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AYSO Region 92 Board Meeting Minutes December 18, 2017

Attending were: Roger Steele, Dean Dierks, Kelly Watson, Pat Stanford, Barry Gribbon, Chris Irons, Laura Howard, Bill Jordan, Billy Whalen and Tom Norton

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm

A motion to approve the November minutes was made by Kelly Watson, seconded by Pat Stanford, approved unanimously.

REGIONAL COMMISSIONER – Roger Steele

Big thank you to Beth Stoker and Michelle Leach for organizing a fantastic volunteer party. Elena Moreno is willing to put the party on for next year.

PDIs/National update: PDIs are being reviewed again (e.g. no punting in 12U), with any changes determined effective in Spring or later. The build-out line for 10U will not be enforced in TOC for Area play, but will be in Sectionals.

National office continues to deal with lower revenue due to nationwide participation down about 10%. We need to prepare for changes that will impact us – i.e. national will no longer pay for background checks. We will need to decide how to handle reimbursement if that is the path chosen. They will also be most likely increasing the membership fee from \$17.50 to \$20 or \$25. There may also be a change to the banking independence situation.

We will discuss registration fees, how to handle background check costs and other items in early 2018.

Also in early 2018, we should be able to resolve discussions with the City regarding improvements to Campus (bathroom improvements, shade installation). We hope to have this settled by January/February.

TOC and All Star team coach meetings occurred last week; Premier All Star invitation letters have gone out, and most commitments have been returned. Select letters will go out this week. Games will be January 7th and 14th. We will be hosting 10U and 14U games. Laura volunteered to assist with team check-in. Other Board members will be needed to “be available” at Campus to help with questions and directions. Region 92 received wild card teams in the boys 10U and 12U divisions.

All-Stars starts on January 27th and may go through February 14th. Campus will also host check in (Jan 27th), and will host 10U and 14U games during the tournament.

Roger's RC term ends in March, so the Board will need to form a nominating committee to select the next RC for Region 92. Pat Stanford volunteered to lead the committee, and will send out an email announcing the opening to all members of the region.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT – Barry Gribbon

Spring registration will be set up in Blue Sombrero and open for registration in early to mid-January. We will keep the fees the same as in 2017. We do plan to host 5's, 6's and 7's for this spring season. Only Hawthorne and South Redondo will be putting teams into the Area mix with El Segundo.

We will open Fall registration in May.

COACH ADMINISTRATOR – Kelly Watson

Coach training January 6-7 in Arcadia at the Road Show, though all of our TOC and All Star coaches are already certified.

Survey results were distributed and discussed (separate attachment). Of note, our "net promoter" score was up from last year, as was the score on the question regarding whether your child/children will play again next year.

AREA REPRESENTATIVE – Laura Howard

We are getting prepared for team formation and competition for the Spring season.

REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR – Pat Stanford

Bill Jordan presented a report that analyzed our team balance for the Fall season. All in all, games were largely competitive throughout the season. There were three divisions (B10, B12 and G12) in which there were ~15% of games with a 5+ goal differential. 10U is one of the bigger challenges, which should improve some next Fall based on consistency in the age groupings as compared to formation this year due to the age cut-off change. We may want to consider increasing the weighting on sportsmanship points in order to emphasize the coaches' role in keeping goal differential reasonable.

Pat will draft a revised sportsmanship policy for discussion and voting at a future meeting.

Thank you to all referees who volunteered throughout the post-season, particularly in the semi-finals and finals.

We are continuing to recruit current region referees to increase certification via the Ken Aston training in June or the Arcadia Road Show.

We will be purchasing new referee jerseys (updated style); for newly trained and those that volunteer 10+ games will automatically receive a new jersey.

Pat is considering changes to the referee points requirement for playoffs (e.g. increase percentage needed prior to receiving donations, limit percentage allowed by Head Coach, each team in 10U and 12U needs to certify at least one new referee, etc.). He will draft a proposal to be discussed in the March or April meeting.

CVPA – Ted Shoepe

No report.

RISK MANAGEMENT / SAFETY DIRECTOR – Dean Dierks

YTD – 1 concussion and 4 other injuries; much lower reported injuries than last season, which is consistent with reports from other regions in the Area.

TREASURER – Tom Norton

A brief financial report was provided.

VIP – Suzanne Curtin

Roger reported that our VIP group participated in an Area tournament in Hawthorne in October.

OPEN DISCUSSION

There were no Open Discussion items.

Board member volunteers are needed for January 7th (TOC) and January 27th (All Stars) sign-in desks at Campus.

EXPO will be held in Las Vegas on March 2nd through 4th, 2018. The Region will cover costs of registration, transportation and lodging for Board members that are able to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:24pm.

Next meeting will be held on January 22, 2018 at 7:00pm at Deluca Trattoria.