

Region 18 Board Meeting, January 15, 2019

Hennessey's, Manhattan Beach, 7:30 PM

0. Attendance

Krista Skinner, Charlie Abbott, Steve Abrams, Russ Allen, Dan Angress, Allyson Estess, Lou Figueroa, Sean Gauss, Jana Goodstadt, Woody Hauck, Steve Hershkowitz, Michael Hinz, Mark Hodson, Molly Jolls, Anthony Lombardo, Jim Orland, Karl Primm, Rose Rocchio, Andrew Rogerson, Megan Schultz, Ron Tani, Chris Wong (non-voting), Nedra Yost, Michael Miles (Guest)

1. Call to Order:

The meeting began at 7:40 PM and had a quorum (22/36)

2. Review of Prior Minutes

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

3. Regional Commissioner's Report

Krista Skinner opened the meeting by thanking Board members for their attendance.

Krista introduced Michael Miles, who works with the donation program "Zone Kids" to do a short presentation. Michael presented a slide show and explained that the Region 18 donations to Zone Kids went to at-risk kids in Zona Norte, Tijuana, Mexico. Michael thanked the Board for organizing donations and noted that there is a particular need for practice cones and pinnies. The next donation program will be held at the beginning of the Spring season.

Krista reported that in League Area play, 12 of the 14 Region 18 teams progressed to the semi-finals though three of the next matches will pit Region 18 teams against each other. Finalists will advance to Section playoffs in Riverside on February 23 and 24.

For All-Star play, Krista reported that it's still not known whether there will be wild card teams though only one team from each Division will probably be sent to the Sectionals. (Update - Wild Cards for 14UB and 12UG) All Uniforms are in and any size changes need to be reported to Nedra Yost by Monday. Rosters also must be turned in.

Jim Orland asked whether he could purchase black shorts for his girls since they don't like the fit or color of the blue shorts. Nedra noted that any uniform discrepancy between the girls on a team will result in point deductions so it is risky to replace

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uniforms. Krista stated that she prefers that all of the girls representing Region 18 wear the same color uniforms.

Krista reported that the All-star jacket order, let by Kim Digilio, went well but the jackets have not been delivered yet. All-star schedules are out but rosters are still being finalized.

The AYSO Tri-Section Expo will be held in San Diego from March 22 to March 24. No agenda has been announced yet but there will be numerous classes and clinics.

4. Finance Report

Anthony Lombardo reported that there are no outstanding issues. Anthony asked that any expense reports be turned in to him directly.

5. Spring Soccer

Krista Skinner reported that there was a discussion about whether to have separate 16U and 19U Divisions, but that Area decided to keep those Divisions combined since there are not enough teams.

Area play for Spring Soccer will begin on March 9 for 16U and 19U. All other Divisions are also expected to start on that date. Registration for Spring Soccer will close on February 24.

Krista noted that 10U is trying to go to 7 X 7 but may need to go to 8 X 8. 12U is trying to go 9 X 9 for the Spring. Krista advised Division Commissioners to start recruiting Coaches.

Nedra Yost said that uniforms will be ordered on February 22.

Sean Gauss asked whether Spring Select plans have been firmed up since it will impact Coaching. Krista stated that although there has been discussion about Select teams for 12U and 14U Boys, for now there are only plans for 12U boys. Registration for Spring Select will be on February 9 and will be primarily for All-Stars who want to continue to play together.

Krista asked Division Commissioners to project the numbers of players they wanted on each team's roster for the Spring and how many would play on the field:

- Megan Schultz stated that G7U will have nine per team, seven on the field.
- Allyson Estess stated that B7U/B8U will have nine per team, seven on the field.
- Jana Goodstadt stated that B6U will have seven per team, five on the field.
- Sean Gauss stated that B5U will have seven per team, five on the field.

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- Woody Hauck stated that G10U will have ten per team, seven on the field.
- Jim Orland stated that G14U will have 18 per team, eleven on the field.
- Molly Jolls stated that B10U will have 10 per team and seven on the field.
- Rose Rocchio stated that B12U will have 14 per team and nine on the field.

Krista noted that the Spring season will be from March 9 to May 18, with breaks for Spring Break and Easter and Passover. There will be games on the first Saturday of Spring Break. For 14U and 16U/19U, scheduling will be done at Area.

It was noted that Spring Referee coverage is generally less than 50% so it would be better if an incentive program was developed for Referees. Referees do not have to re-register in the Referee Scheduling System (RSS), but do need to register at AYSO18.org.

6. Registrar's Report

Krista Skinner reported that there are between 680 and 690 players registered for Spring Soccer, with 1,400 to 1,500 projected by the end of registration. There will be a firm push this week to increase registration.

7. Referees' Committee

Charlie Abbott noted that a Referee Appreciation Party will be held on January 26 at Standard Station in El Segundo. The party will be from 7 PM to 10 PM. Division Commissioners should recommend Referees who should be invited to either Charlie or Chris Wong. Invitations will be sent next week. Youth referees are invited and Board members are encouraged to attend.

Chris reported that there was 100% Referee Coverage for Area League play.

Karl Primm noted that there will be two Regional Referee Classes in El Segundo and one Area Referee Class given this Spring.

8. Coaches' Committee

Steve Hershkowitz noted that 8U and 10U Coach classes will be provided by Area this Spring. Steve reported that there were some Coach certification issues at the lower levels and requested that uniforms not be given to teams without certified Coaches. If a Coach was not properly certified for the Fall season, they may not coach in the Spring until they are properly certified.

9. Field Report

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Russ Allen reported that fields are in good condition. Steve Abrams requested a new 12U goal at Manhattan Village Field.

10. Other Business

Krista Skinner initiated discussion regarding the Region 18 scholarship program. Krista recommended that any scholarship provided should be geared toward volunteers but should also include players. Charlie Abbott and Andrew Rogerson favored gearing strictly toward volunteers.

Michael Hinz suggested that simply donating to the Mira Costa scholarship fund would alleviate much of the issues regarding selection.

MOTION: Allocate \$2,500 for a scholarship fund to be administered by a Scholarship Committee with the funds split and awarded as the Committee sees fit.
APPROVED, with no opposition.

Anyone interested in being on the Committee should contact Krista

Nedra Yost noted that there are no Coaches' gifts for the Spring season, but Nedra can put together a package for any deserving Coaches.

11. Summary of Motions Approved

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11. Summary of Motions Rejected

None.