

Region 18 Board Meeting, January 9, 2018

Hennessey's, Manhattan Beach 7:30 PM

0. Attendance:

Andrew Lelchuk, Ed Danskin, Byron Eguchi, Bill Fournell, Woody Hauck, Steve Hershkowitz, Mark Hodson, Stan Ibara, Molly Jolls, Eric Knudsen, Chris Otey, Bill Power, Karl Primm, Marco Rico, Rose Rocchio, Megan Schultz, Krista Skinner, Nedra Yost, Lou Figueroa (guest)

1. Call to Order:

The meeting began at 7:39 PM with a quorum (17/31)

2. Review of Prior Minutes

- ✓ MOTION: Approve Minutes of the December 2017 meetings.
APPROVED, with no opposition.

3. Regional Commissioner's Report

Andrew Lelchuk began the meeting by thanking the Board members for their participation and volunteerism.

Andrew introduced Lou Figueroa to the Board. Lou will be taking over as Commissioner for BU16 in the Fall. He will work alongside Eric Knudsen on the combined BU16/19 during spring

Area League playoffs started last Sunday with check-ins. Andrew asked the Division Commissioners to remind Coaches bring all three pages of players forms to check-in. It has not been decided whether any Wild Card teams will advance out of Area Playoffs.

For All-Stars, registration was re-opened through midnight tomorrow.

There will be an Early Bird Discount through January 18 for anyone who wishes to attend the Las Vegas Exp.

For Spring Soccer, Andrew noted that the U8 and U10 will only play games within the Region and not participate in Area play. For U12, a decision has to be made about whether to play in Area by the end of this month. March 16 is the start of Spring Soccer. U12 will play 11 vs. 11 starting in the Spring and will carry up to 18 players per team.

The National Office and the Legal commission is currently reviewing a Memorandum of Understanding for the Manhattan Village re-turf project. Region 18 is currently scheduled to pay 60% of the cost of the re-turf, sharing the cost with other sports organizations. However, this proportion may increase if any of the other organizations

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cannot meet the 60% residency standard (organization must be comprised of at least 60% residents of Manhattan Beach). Such an increase would give Region 18 a higher allocation of field time once the field is completed. Andrew noted that the new turf field will be similar to the field at Campus Field in El Segundo.

Area provided a class last Monday to explain the Player Development Initiatives (PDI's) to Coaches and Referees. The PDI's will be in effect starting in Area play for All-Stars, and in Section play for League playoffs as well as All-Stars.

Andrew requested that a "cheat sheet" be prepared for Referees and Coaches for the PDI's. Charlie Abbott agreed to work on one for the Referees, while Mark Hodson will do a more strategy-oriented sheet for Coaches. An e-mail blast will be sent to Referees regarding the PDI's.

It was noted that there are differences in the PDI's for AYSO versus Club play. For example, the AYSO indirect kick penalty for a Goal kick past the build-out line is more severe than the penalty for Club play.

There was discussion initiated by Chris Otey about how to increase attendance at Board meetings, especially in order to ensure a quorum. Krista Skinner suggested creating a minimum annual standard for Board attendance in order to remain on the Board. Michael Hinz suggested making sure that new Board members are informed that they are expected to attend Board meetings. Andrew noted that in the past several years, there have only been a few times when a quorum has not been reached at a Board meeting.

Andrew Lelchuk announced that he will be stepping aside as Regional Commissioner since he has now served two consecutive terms over four years. Charlie Abbott is leading the search for viable replacement candidates and will be submitting a candidate at the February Board meeting.

4. Finance Report

Stan Ibara reported that some Spring Soccer income is coming in and that the current asset balance for AYSO Region 18 is around \$650,000, representing a \$150,000 increase this year. Fall field costs were about \$6,000 not including upcoming payments for the Mira Costa field and fields in Hermosa Beach. Uniforms have been paid for, with the exception of All-Star uniforms.

5. Field Report

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Russ Allen reported that the City of Manhattan Beach has a new city allocation process including a residency requirement. The main impact to Region 18 is that residents of Hermosa Beach will no longer count toward the requirement. This change will affect Fall game time allocations.

Russ needs to know how many teams will be playing Spring Soccer for both Region and Area play by the end of this month.

Andrew will be discussing the usage cost and field allocation of Meadows Field at Mira Costa High School with Dr. Matthews.

6. Safety Director's Report

Wolf Heim reported no updates for this meeting.

7. Uniforms

Nedra Yost reported that All-Star sizes for some of the girls' uniforms were off so she requested that Coaches provide her with any necessary changes, along with uniform numbers to her.

Nedra asked that Division Commissioners let her know of any new Coaches for Spring Soccer so that she can give them the Coaches' pack that was given to Coaches in the Fall.

8. Spring Soccer

Marco Rico noted that many parents have been asking for verification that their child is registered. Byron Eguchi explained that the payment confirmation serves as the confirmation that the child is registered.

Marco asked about how teams were formed for the Spring and Krista explained that a modified draft is used.

Byron Eguchi reminded the Board that the fee for Spring Soccer is \$135 for players who did not participate in the Fall season, and \$50 for those that did. If any new players played for other Regions in the Fall, they need to notify Byron in order to get the lower price.

Andrew Lelchuk reminded Division Commissioners that Spring Coaches must re-register in the Blue Sombrero system before teams can be built.

9. Referee Committee Report

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Molly Jolls asked whether there would be any Referee classes conducted prior to the Spring Season. Karl Primm replied that there would probably not be classes within the Region since there has been very poor attendance when classes are given at this time of the year. Michael Hinz noted that there may be some classes at the Area level. Krista Skinner noted that the Spring Season is an excellent time for Referees moving from U8 to U10 to take classes since they can practice on Spring games which are not so intense. Charlie Abbott noted that between the Las Vegas Expo and other Regions, there are always opportunities to take Referee classes, even if not local.

Michael Hinz noted that Referee Assessments can be done during the Pool Play portion of the playoffs but not at later levels. There is currently one candidate for National certification.

10.. Coaches' Committee Report

Steve Hershkowitz noted that there are not a lot of Coach classes at this time of the year, though there are some in Laguna and Fountain Valley. Area will be providing a U12 class. If needed, Steve can provide a Field Session for U10 Coaches closer to the start of the Spring season.

11. Division Commissioners' Reports

Bill Powers reported that 16 girls have signed up for U17/U19

Ed Danskin reported that for BU14 League Play, the B team did well, but the A team did not.

Megan Schultz reported that 44 girls are signed up for GU6 along with 12 Coaches. Megan asked if the same uniforms can be used for the Spring if an entire team stays intact. Nedra Yost replied that this is fine.

Allyson Estess reported that BU7 has 19 boys registered, along with two Coaches. It is likely that this Division will be combined with BU8 for the Spring.

Eric Knudsen announced that BU19 captured the Area League Championship, while BU16 lost. There will likely be three to four Spring teams for BU16 and BU19.

Marco Rico had nothing to report for BU8.

Molly Jolls reported that 44 players are signed up for BU10 Spring Soccer. In League play, BU10 has one win and one tie.

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Rose Rocchio reported that the BU12 League teams had one win and one loss. There will be three All-Star teams, consisting of two Premier and one Select team.

Charles Vincent reported that BU6 has 26 boys registered for Spring Soccer but expects a lot more.

Chris Otey reported that for GU8, 34 players are registered for Spring Soccer.

Nedra Yost mentioned that if U7 and U8 do not combine for Spring Soccer, she needs to know since the uniform sizes will need to be adjusted.

Woody Hauck reported that GU12 All-Stars are set. In League play, GU12 had one win and two losses.

Krista Skinner reported that for GU14, both teams won in League play. All-Stars (a Select and a Premier team) have started practice already.

12. Other Business

Krista Skinner asked whether we should do a parent survey in order to better evaluate Coaches. This will be discussed further.

Eric Knudsen reminded the Board to continue recruiting Referees as training is much easier during the Spring Soccer season.

13. Summary of Motions Approved

- ✓ MOTION: Approve Minutes of the December 2017 Board meeting.
APPROVED, with no opposition.

14. Summary of Motions Rejected

None.