this time AYSO has no need for school fields due to cost vs # of team we believe we can field for Fall 24.

Web Site Status

Would like to have dedicated board member that would keep our website updated and living! Currently everything is up to date! But that can quickly change.

Round Table

Nothing of Significance!

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **8:15** PM on motion and second from *Alan Caserio*, and *Andrew Fisher*, respectively. Next board meeting to be held on *Wed, July 10* at *Susi Q Community Center – 7-8 PM*.