

AYSO Region 18 Board Meeting MINUTES
September 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm. No quorum so will approve minutes at next meeting.

Regional Commissioners Report

- Myron Mitchell introduced as Secretary.
- 16/19U Area play started Saturday of Labor Day which was a week earlier than younger divisions. Helped with referee coverage first weekend.
 - 16UG and 19UB will have Wild Cards for Area Play.
- A significant number(456) of volunteers has completed their background checks. Still some issues with glitches in the system but a majority have made it through successfully.
- Mira Costa Mentor have 35 girls signed up. This is record number and we hope to continue this trend. Planning is progress for a boys mentor program.

Finance Update

- The Fall Registration numbers were strong and exceeded projected.
- Anthony provided EOY Budget/Actual for MY18. We had significant carry over expenses from MY17 (almost \$40k) so even with additional programs added last year (Ref Appreciation, Beach Cup, Galaxy Event, Tents/Benches and other merch) we still met our R/E goal.

Registration Update

- Had over 3100 registered for fall season – confirmed we are still the largest AYSO Region.
- Although registration is closed, the Board would prefer not to turn away players, Division Coordinator should fill open spots if they have any.

DCs

- Opening Day was positive. There were a few glitches and things to work out but overall it was a successful start of the season.

Daily Report – Opening Weekend

Referees

- League could really use some additional referees
- Several ideas discussed on how to raise the awareness on the need for referees
 - Ideals include video testimonial, social media campaign, etc..
 - Really need support from parents

Fields

- Some fields require sand bags to secure goals – Andrew/Mars to address.
- Lots of complaints about port-a-potties at Pacific. Board is working with school to relocate port-a-potties.
- Water fountains at MAP and Village still broken.

Ref Committee Report

- Excellent coverage first few weekends. Process much smoother with additional administrative members of the ref team.

Galaxy Event

- The league plans to have 1,000 participants.
- Tailgate party is included and final planning is underway.
- All general admission tix in dedicated section. Participants are free to sit with friends or team members.
- White t-shirts will be given to children to highlight the section.

AYSOu

- The board understands the frustration with the website.
- There is a new step logging in and user must activate their account first using the link from the home page of AYSO18.
- Thanks to volunteers for their patience and to Scott for fielding lots of questions.

Schedules

- Russ truly apologizes for the late schedule.
- Clark field renovations significantly impacted the schedules. This rippled through multiple divisions but in the end there were only 5 conflicts across divisions.
- The board is evaluating several options to address this for future seasons.

Fields

- More focus will be put into field maintenance, if anyone has any issues please contact Russ immediately.

Coaches Resource

- The board has provided coaches with a training website that can be used to plan training sessions. The Coaching Manual is available for the entire season. Coaches were sent a link to sign up for a license at no cost to the coach.
- The board highly recommends that the coaches take advantage of this easy to use resource.

Photo Day

- October 12 – MSC East
- October 13 – MAP
- October 27 – TBD

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 8th