

## Region 18 Board Meeting, November 13, 2018

Hennessey's, Manhattan Beach, 7:30 PM

### 0. Attendance

Krista Skinner, Charlie Abbott, Steve Abrams, Russ Allen, Dan Angress, Scott Champagne, Albert Chen, Scott Coopman, William Crader, Byron Eguchi, Sean Gauss, Jana Goodstadt, Molly Jolls, Sarah Lefton, Andrew Lelchuk, Anthony Lombardo, Chris Otey, Karl Primm, Rose Rocchio, Andrew Rogerson, Megan Schultz, Ron Tani, Nedra Yost

Guest: Myron Mitchell

### 1. Call to Order:

The meeting began at 7:43 PM with a quorum (23/38)

### 2. Review of Prior Minutes

- MOTION: Approve Minutes of October 2018 Meeting  
APPROVED, with no opposition.

### 3. Regional Commissioner's Report

Krista Skinner reported that the Region 18 B19U team coached by Lou Figueroa won the Section 1 Championship. Alan Franz's G16U team went to the semi-finals but lost there, ending their season.

For both League and All-Star Area playoffs (10U, 12U, 14U), there will be a mandatory coaching meeting on December 20 at Dana Middle School (note date was changed from what was reported at the Board meeting). The exact time and place have not been determined yet. All-Star team counts must be confirmed by December 1.

The AYSO Road Show will be on January 4, 5, and 6 in Arcadia. The Roadshow can be used to certify Coaches. Krista reminded everyone that you cannot coach in Area play without proper certification.

Krista reported that no decisions have been made on wild cards so it is not know yet how many teams will advance from Area.

Krista noted that Karl Primm, Bill Crader, Charlie Abbott, and Steve Hershkowitz are reviewing the Policies and Procedures document. The changes are not yet incorporated into the official document and Krista will review next week.

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Championship Weekend will be on December 15 and 16. The format of Championship Weekend has changed, and it will no longer be Saturday with Sunday "as needed". Instead, Saturday will be the Semi-Finals and Sunday will be the Finals. 10U's will play at Marine Avenue Park while 12U and 14U will be at Manhattan Village Field.

Rose Rocchio suggested an LAFC night for Spring Soccer players.

Krista reported that the donation program went well and we will do more in the future.

Krista introduced Myron Mitchell at the meeting. Myron has a son in B6U and has offered to be more involved in Region activities.

### 4. Registrar's Report

Byron Eguchi announced that he would be having a "soft opening" of Blue Sombrero tomorrow for Spring Soccer registration. The fee will be \$75 for returning players, \$145 for new players, and \$50 for third and later players. Byron is looking for people to help test the new technology. Official registration will start after Thanksgiving, with an e-mail blast on November 26.

Byron noted that All-Star registration is also set up at a fee of \$120.

### 5. Finance Update

Anthony Lombardo reported that \$250,000 was invested into short-term securities with a return of 2.5%.

Anthony asked that the Board let him know of any reimbursements that need to be processed.

### 6. Division Commissioners' Updates

Steve Abrams noted that the Beach Cup web page is now up on the AYSO Region 18 website, showing all seedings. The web page will show all schedules and results. The U14 and U10 Divisions have already started play.

Nedra Yost announced that she has ordered pins and medals with the new logos. These will be for the first through fourth place finishers in 10U and the first through third place finishers in 12U and 14U.

Krista asked that Division Commissioners let her know if they will be returning for the Spring Season.

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Sarah Lefton stated that she would be returning for the Spring Season and that there is one more weekend left for the G5U Division.

Megan Schultz stated that she would return for the Spring Season for G7U.

Lou Figueroa will be staying for the Spring Season for B16/19U. Lou mentioned that all three B16U teams lost in the first round of Section playoffs.

Albert Chen reported that G16U did not do well in Section playoffs. The G19U team lost in the second round of Section playoffs.

Albert noted that player photo ID's should not be thrown away or given to the players since they will be needed for the Spring season.

Woody Hauck reported that G10U playoff games will start on Saturday and that he will hold an All-Star meeting on December 3.

Sean Gauss reported that B5U had an awesome season.

Jana Goodstadt asked that Spring games for B6U be moved to Sunday to avoid conflicts with baseball.

Rose Rocchio reported that with 18 teams, B12U will have two play-in games. The B12U All-Star meeting will probably be on the Wednesday after Thanksgiving.

Molly Jolls reported that for B10U, the first round of playoffs was last weekend with make-up games this Saturday. The All-Star meeting for B10U will be on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Chris Wong asked how Youth Referees did as Center Referees. Molly reported there were no complaints but suggested that since people often can't control themselves in the playoffs, mentors or adult Referees should be paired with them. Krista Skinner noted that there should be at most only one Youth Referee per playoff game. Karl Primm further suggested that there should be at most only one "new" Referee per playoff game. Chris will look into this.

For G6U, Taylor Boudreaux noted that he will need help for the Spring Season.

For B7U, Charlie Vincent also noted that he will also need help for the Spring Season. Krista noted that B7U and B8U are combined for the Spring so Allyson Estess can take over.

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Bill Crader reported that B14U has been running smoothly. The All-Star meeting has not been scheduled yet, and Bill will be unable to be a Division Commissioner in the Spring.

Krista reminded the Division Commissioners that to qualify for All-Stars, players must have played in at least 50% of their team's games. She asked that Division Commissioners verify that their players meet this qualification. Molly asked whether there was a limit for the number of players from the same Club team that can be on an All-Star team due to potential scheduling conflicts. Krista recommended no more than one player from the same club team on any All-Star team.

### 7. Technology Report

Scott Champagne noted that there were some technical issues with uploading player rankings, but that the system is working now. Scott did simplify the rankings by removing one of two attitude ratings as well as a few others. Woody Hauck requested that the rating system require "notes" to be filled out for each player.

Scott also fixed the links to the expense reimbursement form

### 8. Referee's Committee

Charlie Abbott noted that there was great Referee coverage this year. Division Commissioners enforcing the Referee Point System helped.

For playoff games, Charlie asked Division Commissioners to look at the Referee schedule and make sure to identify potential issues. Referees will be pushed off if not qualified. The Referee Committee will be proactive in inviting Referees as playoffs progress, and asked that the Division Commissioners recommend the best Referees to them.

Coaches cannot Center Referee games in their own Division. Coaches can be Assistant Referees if there is prior approval and the game is not in their own pool.

### 9. Coaches' Committee

Dan Angress noted that a pilot program for the Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) was launched to the 10U Division but only five people came to training. Dan noted that the Board needs to decide how important PCA is and Dan needs more help. Krista Skinner stated that we are headed in the right direction so should continue. Scott Champagne stated that what Dan is doing is very important, but the Board must offer support.

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### 10. Field Update

Russ Allen asked that any problems at the fields be reported to him and reminded Division Commissioners to lock their sheds during the Spring Season.

Russ announced that the City of Manhattan Beach is having a field allocation meeting for the Winter and Spring and is re-determining the per-player fee.

Andrew Rogerson is working with the Homeowner's Association at Manhattan Village to increase fencing at Marine Avenue Park. Andrew requested some help with this process.

### 11. Photos and Uniforms

Nedra Yost reported that team photos have been handed out. All-Star uniforms have been designed and are ready to order.

### 12. Safety Report

Andrew Rogerson announced that chains with stakes have been welded onto all of the goals and each field has a rubber mallet. Andrew thanked Byron Eguchi for helping accomplish this.

### 13. Other Business

Scott Champagne presented the new AYSO Region 18 logo to positive feedback from the Board. Stickers and decals will be made, with hats being considered for all Coaches. Scott will continue to solicit feedback and is thinking about making log merchandise available for sale. Scott would see the logos displayed much the way travel teams display their logos. Krista suggested ordering travel tents to be used for Area play with the logo. Krista congratulated Jana Goodstadt, Derek Billings, and Scott for their work on finalizing the new logo.

### 14. Summary of Motions Approved

- MOTION: Approve Minutes of the October 2018 Meeting.  
APPROVED, with no opposition.

### 15. Summary of Motions Rejected

None.