



Tustin AYSO Region 96 Board Minutes

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Tustin AYSO Office – 14742 Newport Ave., Suite 101

7:20 p.m.

Attendees: Jon Hersey (RC); Quan Pham (RVC); Mari Thomasson (CVPA); Rick Barker (Treasurer); Russel Buetow (RCA); George Annen (Schedules/Fields); Flavio Salgueiro (Fields/Equipment); Tim Curry (VIP); Jorge DeLeon (U16/U19); Jag Uppal (U14s); Dzung Duong (BU12); Tricia Bregman (Kick-a-thon)

Region Business and Updates: Jon Hersey (RC)

- a) Review and approval of March 2017 Board Minutes. (Motion by Tim Curry; 2nd by Russel Buetow. Motion carries.)
- b) Western States Expo Recap. Jon reported that Region 96 was awarded Platinum status (again) for MY 2016-17. Jon thanked the board members for their hard work and dedication. Pins are available.

The Expo will likely be returning to the Rio Hotel in Las Vegas again next year. Jon reported on the room break-ins and thefts at the Rio Hotel.

Jon thanked Russel Buetow for coordinating the Region 96 dinner at the Expo.

- c) Section 11/Area Q Updates. There have been two Area 11Q board meetings since our last Region 96 board meeting. Adult league games have started and Region 96 is helping to host fields. Jon reported that Area 11Q may have a Regional Board tournament or games on some upcoming Friday nights. Jon reported that Vince Rodriguez, the current Costa Mesa Region 120 RC, was nominated by the Area 11Q to become the next Area 11Q Director starting in summer 2017.
- d) Orange County SC. Jon and Carla met with representatives of Orange County SC re opportunities for Tustin teams, volunteers and referees to participate in games and trainings. OCSC's Ray Ferrari has been invited to attend our next board meeting.

Financial Report/Budget: Treasurer

Rick Barker provided an account balance (approx. \$374,000) and recap of recent larger expense items. Rick stated that we are at the nadir of the fiscal year, basically between registration periods, but monthly expenses were approx. \$5,000 less than last month. Fiscal year-to-date, we have used approximately \$74,000 of reserves.

Jon reported that the bank account signature card needs to be updated. The new signatories will be Jon Hersey (Regional Commissioner), Rick Barker (Treasurer), and Audrey Castreje (Area 11Q Director). Quan Pham is appointed Secretary to replace Vickie Swancoat, and is authorized to submit the new signature card to the bank.

Upcoming registrations events/Blue Sombrero transition

We have two upcoming in-person registrations events on April 22 and 27. Jon asked for volunteers to help, especially because we will be using (and learning) the new Blue Sombrero registration system. Jon, Carla, Quan and Flavio met to plan the new registration processes and procedures. Postcards have been printed and mailed. Jon thanked Flavio Salgueiro for the tremendous job he's done setting up the new registration system and creating the new family-facing website.

Program Updates

- a) Local School Support
 - i) Loma Vista. Board Member Ryan Hoke helped coordinate Region 96's \$1,200 sponsorship of the Loma Vista Elementary School garden project. Tustin AYSO has been a long-time user of the Loma Vista field and has had a great working relationship with the school's administrators and PTA for decades. Quan Pham designed a Tustin AYSO tile that will be dedicated and placed on the field. The ceremony will be on Saturday, April 22 at 10a.m.
 - ii) Heideman. Board member Scott Miyashiro and Doug Reid are organizing an after-school soccer program at Heideman Elementary. The program will be on Monday afternoons for 4 weeks in May, and culminate in a school tournament on Saturday June 3. Region 96 is donating equipment and trainer time. Estimated costs are approximately \$1,500.
- b) Spring Core Programs. There were no significant updates reported on the spring core program.
- c) APP. Acceptances have been sent to the player-families for the Fall 2017 EXTRA program.

Region Policies & Protocols

Jon stated that the Region's Standard Policies & Protocols (SPPs), which are approved by National and published on our website, need updating to include our ability to include certain U19 players. Jon will prepare a proposed amendment for the Board's consideration at the next board meeting, and will require a 2/3 vote of approval from the Board.

Jon asked Board Members to review the current SPPs for any additional amendments they may want considered.

Upcoming Regional Business

- a) MY2017 Budget. The MY2017-18 budget is due to AYSO National by June 1. Jon will work with Rick to prepare it for the Board's approval. Jon advised that, similar to previous years, he will likely call for a special telephone meeting of the Board to discuss and approve the budget once prepared. Rick advised that one of the primary budgeting assumptions that must be made is the number of expected players; unless advised otherwise, he will assume the same number of players as last year. Quan suggested that we may want to be more conservative with our estimates by budgeting for a 10% decline in player registration.
- b) MY2016-17 Regional Assessment Program. The new RAP is due in June. Jon will prepare a first draft and work with the appropriate board members to complete it.

RC Nomination

Jon reported, as some of the board members are aware, that the Section 11 Director has not approved the Tustin Board's RC nomination. For confidentiality reasons, Jon said he will not discuss the specific circumstances with those not already involved or made aware of the circumstances from other sources. The situation is still somewhat fluid and Jon stated that he is not privy to all of the conversations or reasons. Jon reported that the Tustin Board has been requested by the Section 11 Director and Area 11Q Director to form (or re-form) the nominating committee. The Board discussed the situation, the possible responses by the Board. Jon concluded that based on the questions and comments expressed, and the fluidity of the situation, he would not re-form the nominating committee or call for new RC nominations at the current time. If and when the situation changes, or Section 11 and Area 11Q make a final decision, Jon will inform the Board whether a new committee and nominee is required.

New Business

Board members who have questions or concerns about any of the Region's policies, practices, finances or programs should feel free to raise them with Jon, who would appreciate the opportunity to answer or address them. Alternatively, members can raise questions or concerns with the appropriate Area, Section or National staff. Executive members take all concerns seriously and will do their best to address them. For example, Jon noted that he had heard questions and concerns about the Conference Center sublease. Jon will share a copy of the sublease for those who are interested. Rick stated that the Region's finances are open for review upon request. Jon also described how, based on changes to the Board, updates to auditing best practice guidelines, and questions raised by members, the signatories on the Region's bank accounts are being updated to remove persons who are also significantly involved in purchasing and procurement decisions. For now, signatories will be limited to Jon (as RC), Rick (as Treasurer) and Audrey Castreje (Area 11Q Director).

Meeting adjourned: 9:25 p.m.

Next meeting planned for May 3, 2017, at 7pm at Tustin AYSO Conference Center.