

## April 9, 2019 AYSO Region 18 Board Meeting Minutes

### Attendance:

Krista Skinner, Andrew Lechuk, Nedra Yost, Charlie Abbott, Steve Hershkowitz, Andrew Rogerson, Anthony Lombardo, Sean Gauss, Rose Rocchio, Lou Figueroa, Sarah Lefton, Megan Schultz, Jimmy Orland, Albert Chen, Karl Primm, Dan Angress, Kim Digilio, Todd Collins, Russ Allen, Scott Champagne.

Meeting was officially called to order by Krista at 8:02 with a quorum.

Motion was made by Jimmy Orland to approve the March minutes. Second by Lou Figueroa. Minutes were approved and entered into record.

- Regional Commissioner's Report
  - Area Update
    - Western States – 1<sup>st</sup> place for 10UB Mareschalchi/Collins and 12UB DeMartino/Serota
    - Tri-Section meeting 3/22 – 3/24
      - Region 18 was once again awarded Platinum status
    - NAGM June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in Newport Beach. No slate of candidates yet or issues to discuss.
    - Area Player fee for MY 2019 will be \$3
  - Region Update
    - AYSO G2007 Update
      - Reminder that this is a pilot program
      - 17-18 players will be on the team
      - Turned players away that were not up to caliber to make team
      - Players are being encouraged to register for fall core program as well
      - Kim co-coaching with an AYSO United Coach
    - Board Positions – heard from most on DC front. Still open on 5UB and 10UB.
      - Scott Champagne will be ARC moving forward in addition to Tech.
    - Question about Trophy Case. Possibility of City Hall or Library? Rose will call City to see what we can do.
    - Volunteer Membership Program Update
      - Launch date has been pushed from April 3 to at least 30 days out.
      - Will open up player registration without volunteer component live.
      - Board members should still sign up as a volunteer if they have not done so.
    - Strategic planning meeting for Fall
      - Next 30 days – like last year. Budgeting, planning, etc.
    - Will look at August 26-30<sup>th</sup> for last summer camp held in Hermosa.
    - Opening Day for R18 would be September 7.
    - Steve Abrams to do a download for DC's for Beach Cup recap. He will continue to run the Beach Cup but not the Draft Coordinator position.
  - Finance Report
    - Nothing to report
  - Area Spring
    - Ref coverage has been ok in 14, 16/19. Non-existent in 7/8. 10 and 12's spotty
    - Sean's team doing well in the PV league.
    - Pennekamp in terrible shape from a field perspective.
    - Soccer Balls – Super Sports will swap out balls if you received defective balls.

- Marine Netting/Village
  - Not worth the expense to put up a net.
- Safety at Village with lack of parking and issue with drop off
  - Talking to city about resolving issue – especially with small children.
- Field maintenance discussion planned with City in near term
- 5/6U Fall Initiatives
  - School outreach to 21 schools with balls, flyers, and digital notifications.
  - Asking for volunteers to take on 3 schools – will follow up separately.
  - Looking at giving them a ball and shin guards as part of registration.
  - Conversation about how to contain parents with littles and get them off the touch line.
- Summer Nights
  - Want to repeat what we did last year. Three playing fields on Marine.
  - Want to look at expanding divisions, nights and fields.
  - Not meant to be a competitive experience – but fun.
  - Need volunteers to manage sign-ups, coaches, refs. 7,8,10 and 12's.
- Fall Galaxy Event
  - Review of region wide event specifics and value add that Galaxy provides.
  - Cost would be covered by an increase in \$5 registration. Methodology for awarding tickets needs to be worked out.
  - General Admission – 3000 seats.
  - First 1000 registrants would get 1 free ticket. Parents could purchase a ticket for \$17 (final price TBD) including fees.
  - Conversation held pending further discussion on overall player fee registration but consensus was to approve.
- Fall Player Fee
  - Due to cost increases in MY19 that include Volunteer Background checks, player fee increases paid to AYSO National, and player fee increases paid to the City of Manhattan Beach, it is necessary to raise our player fees for Fall. The following fees were proposed:
  - Early Bird Registration - \$165 (this includes the \$5 for the Galaxy event). The previous rate was \$145.
  - Regular Registration will be \$240 (this includes the \$5 for the Galaxy event). The previous rate was \$215
  - Late Registration will be \$280 (this includes the \$5 for the Galaxy event). The previous rate was \$215.
  - 5U/6U and 16U/19U will not have the Late Registration rate.
  - Motion was made by Scott Champagne to increase to these fees. Motion was seconded by Sean Gauss. Motion passed. One abstaining vote.
- Fall Registration date discussion
  - Early Bird Registration - April 15 – Jun 16
  - Regular Registration - June 17 – July 31
  - Late Registration - Aug 1 – to DC closing their division
  - Scott Champagne made a motion to approve these dates. Sean Gauss seconded. Motion passed.
- Refund policy Discussion
  - The AYSO Membership Fee (\$20) is non-refundable after order is placed.
  - Before End of Regular Registration (7/31) – Partial Refund of Region Fee paid minus \$20.
  - After End of Regular Registration (8/1) – Partial Refund of 50% of Region Fee paid.
  - 7 days before beginning of Season (8/31) – NO REFUNDS
  - Not stated, but Registrar empowered to make exceptions on case by case basis.

- Scott Champagne made a motion to approve this language. Sean Gauss second. Motion passed.
  
- No Russ Update
- No Ref update
- Coach mentor position for Kim Digilio is moving over to a Women's Initiative for Refs and Coaches.
- High school scholarship program oversight will be handled by Shira, Nedra and Bill.
- Youth Volunteer Coordinator – Erica Skinner. Will be developing a Youth Referee Incentive Program and work closely with Mira Costa Soccer volunteers on both coach and ref opportunities. Bill Fournell will be stepping away as Youth Volunteer Admin.

Meeting concluded at 9:26