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AYSO Region 92 Board Meeting Minutes November 12, 2018

Board meeting was called to order at 7:12pm

Attendees included: Barry Gribbon, Pat Stanford, Mario Inga, Shad McFadden, Joe Lococo, Kelly Watson, Mark Christian, Sheila Miller-Nelson, Chris Irons, Bill Jordan, Wil Henriquez and Tom Norton, who served as Secretary and kept the minutes.

A motion to approve the October 2018 meeting minutes was made by Mark Christian, and seconded by Mario Inga. Minutes unanimously approved.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

REGIONAL COMMISSIONER – Barry Gribbon

Area Update: soccer is losing participation to video games and other activities. Area 1-D from 2016 – 9,482 participants; to 8,935 in 2017 and 9,022 in 2018, so we're down about 5% over two years. Nationally, AYSO is down about 15% in the same timeframe.

Barry distributed a spreadsheet with a summary of the number of teams that will participate in TOC and All-Stars. A motion was made to have Barry request a second team for 12U Girls in All-Stars (both a Premier and a Select team). The motion unanimously passed.

Games were cancelled starting at 1:00pm on Saturday of the weekend of November 10-11 due to poor air quality.

Playoff schedule: will be published by Tuesday, November 20th (last regular season games conclude on the 17th). The first games will be on Tuesday, November 27th.

South Bay Lakers: they are interested in working with us to build community, and there are a variety of potential activities that are available at their games, to use their facilities for meeting space, etc. Any volunteers that are willing to coordinate with them should let Barry know.

RISK MANAGEMENT / SAFETY DIRECTOR – Shad McFadden

We are still awaiting return to participation releases for several players at this point.

TEAM PARENT – Sheila

Medals have been mostly distributed to teams already.

Pat Stanford will send an email to teams to let them know how to be reimbursed up to \$75 for year-end parties (if they maintained perfect sportsmanship points).

Sheila will draft an equipment return email to let those know who want to return the equipment to drop off at Barry's house.

TREASURER – Tom Norton

A brief financial report was provided.

COMMUNICATIONS – Erica Berardi

No report

COACH ADMINISTRATOR – Kelly Watson

Ratings meetings underway – B10 done, B6/G6 and B8/G8 happening this week, G10 scheduled – sent ratings spreadsheets and detailed instructions to all divisions and all coaches

Asked commissioners to help cover B14, G12, and G8

Lakers using leftover field space at Barry's approval – one coach caused problems because they wouldn't share the field

Spoke to Strikers about freeing up leftover field space and also about coaches using Richmond on Friday nights

Spoke to City Council Member Scott Nicol about fields rotating in future and better maintenance – he is working on a plan

Attended a City Transportation meeting to continue my push for a shuttle to Campus ES (working on this since 2015)

Reminder Arcadia Coach Training Jan 5/6 – this is the opportunity to get intermediate and advanced certifications as well as coach trainer

Annual survey coming out soon – next year need to transition it to AYSO email as it is in Kelly's personal account

U5 program wrapped up with a fun potluck and awards ceremony – need to make sure pavilion is booked along with the field next year

Challenger coaches going back to UK – they did a great job – Kyle covered for Beth who had to go back early and he was well-liked as well

Witnessed some not great coach behavior as a referee this week

Volunteer Party date changed again –updated the calendar but we might want to send a save the date

REGISTRAR'S REPORT – Bill Jordan

ASST RC REPORTS: -- Pat Stanford and Dean Dierks

AREA LIAISON – Mario Inga

REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR – Wil Henriquez

Update on incentives: recipients have been very grateful; jury is out whether it has been effective at driving more referee participation. We plan to choose some grand raffle prizes at the year-end party, and we will also reward several referees for significant contributions, including youth referees (which can be drawn at a separate time).

Chris and Wil will purchase grand raffle prizes (3 for Youth and 3 for Adults) to stay within the previously approved budget.

Referee #'s: we had about 95% coverage with referees for the season (including club linesmen, which covered about 10% of the spots).

Chris Irons and Lizzie Kapoor achieved Intermediate referee level last weekend, and Will Chavez and Matthew Spencer are scheduled for observation this upcoming weekend, and Brian Burns will be scheduled soon.

Playoffs: each team needs to produce 75% of the required points organically, or the team may not be eligible for region playoffs. Bill, Wil, Pat and Barry will meet on Saturday the 17th to finalize eligibility and move on in the playoffs.

CVPA – Mark Christian

VIP – Suzanne Curtin

ADDITIONAL TOPICS/REGIONAL COMMISSIONER – Barry Gribbon

Discussion on U14 Boys and should we play 2 or more teams. Agreed we will have playoff of all 4 boys teams since ref points were wrong.

Discussion on Ref points and who make playoffs. Agreed that teams with zero points do not make playoffs. Due to some math calculations, and more games to be played, the teams making playoffs could not be determined at this meeting. A meeting was scheduled for 1 hour after the last games Nov. 17th to add up ref points, Saturday games and determine standings. Statistician Bill Jordan, Ref Admin Wil, Asst. RC Pat and Barry will meet and determine final teams for playoffs.

For all divisions, there will be coach and ref training on Jan 5th in Arcadia at the Road Show. Time to get word out and get people there and trained.

With “test period” of adult league, it was determined that AYSO wishes to continue adult league and play it Fridays at Brett Field. Barry to clear with city.

There is \$600 for youth referee prizes at the end of the year. Youth cannot attend the volunteer party but will be eligible for the raffle.

Lengthy discussion on how to handle the canceled games on the weekend of Nov. 10-11 due to poor air quality. It was mentioned that our decision will affect some team's rankings and possibly change the

outcome of the division 1st place winners. Commissioner Barry sent an email over the weekend explaining any un-played games would be booked as 1-1 ties. That would make the seasons even. This decision was discussed and agreed that sounded fair.

Then the conversation moved to staying with this or moving all games in all ranked divisions to 1-1 ties for that weekend. After lengthy discussion, it was determined this does not work since not all teams played and the teams that did play should not be penalized if they won or lost their game.

Lastly, the discussion, and motion, was should the cancelled games be re-scheduled. Majority agreed that if any games get rescheduled, all games need to be rescheduled. For fairness, every kid should have a chance to make up the game.

The only choice for re-scheduling the games was Thursday Nov. 15th and then also Sunday Nov. 18th. There were many concerns about getting referees, coaches and parents to organize in the next 72 hours. Barry also brought up that Thursday Nov. 15th was Ed Foundation's Ladies' Night Out and we should not schedule our make-up games against a school fundraiser.

There was much concern that the board could not mobilize and get these games schedules, booked, reffed and completed on the time table. As of that evening, the board had no guarantees the fires would not cancel more games in make up or the following weekend.

Mark Christian motioned to let all the kids and find a way to make up the games on those dates. Kelly 2nd the motion. By this time of the night, there were 6 voting board members. The vote was 3 in favor and 3 against. Barry Gribbon casted the deciding vote of "not playing" due to his concerns that the board was not sure or able to make this happen. Had this happen earlier in the season than the last week, there would be more options.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45pm.

Next meeting will be held on December 17, 2018 at 7:30pm at Grimaldi's.