

## Region 18 Board Meeting, October 12, 2017

Hennessey's, Manhattan Beach  
7:30 PM

### 0. Attendance:

Andrew Lelchuk, , Charlie Abbott, Taylor Boudreaux, Albert Chen, Todd Collins, Billy Crader, Ed Danskin, Ben Donohoe (non-voting), Allyson Estess, Woody Hauck, Mark Hodson, Molly Jolls, Eric Knudsen, , Karl Primm, Rose Rocchio, Megan Schultz, Krista Skinner, Ron Tani, Chris Wong (non-voting).

### 1. Call to Order:

The meeting began at 7:41 PM. A quorum was reached for approving prior Minutes (14/31), but a full quorum was not reached.

### 2. Review of Prior Minutes

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

### 3. Regional Commissioner's Report

Andrew Lelchuk thanked the Board for their volunteerism.

Andrew reported that Charles Vincent, the Division Commissioner for BU6, had been struck by a car and suffered a broken neck. The Board expressed thoughts and condolences to Charles.

Andrew provided a report on the Area 1D meeting.

- There was conversation and debate about whether local Regions that do not participate in the new Player Development Initiatives (PDI's) should be allowed to play in Area tournaments. It was generally agreed that these regions would not be excluded, but that they would have to abide by the PDI's during tournaments.
- There has been good cooperation between Regions with regard to Refereeing upper division games. Andrew acknowledged the efforts of Charlie Abbott and Chris Wong for their efforts.
- For U10, postseason League play will be 7 versus 7, as 8 versus 8 would be a hardship for teams carrying only nine players. Andrew has suggested that players be required to play a minimum of two quarters, as opposed to three, to accommodate larger teams.
- All-Stars will consist of Premier and Select teams, with Select teams participating in only one tournament and Premier teams going to Sectionals. Andrew asked that before our next meeting, Division Commissioners for U10, U12, and U14

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decide how many teams we should have for our Region and whether they should be Premier or Select.

- Krista Skinner reported that U12 would be playing 9 versus 9 and U14 would play 11 versus 11 with games continuing through the Martin Luther King weekend. For U12 and U14, Region 18 will have two teams per Division and for U10, Region 18 will have three teams.

Andrew announced that Championship Day will be on December 9 for the U10, U12 and U14 Divisions. Russ has worked out the playoff scheduled based on field availability.

Karl Primm noted that the Region 18 Policies and Procedures document needs to be updated to reflect the new age basis. This will be voted on by the Board once we have a quorum.

Andrew noted that we have an opportunity to pay for and advertisement in the Mira Costa basketball program. A full-page color ad would cost \$400. Charlie Abbott suggested noting the years each Mira Costa player played in AYSO. Again, this will be voted on once we have a quorum.

Andrew reported that there have been a lot of disciplinary issues in our Region and in the Area. Behavior of both fans and coaches has been a problem and Andrew asked the Board to ramp such behavior down. Division Commissioners should send a note to their Coaches and notes should also be sent to Referees. Krista Skinner suggested that the Board consider a "Silent Weekend" to help let the kids enjoy playing without outside influence.

Mark Hodson noted that he has seen "too much coaching", particularly at the younger Divisions, by both parents and coaches. Andrew asked that Mark and Steve Hershkowitz come with a plan to educate parents on proper sideline behavior.

Chris Wong asked what the consequences were of point deductions for bad behavior are and whether they are strong enough. Charlie Abbott suggested that they need to be much harsher. Charlie will send a message to the Referees to address Coaches and be more assertive about outlining acceptable behavior.

Allyson Estees suggested that when parents register their children, they be told that they need to volunteer.

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### 4. Finance Report

Andrew Lelchuk reported that the current cash balance is \$760,000. It is likely that a Memorandum of Understanding for the Manhattan Village re-turfing will be voted on at the November City Council meeting.

### 5. Uniforms and Pictures

Andrew noted that an additional Picture Day will be held on October 22.

### 6. Field Report

Nets need to be replaced at Manhattan Village Field. Coaches need to be reminded to put flags away at Marine Avenue Park.

The new fields at Mira Costa have been used but there are no line markings on the fields for the 10U games. The discs used to mark where the lines should be worked acceptably, but Andrew Lelchuk will continue to try to get approval to put in permanent lines.

### 7. Division Commissioners' Reports

Woody Hauck reported that all is good for GU12.

Eric Knudsen noted that some BU16 and BU19 games were played at Raytheon since the Plaza El Segundo field is being repaired.

Todd Collins and Allyson Estess reported that BU7 had a bye week due to the Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair. They reported about 85% Referee coverage.

Taylor Boudreaux reported that there were no issues in GU5.

Megan Schultz reported that all is good for GU6.

Ed Danskin reported that he has been observing several games in BU14 and has had to tell players not to "call out" other players.

Molly Jolls reported that there several incidents of coaches, parents, and players yelling at Referees in BU10. In one incident, a parent was yelling at a Youth Referee, something that is absolutely not permissible. Andrew Lelchuk reminded everyone that the "zero tolerance" rule must be strictly enforced.

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Rose Rocchio and Bill Crader reported that there were several Referee and sideline issues in BU12.

### 8. Referee Committee Report

Charlie Abbott reported that Referee coverage has been extremely poor, though in some Divisions, last-minute Referees are not reported in the Referee Scheduling System.

Mark Hodson suggested that one solution would be to play with fewer players in U7 and U8, with no Referees.

There will be a mandatory Referees' meeting for any Referees who wish to sign up to work playoffs. Charlie stated that this meeting needs to be kept to less than 45 minutes.

Charlie asked that Division Commissioners report any Referee issues back to him.

Karl Primm noted that there were ten attendees at the last Intermediate Referee class, with seven of those being from Region 18. A four-day Advanced Referee class will be held on October 17, 19, 24, and 26 at Marine Avenue Park.

### 10. Coaches' Committee Report

There was further discussion about Referee abuse, especially regarding Youth Referees. Andrew Lelchuk noted that any measures to protect Referees must be preventative. Although zero tolerance policies are necessary, the Youth Referee is already affected by the time that action is taken. Ben Donahoe asked that any affected Youth Referees be reported to him so that he and Bill Fournell could provide counseling and support.

Eric Knudsen suggested that for U5, U6, and U7, teams should be told that they must have certified Assistant and Center Referees if they want to form their own teams.

Mark Hodson suggested that we get rid of Assistant Coaches at the U5 and U6 level, and focus on making a better experience for the players at the U7 and U8 levels. However, it was noted that in BU6, Megan Schultz had to pair volunteers in order to get enough Coaches due to a lack of volunteers who wanted to coach a team by themselves.

### 11. Summary of Motions Approved

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12. Summary of Motions Rejected
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None.