

Region 18 Board Meeting, November 7, 2017

Grimaldi's, El Segundo
7:30 PM

0. Attendance:

Andrew Lelchuk, , Sean Aderholt, Albert Chen, Ben Donohoe (non-voting), Byron Eguchi, Jana Goodstadt, Wolf Heim, Michael Hinz, Stan Ibara, Molly Jolls, Eric Knudsen, Marco Rico, Rose Rocchio, Megan Schultz, Krista Skinner, Mark Sprague, Ron Tani, Charlie Vincent, Chris Wong (non-voting), Nedra Yost

Voting by Proxy: Charlie Abbott, Alan Berkes, Taylor Boudreaux, Bill Crader, Bill Fournell, Woody Hauck, Steve Hershkowitz, Chris Otey, Karl Primm, Danny Shabani

1. Call to Order:

The meeting began at 7:47 with a quorum (18/31)

2. Review of Prior Minutes

MOTION: Approve Minutes of the October 2017 meetings.
APPROVED, with no opposition.

3. Regional Commissioner's Report

Andrew Lelchuk thanked the Board for their volunteerism as well as for completing another successful Regular season.

Andrew began the meeting by asking for feedback on "Silent Weekend". In general, there was positive feedback as the players communicated with each other effectively and showed their understanding of Soccer. Krista Skinner reported that one parent and one Coach in GU12 objected, stating that the messaging made it appear punitive to the parents and Coaches. Michael Hinz and others pointed out that it was a great idea but needs to be communicated as "for player development". Mark Hodson also suggested that the communication of such a weekend be announced more in advance to further ensure that it wouldn't be perceived as a punishment.

Andrew called for a vote to approve expenditure of \$500 to advertise AYSO and the Spring Season in the Mira Costa High School Boys' and Girls' Basketball program.

MOTION: Approve expenditure of \$500 to advertise AYSO and the Spring Season in the Mira Costa High School Boys' and Girls' Basketball program.
APPROVED, with no opposition.

Andrew then called for a vote to approve changing Addendum B of the Policies and Procedures document for Region 18.

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MOTION: Approve change to Addendum B of the AYSO Region 18 Polices and Procedures document from an August 1 to July 31 program year to a calendar year basis in order to align with the revised age calendar.

APPROVED, with no opposition.

Finally, Andrew called for a vote to a change in the wording for Addendum B of the AYSO Region 18 Policies and Procedures document to put our U19 in correct and good standing with AYSO.

MOTION: Approve change to Addendum B of the AYSO Region 18 Polices and Procedures document to state that "Region 18 will offer U19B and U19G (19 years and under) Divisions instead of U18B and U18G (18 years and under) Divisions. For 2017, these Divisions would include players born in 1999. In future years, these Divisions would include players born the year prior to the year listed for the U18 Divisions."

APPROVED, with one proxy voter abstaining and one proxy voter opposing.

Andrew reported on the Area 1D meeting held yesterday.

There was discussion about National AYSO-level concern about Areas and Regions not having adopted the new Player Development Initiatives (PDI's). Andrew reminded the Board that Region 18 did not adopt the PDI's because of a lack of information before the season began and thus insufficient time to train Coaches and Referees. The PDI's will be in effect during All-Star play and will need to be used by any League teams that advance to Sectionals.

For All-Stars, the teams for each Division will be as follows:

- BU10, 1 Premier team, 2 Select teams.
- GU10, 2 Premier teams, 1 Select team
- BU12, 2 Premier teams, 1 Select team
- GU12, 2 Premier teams, no Select teams
- BU14, 2 Premier teams, no Select teams
- GU14, 2 Premier teams, no Select teams.

Only Premier teams will be eligible to advance to Sectionals.

For League play, the teams advancing for each Division will be as follows:

- BU10 and GU10, top three teams
- BU12 and GU12, top two teams
- BU14 and GU14, top two teams

For U16/U19, Sectional Playoffs will be in Chino and a volunteer will be required from each team to work the Saturday table.

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Andrew noted that Region 18 is the only Region in Area 1D not to charge kids for All-Star participation. Uniforms are the only marginal cost to the Region for All-Stars.

A Coaches' meeting will be held for League Champions and All-Stars on December 14.

4. Finance Report

Stan Ibara reported that Region 18 currently carries a cash balance of about \$730,000. Stan stated that more City Fees will be billed to the Region and Andrew noted that fees for Meadows Field are still being negotiated.

5. Registrar's Report

Byron Eguchi noted that there were 3,185 players registered this season.

Byron can open Spring Registration at any time and proposed that we charge the same fees as last year. Andrew called for a vote on the fees:

MOTION: Approve fee for Spring Soccer of \$50 for returning players and \$135 for new players.

APPROVED, with no opposition. There were no proxy votes for this Motion.

Andrew stated that he would make an announcement tomorrow and also place notices in local school newspapers.

Teams for Spring Soccer must be formed in February since Area will be setting most game schedules. It may be necessary to reduce team player counts, but we will need Russ Allen to look into whether there is enough field time to accommodate more teams.

Mark Hodson stated that we should change the team player counts to provide the best experience for the kids.

Krista Skinner noted that other Regions require volunteer activity from each parent and that we should consider this.

6. Field Report

Russ Allen requested that he be notified of any teams playing in the Turkey Tournament so that he can arrange practice times.

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Playoffs schedules have been set for U10 and above, with Championship Day on December 9. However, the schedules for GU10, GU12, and GU14 will likely need to be changed.

It was noted that there is no shed for Region 18 at Meadows Field. Russ Allen will follow up.

7. Safety Director's Report

Wolf Heim reported that there were four injuries reported so far this year (three concussion-related) versus eight last year. There appears to be greater sensitivity about concussions due to the training that was required before the season.

Krista Skinner asked at what level of injury a report should be produced. Wolf will define more clearly and communicate to Coaches. Michael Hinz noted that any injury requiring a doctor's visit should be reported. There have been cases in the past where players have been helped by AYSO's insurance policy.

Wolf needs more ice packs for playoffs. Byron Eguchi has some to provide and Wolf will order the rest.

8. Referee Committee Report

Chris Wong reported that playoff schedules have been entered into the Referee Scheduling System (RSS) for five of the six Divisions. Only BU10 remains, but it will be completed later tonight. Chris recognized Krista Skinner and each of the U10, U12 and U14 Division Commissioners for being instrumental in getting these schedules completed.

The first of two pre-playoff meetings was held and was well-attended, though predominantly by National, Advanced and Intermediate~~not by lower R~~ referees. The playoffs will include Overtimes and Kicks from the Mark so will be different than the regular season.

U10 will be challenging~~difficult~~ to cover due to the number of early round games. Andrew Lelchuk reminded the Board that Coaches cannot be Center Referees for games in their own Division as long as that Coach's team is still in the playoffs~~active~~.

Referees have been sent playoff rules. Krista Skinner suggested that Division Commissioners place copies of the rules in the Field boxes.

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There were two complaints about Referees last month. Those complaints have been handled by Andrew Lelchuk and Charlie Abbott.

Michael Hinz reported that Dan Ingress received his upgrade to National Referee. Multiple Intermediate Referees were also upgraded or are in the process of upgrading.

Ben Donahoe encouraged the Board to use Youth Referees for Championship Game assignments. Division Commissioners are responsible for selecting Championship Game Referees.

9. Uniforms and Picture Day

Nedra Yost reminded the Board that teams heading out to Area play will need to have full matching uniforms. Coaches should contact Nedra if they need any replacement uniforms for their players.

Uniforms will be ordered for Spring Soccer.

Championship Game balls have been ordered along with 1st and 2nd place medals and Referee uniforms.

Picture Day was successful but Nedra noted that the lunch break will be staggered in the future.

10.. Division Commissioner Reports

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Rose Rocchio reported that the Referee point system they implemented for BU12 worked very well in getting volunteers to Referee games. There was a minimum bar set to be eligible for the single elimination portion of playoffs and a higher bar for double elimination. Only two teams did not provide enough Referee time to reach double elimination. Charlie Abbott will be reviewing the process to see if it can be implemented in other Divisions.

Jana Goodstadt reported that all is good in BU5.

Megan Schultz reported that GU6 is all good. Megan received confirmation that Spring Soccer age groupings will be the same as it was for Fall Soccer.

Charlie Vincent reported that BU6 is good.

Krista Skinner reported that GU14 is good.

Albert Chen reported that both GU19 teams and all three GU16 teams made the playoffs.

Eric Knudsen reported that BU16 teams made the playoffs, but he is still awaiting BU19 seedings to be posted.

Marco Rico reported that BU8 is good.

Molly Jolls reported that there were two incidents in BU10 involving blowouts and playoff scheduling.

Sean Aderholt and Mark Sprague reported that GU10 is good.

11. Other Business

Mark Hodson announced that the final training sessions will be tomorrow. There will not be further training sessions made available for All-Stars.

Andrew Lelchuk reminded the Board that only Certified Coaches may coach in the playoffs.

12. Summary of Motions Approved

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