



AYSO Region Meeting Minutes ~~ July 17, 2017

Attending: Roger Steele, Dean Dierks, Pat Stanford, Kelly Watson, Barry Gribbon, Mike Doherty, Laura Howard, Will Henriquez, Beth Stoker, Jerry Fruchtman and Tom Norton

Meeting brought to order at 7:06pm

Minutes: approval of Minutes from June meeting – moved by Dean Dierks, seconded by Barry Gribbon – minutes unanimously approved.

Regional Commissioner Report (Roger)

NAGM meeting was held in June

- The calendar year age cut-off and player development initiatives are still moving forward, despite proposals to change or update both
- We are communicating the changes to registered player's families – we expect some concerns
- Due to the change to age groups (e.g. from U10 to 10U), the player initiative changes are considered age appropriate, and based on research (worldwide) to determine the best, age-appropriate development processes for youth
- We will not be able to accommodate any requested move-ups

Registration – website working effectively for most people

- We are down in registered players about 10% compared to last year; most other regions in the area are down an even higher percentage than us
- A report of player ratings will need to be run off of eAYSO, then entered into Blue Sombrero for this year only
- There have been some discussion that our registration fee is too high; we are \$10 lower than Manhattan Beach; Hawthorne is cited as lower than ours, but they have several additional fees on top of their \$130 base fee; our early bird was \$135 plus the \$17.50 AYSO National fee (\$200 plus \$17.50 for regular registration)

Turf replacement at Campus: construction will start around July 27th; city is projecting to have it ready by about August 26th; and the city is fully committed to completing the project by our September 9th “drop dead” date

- The new turf will not include the “crushed tire” substance in the current version, but this replacement cycle is not yet considered “green”, though the city believes that the technology will improve by the time the next replacement cycle comes around (~10 years)

Challenger Summer Camp

- Nearly 100 kids participating in the camp, despite having to move the camp earlier than its typical early August date due to Campus turf replacement

We are beginning to build a preliminary schedule – we may be able to create a “weekend only” game schedule (e.g. no Tuesday night games at Brett Field)

At this point, we still do not have a person or group to handle snack bar coordination, including scheduling, inventory and general coordination

Board Member Reports:

Registrar: (Barry Gribbon)

Registered about 900 players as of the deadline of June 30th

Waiting on National for a few “fixes” to registration errors that were made by participants during registration – Barry has to open tickets for each case, and they take several days to be fixed

Age verification needs to be completed manually, by utilizing a list out of eayso to match it up; Pat Stanford approved a motion to allocate \$300 for Barry to hire an intern to complete for us, motion seconded by Tom Norton

We will hold a preliminary team formation meeting at Bizhaus at 6:00pm on Tuesday, July 25th

Coach Administrator: (Kelly Watson)

Player evaluations this Saturday, July 22nd from 9am-11am at Brett Field; we have a preliminary second evaluation session set for August 10th, location TBD

We are seeing interest from potential coaches, but it’s a little tricky now; there are several steps required in Blue Sombrero, not to mention required training and certifications (register in Blue Sombrero, complete age level training and certification, complete Safe Haven and concussion awareness training); Kelly is recruiting people that may be able to help; Blue Sombrero has not brought certifications over in all cases

Kelly is preparing coaches for the player development initiatives and changes coming this year

Girls/Boys Programs: (Mike Doherty)

Still recruiting division commissioners for two divisions (Girls 8U and 10U).

Mike has inputted approximately 70% of the player ratings manually to this point. He is also sorting out some issues with players’ date of birth as well as account names (parent and player names mixed up) in the new system.

Area Programs: (Laura Howard)

A total of 5 teams will be representing Region 92 in Area play this fall (2 Boys 16U, 1 Boys 19U, 1 Girls 16U and 1 Girls 19U).

Pat Stanford will be providing Laura with access to Blue Sombrero so she can start working on team formation.

Referee Administrator: (Pat Stanford)

Five Region 92 referees recently passed their next level of training certifications: Will Chavez passed the Intermediate test. Kelly Watson and Wil Henriquez both passed the Advanced test. And Jack Desemone and Pat Stanford both passed the National test. Congratulations to all!

Pat showed on the monitor a review of field space/layout for games based on the estimated number of teams.

There was a discussion regarding field layouts at Campus for 10U games. Two fields will be used on the East side of the complex, and the fields will run East/West. Seating for spectators will either be between the two fields or on the extreme North and South sidelines (yet to be determined).

It is believed that the City will not allow easy-up tents or chairs with four leg supports on the new field (punctures from such usage will void the warranty). Only chairs with rounded/bar supports will be allowed.

CVPA: (Ted Shoepe)

No update.

Safety: (Dean Dierks)

No update.

Treasurer's Report: (Tom Norton)

We concluded the last fiscal year with a surplus of approximately \$30,000, due largely to strong expense controls.

We are beginning the new fiscal year in solid financial shape. With registration closed, our bank balance will be depleted by expenses for the balance of the fiscal year (as expected).

Open Discussion:

Mike Doherty asked about the overall field sizes at Campus. It was reported that the fields will be approximately 5 yards longer and 5 yards wider than the previous set-up.

Dean Dierks suggested that we consider using only 2 referees for 10U games due to the short sided games and smaller fields (similar to how junior high games are generally refereed). It was stated that this is not a possibility due to AYSO requirements.

Brett Sullivan will be handling practice scheduling this fall; Mike Doherty will again handle the referee scheduling. The prior referee scheduling tool is no longer available – Pat Stanford is reviewing replacement options.

Upcoming Region Dates/Meetings:

Next Meeting on August 21, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. at Deluca Trattoria

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.