



Tustin AYSO Region 96 Board Minutes

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

Tustin AYSO Office – 14742 Newport Ave., Suite 101

7:10 p.m.

Attendees: Jon Hersey (RC); Quan Pham (RVC); Mari Thomasson (CVPA); Tony Anderson (RRA); Rick Barker (Treasurer); Jim Andreae (Safety); Carla Tannehill (Team Parent Coordinator/ APP); George Annen (Schedules/Fields); Flavio Salgueiro (Fields/Equipment); Tim Curry (VIP); Jorge DeLeon (U16/U19); Jag Uppal (U14); Dzung Duong (BU12); Raul Duran (BU10); Scott Miyashiro (BU8); Ryan Hoke (GU8); Russell Beutow (GU7); Tricia Bregman (Kick-a-thon)

Region Business: Jon Hersey (RC)

- a) Review and approval of November 2016 Board Minutes. (Motion by Tim Curry; 2nd by Dzung Duong. Motion carries.)
- b) End of 2016 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Jon thanked Quan and Cindy for planning and organizing the end-of-year volunteer appreciation dinner and board gifts. Jon also recognized Russel Buetow and Flavio Salgueiro as our 2016 Volunteers of the Year. Jon asked board members who did not get their new sweatshirts to pick them up after the meeting.
- c) Board Updates
 - i) Board Positions. Jon reminded board members that their terms are for 1 year. Those wishing to change roles should let Jon know. He also wants to update the website. Please provide new pictures if you want. Please also let Jon know if you need your “tustinayso.org” email address updated or forwarded to a new/different address. Let’s use the spring season to get the board positions for upcoming summer and fall seasons finalized.
 - ii) RC Candidate Committee. Tricia Bregman, Raul Duran and Scott Miyashiro have agreed to serve on the RC Nominating Committee. Jon says that the committee members will be reaching out to board members for nominations and thoughts on candidates. The election will be held in March or April. Jon’s term expires at the end of June 2017. The committee will decide the election procedure and will announce it to the Board by email. Only current board members may vote. Interested candidates should contact a committee member for details. The RC position is open to all participating members of the region, but a current board member is preferred.

Financial Report/Budget: Treasurer

Rick Barker provided an account balance (approx. \$315,000) and recap of recent larger expense items. Rick stated that this is a sizeable decrease in the account balance. It was not unexpected, but is due mostly to uniform and field expenses paid at the end of the year and after our last board meeting in November. Jon provided some additional details about the field expenses from 2016: approximately \$63,000 paid to TUSD; approx. \$1,500 to the City of Tustin.

AYSO National Guideline/Program Updates

Jon updated the board on the new player development initiatives and formats of play being adopted by National. The most significant change will be the calendar-year registration system for both our core and APP programs. Jon informed the National had originally intended to stay with the school year registration dates, but almost all Sections (led by Section 11) are in favor of the shift to the calendar-year registration so that AYSO comes in line with all other youth soccer programs. As it stands, it seems that Section 10 may be the only hold-out. Another reason for the change is to combat the threat from club expansion, namely the LA Galaxy and LAFC organizations. Tustin and Irvine are prime targets. LA Galaxy have acquired local Slammers and OC Premier clubs. LAFC is looking to build a new training facility and HQs in the Tustin District area.

The specific player development initiatives/format changes include: (1) build-out lines at U9-U10; (2) no GK punts for U12 and younger; (3) 4v4 format for U8 and younger; no throw-ins for U8 and younger.

Russel asked Jon to circulate a copy of National's board minutes or announcement. Communication with our parents is key so they understand the reason for the changes and how it will affect their children.

Fields

Jon informed the board that the City of Tustin will start charging for field use and lights. Flavio Salgueiro represented Tustin AYSO at the semi-annual field allocation meeting and provided details. Initially, the City will charge us \$12/hour per field, plus an additional \$12/hour for lights. Those charges are expected to double by the end of 2017.

A suggestion was made that the region should consider applying more political/community pressure on the City Council and TUSD to improve the quality of the fields. One possibility is to hire a political consultant to help organize a formal effort.

Another suggestion was made that Tustin AYSO should try to obtain permits to some of the new turf fields being installed at Foothill HS and Lambert, and at Beckman HS and Tustin HS. TUSD has already informed Quan and Jon that the permits are not likely to be considered until summer, and that priority will still be given to the HS programs.

Program Updates

- a) Fall Core Program Wrap-Up
 - i) Jon described the success of the Mayor's Cup and the festival atmosphere at TSP where all of the finals were played. Quan invited the Tustin Mayor, but unfortunately did not receive a response from the City. We also did a small registration event for spring. Jon thanked the DCs for attending the Mayor's Cup games and to help hand out trophies and medals.
 - ii) Area Q Playoffs. There was a bit of a hiccup with one of the Mayor's Cup champions apparently not committing to attend the Area Q playoffs. Jon and Quan found a replacement team, but then the original team still showed at the tournament and had to be turned away. We should be certain of our lines of communication and confirming the details with coaches to avoid similar problems in the future.
 - iii) Jon congratulated Flavio's GU10 team on reaching the finals.
 - iv) Spring Core Programs. Jon discussed plans for the upcoming spring season, including the possibility of combining U5-6 Jamboree; U7-8 combined; U10, U12; U14; U16; U19. The region will be hosting (through Challenger British Soccer) a Sunday Skills Training program. Last year's program had 150 players. We've already started to advertise for this coming spring's program and are hoping for similar success. Thank you to Flavio and Carla for helping promote the program.
 - v) VIP – will have a spring program starting on Sunday, March 12. The season will culminate at the OCSC tournament the third week in May.
- b) APP. Carla and Jon reported on the APP program.
 - i) Hank Nuñez Memorial TSF. Unfortunately, the tournament was rained out. TUSD refused to open the fields. There were 104 teams registered (92 paying teams with the rest from Tustin), so revenue would have topped \$30,000. On a positive note, the medals, shirts, and other supplies will be used for next year's tournament.
 - ii) APP Information Night. Carla described an upcoming information meeting in January for parents. It will likely be in early February.
 - iii) EXTRA coach applications will be posted before the end of January. Tryouts are already tentatively scheduled for February and March as usual.

Important Dates and Closing Business: Jon described some important upcoming dates that are listed on the agenda. Most important is that early registration for the Western States EXPO in Las Vegas closes on January 19. We will also have two spring registration events on Jan. 21 and Jan. 26. Our next board meeting will be February 1, 2017, at 7:00pm at the Tustin AYSO Conference Center.

Meeting adjourned: 8:58 p.m.