

## Region 18 Board Meeting, October 9, 2018

Hennessey's, Manhattan Beach, 7:30 PM

### 0. Attendance:

Krista Skinner, Charlie Abbott, Shira Adatto (non-voting), Russ Allen, David Brantly, Scott Champagne, Albert Chen, Scott Coopman, Kim Digilio, Byron Eguchi, Allyson Estess, Lou Figueroa, Sean Gauss, Jana Goodstadt, Woody Hauck, Michael Hinz, Mark Hodson, Molly Jolls, Sarah Lefton, Andrew Lelchuk, Anthony Lombardo, Jim Orland, Karl Primm, Rose Rocchio, Andrew Rogerson, Megan Schultz, Ron Tani, Charlie Vincent, Chris Wong (non-voting), Nedra Yost,

### 1. Call to Order:

The meeting began at 7:30 PM with a quorum (29/38)

### 2. Review of Prior Minutes

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

### 3. Regional Commissioner's Report

Krista discussed the Area Playoff and All Stars schedules:

- The 16U and 19U Area playoffs will be on November 1, 3, 4. B19U will have six teams competing from Area, G19U will have four teams, B16U will have eight teams, and G16U will have four teams. Region 18 will need to provide Referee coverage for games where our teams are not competing. The winners will advance to play in Chino on November 10 and 11.
- For 10U, 12U, and 14U, Area playoffs, pool play will be on January 6, 12, 13, and 19 (as needed), with Semi-finals and Finals on January 19 and 20. 10U will play 7 vs. 7, 12U will play 9 vs. 9, and 14U will play 11 vs. 11. 10U playoffs will consist of three teams from Region 18 with twelve teams total and three pools. 12U and 14U will each have two teams from Region 18 with eight teams total and two pools. Sectionals will be on February 23 and 24, with the Western States Championships will be on March 9 at Lake Forest, California.
- For All Stars, pool play will be on January 26 and 27 as well as February 2, 3, 9 and 10. One weeknight may also be needed. Sectionals will be on March 3 and 4 in Riverside, and the Western States Championships will be on March 10 in Lake Forest. Pending Division Commissioner feedback, Region 18 will have one Premier team each for 10UB, 12UB, 12UG, 14UB, and 14UG, and two teams for 10UG. Region 18 will have two Select teams each for 10UB, 12UB, and 14UB and one team each for 10UG, 12UG, and 14UG. From Area, one team will advance from each Division to Sectionals.

The AYSO Road Show will be on January 4, 5, and 6 in Arcadia. Several Coach and Referee classes will be available.

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Tri-Sections will be on March 22, 23, and 24 in San Diego.

A "Women in AYSO" session will be held on October 10 at 7 PM at Barsha in Manhattan Beach. Krista will be hosting the session with Kim Digilio and Mercedes Morton.

Kim Digilio is working with Woody Hauck and Chris Otey to create a mentor program for 10UG and 10UB, with the mentors being from the Mira Costa soccer teams.

Region 18 is re-visiting the Marine Avenue Park fence issue. Andrew Rogerson is working with the Manhattan Village Homeowners Association to extend the fence from the treeline to the Northwest corner of the field. Michael Hinz will be helping Andrew.

Jana Goodstadt and Scott Champagne presented the new logo for Region 18 that will include a Lifeguard station. The Board was pleased with the presentation. Krista noted that 2021 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Region 18 and it would be good to re-visit the logo for that season to reflect the anniversary.

The Protocols and Procedures document has been reviewed and will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Krista introduced Shira Adatto to the Board. Shira will be handling the new Region 18 Scholarship Program.

### 4. Registrar's Report

Byron Eguchi noted that there are about 3,100 players participating this season. Byron asked the Division Commissioners to let him know if anyone is dropping.

There was a discussion regarding the All Star registration fee. Until now, Region 18 has not charged for All Star participation, however National AYSO rules stipulate that All Star programs must be "self-funding". Regions can be granted exceptions from the rule. Region 18 has charged \$50 to \$100 in the past for participants ordering sweatshirts or jackets but nothing for the All Star season. Woody Hauck reported that the average cost to Region 18 for each All Star player was \$60, not including \$65 for an All-Star jacket. Balls for All Stars add another \$5 per player. The total incremental cost to Region 18 for the All Star program has been about \$12,000 per season of which \$1,000 is for soccer balls. Nedra Yost noted that All Star uniforms have to be ordered well in advance of All Star season in order to get current pricing so uniform sizes cannot be customized. However, Krista Skinner confirmed that jacket sizes can be specified by each player. Albert Chen suggested that jackets be considered optional to reduce the cost. Krista suggested making the jacket cost part of the registration fee but allowing players to "opt out" for a refund.

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APPROVED, with no opposition.

Krista Skinner stated that Spring Soccer should also be self-funded. The current charge of \$50 was set without knowing the actual incremental cost of the program. Sean Gauss, Anthony Lombardo, Scott Champagne, and Byron Eguchi reviewed the incremental costs and determined that it is actually approximately \$69 per player. This covers uniforms, Spring field fees, lights, and balls.

Byron Eguchi suggested charging \$70 for Spring 2019 for returning players and \$145 for new players, which is the Fall season early bird rate. Karl Primm opined that Spring Soccer should cover some of the overhead expenses and asked how Region 18's Spring registration fees compare to neighboring regions. He proposed a fee of \$75. Krista Skinner pointed out that overhead costs don't yet include the \$25 per volunteer fee which translates to about \$5 per player that will be imposed starting MY19. Albert Chen noted that the lower Spring fee was implemented as a reward for Fall players. Jana Goodstadt asked whether we should maintain the significant discount for three or more siblings in the program, and it was agreed that the fee would remain at \$50 for the third or later sibling registered..

APPROVED, with one objecting

### 5. Safety Update

Andrew Rogerson reminded everyone to let him know if there are any injuries during the season and to fill out an accident report. A player suffered a torn ACL last weekend and he is submitting a claim to Region 18's supplemental insurance carrier.

### 6. Referee Committee Report

Michael Hinz stated that AYSO National will not be printing the 2018/2019 "Rules of the Game" for distribution. Michael noted that Area P prints their own bound copies and pays for these on their own at six dollars per copy. Michael suggested that we do the same, so the Referee Committee will review the recommendation and provide a recommendation.

Karl Primm will be conducting some Referee training classes next week including a Regional Referee class with ten people currently signed up. Scott Champagne will

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announce these on the Region 18 website. In addition, there will be a Regional Referee class in El Segundo in early November and additional classes in the Spring.

Charlie Abbott reported that there are 316 Referees in the system, which is very good. 80 new Referees were trained for this season. Charlie acknowledged Karl for his work on training the new Referees.

Charlie reported that there has been 98% coverage for the U10, U12, and U14 Divisions, which is phenomenal. Charlie acknowledged Chris Wong for checking Referee Certifications for the Referee Scheduling System. Krista Skinner will be looking for someone to be verifying Referee Certifications other than Chris, since it is beyond what Chris should be expected to do as Scheduler.

Charlie stated that attending drafts and explaining the penalties for not Refereeing has been helpful. Coaches need to tell parents to sign up in the Referee Scheduling System early.

Krista Skinner noted that the next project is to address problems with Referee coverage for the Spring season where there are no Referee points and no other incentives.

Charlie noted that the build-out line is still an issue and that he is open to feedback from Division Commissioners about how to communicate the rules better.

Charlie will be scheduling a Referee Playoff Meeting soon. Charlie asked that Division Commissioners let him know if any Coaches do not want certain Referees scheduled for their games.

### 7. Finance Update

Krista Skinner noted that Anthony Lombardo, as the new Treasurer, requires Board Approval to become a signer on the AYSO Region 18 accounts, replacing former Treasurer Andrew Lelchuk. Additional signers would remain as Krista Skinner (Regional Commissioner), Byron Eguchi (Registrar), and Phil Ockelmann (Area Director). The Board was reminded that if these representatives did not adhere to high ethical standard of conduct and or/disregard any of AYSO's policies and procedures; an officer from the National Office has the authority to close these accounts.

□ MOTION: Authorize Anthony Lombardo to act as a representative of AYSO and become a signer on Accounts [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at U.S. Bank, replacing Andrew Lelchuk.

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Krista also recommended that Field Reserve funds for Region 18 be placed in a nine-month Certificate of Deposit in order to obtain a higher yield. It was noted that only Certificates of Deposit with terms of one year or longer require National AYSO approval.

□ MOTION: Transfer the Field Reserve funds for AYSO Region 18 to a nine-month Certificate of Deposit in order to gain a higher yield.

APPROVED, with no objections.

### 8. Coaches' Committee Report

Steve Abrams has been working on determining playoff formats for the Fall Season. Steve reported that 95% of the rules are completed, and a schedule proposal has been provided by Russ Allen. There will be one common set of rules for all Divisions. Each Division participating in playoffs will have pool play followed by single elimination bracket play. A Referee participation requirement is in place, and if a 75% level is not reached by a team for season referee coverage, one point will be deducted in the pool play standings for each game. If a 25% level is not reached, the team is not eligible for the playoffs. Charlie Abbott noted that these penalties have had a strong effect in increasing Referee coverage. Krista Skinner verified that the playoff format does not need to be voted on.

Nedra Yost will be ordering medals tomorrow. Krista verified that they should be the same medals as in the past.

Steve Hershkowitz reported that Coach behavior has been generally good this season. However, there are still Coaches who are not properly certified, even five weeks into the season. Krista Skinner stated that October 12 would be the hard stop for Coaches to be properly certified. After that, uncertified Coaches will not be allowed to coach.

Coach classes are needed for the higher levels. Let Steve know when the best date and time next week would be for field sessions. An Intermediate Coach class is being provided in Ojai on Sunday.

Andrew Lelchuk noted that Coaches should not be calling out opposing players by name. However, enforcement of this is not a Referee's responsibility.

Mark Hodson announced that the Friday Night Lights program was moving to 5:00 due to the earlier sunset.

Krista noted that she has received good feedback about the Positive Coaching Alliance.

### 9. Division Commissioner Updates

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Sarah Lefton reported that all is well in G5U.

Megan Schultz (G7U) reported that Marine Complex was locked for a few teams' practices. Russ Allen asked that he be contacted immediately regarding any problems with lights or locked fields.

Charlie Vincent reported that for B7U, he has noticed many situations where parents are on the wrong sideline, behind the goals, or bringing dogs to the fields. Charlie noted that though the Division stipulates 7 versus 7 play, some Coaches have played 8 versus 8 when there are extra players. Krista Skinner confirmed that this is acceptable if both Coaches agree.

Allyson Estess noted that the only problem in BU8 has been some teams stacking strong substitutes on their teams when their team is short of players. Todd Collins has been helping resolve this issue. Krista Skinner noted that teams should be balanced with the players scheduled for that game and should avoid try to borrow players from other teams as they are leaving the field.

David Brantly reported all is fine with G12U.

Lou Figueroa reported that B19U is fine, but one player broke his arm in B16U.

Albert Chen reported that G16U and G19U are good.

Rose Rocchio reported that although they are behind on reporting standings for B14U, all is good.

Rose reported that for B12U one team is struggling but the rest of the teams each have a win. The Division is excited about the new playoff format.

Molly Jolls (8UB) reported that a handful of teams are undefeated while a handful have no wins. The weaker teams are created by younger coaches who draft "friends" instead of trying for strength. Molly requested shed keys for Hermosa Valley Park but Russ stated that these are not available.

Woody Hauck reported that all is good with G10U.

Jana Goodstadt reported that all is good with B6U.

Jimmy Orland reported that GU14 is good, though there have been some issues with Referee coverage.

Sean Gauss reported that BU5 is all good.

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### 10. Photo Day and Uniforms

Nedra Yost reported that Photo Day make-ups will be this Sunday, October 14. Scott Champagne will post this on the Region 18 website.

Krista Skinner noted that Photo Day went well. Mark Hodson suggested making a brand new AYSO soccer ball available for the pictures and Krista agreed.

Nedra reported that All Star uniforms have been ordered. For regular season uniforms, she noted that any replacement uniforms must be ordered by Wednesday in order to be ready for the weekend.

Krista requested that the new Region 18 logo be placed on the All Star uniforms. In addition, Krista noted that the Fox Sports sponsorship will expire by the time All Star play begins so the Fox Sports logo does not need to be on those uniforms, or on any uniforms moving forward.

### 11. Other Business

Albert Chen proposed that Region 18 purchase an advertisement in the program for the Mira Costa High School basketball teams as we have done in past years. The cost would be \$450. Albert noted that every player on the Mira Costa boys' and girls' basketball teams played soccer for Region 18 at some point. Karl Primm asked whether this advertisement would increase registration or have some other benefit to Region 18. Andrew Lelchuk and Krista Skinner stated the purpose is to be a community partner rather than any specific benefit. Karl suggested putting off the vote until the next meeting, but time constraints for placing the advertisement precluded this. Michael Hinz suggested reviewing in advance for next year.

□ MOTION: Approve expenditure of \$450 to place an advertisement in the program for the Mira Costa High School basketball teams.

APPROVED, with one opposed.

Krista noted that we need to improve communications and relationships with the schools whose fields we use.

Mark Hodson noted that the donation program is going well. Mark is working with Darfur, where Coaches will be creating a girls' team and may be able to utilize some of the donations with the new program.

There was discussion about whether to have a "Silent Saturday" and Krista requested feedback. Michael Hinz noted that it should be called "Players' Weekend" and that the

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communication between players is improved because of the format. Krista decided that the Players Day should be on October 27.

### 12. Summary of Motions Approved

- MOTION: Approve Minutes September 2018 Meeting.  
APPROVED, with no opposition.
- MOTION: Charge \$120 to each All Star player to help cover All Star program costs, including jacket, with any additional costs paid for by Region 18.  
APPROVED, with no opposition
- MOTION: Increase the 2019 Spring Soccer Registration Fee from \$50 to \$75 for players returning from the Fall 2018 season. □ MOTION: Increase the 2019 Spring Soccer Registration Fee from \$50 to \$75 for players returning from the Fall 2018 season. If three or more siblings are registered, the fee for the third and later sibling will remain at \$50.

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### 14. Summary of Motions Rejected

None.