

Area F Minutes April 11, 2016

A regular meeting of AYSO Area 1F was called to order at 7:08pm on Monday April 11, 2016, at The Neighborhood Church in Palos Verdes. Area Director Fred Silver was presiding chair. A quorum was present.

Present: Fred Silver (AD), Caitlin Pinlac (RC6), Brent Daniel (RCR10), Rick Nieraeth (RCR14), Jimmy Zagala (RCR15), Jose Serrano (RCR16), Denise Noguera- Zagala, Joe Tabrisky, Bob Kircher, Jerry Wilson, Rob Jensen, Torie Tinder.

EXPO REPORT:

Blue Sombrero was discussed, possibilities to this web service, Region 14 has signed up for it. Each Region must have a blue sombrero web site in order to utilize the RMS system. Credit cards are turned on automatically. The check and cash feature can be turned on or off. Blue Sombrero makes a percentage on each transaction. They also hold the funds for 1 to 2 weeks. The \$17.50 registration fee will be non-refundable; it's the Regions choice to give the money back to the member. Advertising is a concern that some have and will Blue Sombrero use Region's sites to advertise what they want people to see. It was mentioned that at the EXPO a banner at the bottom of the page was advertising Blue Sombrero. There was a rumor that they could sell advertising of their choice on each Region's site and the Region would have no control. Log in is the same for Blue Sombrero and RMS. Important to save ones history of certifications before registering in RMS, it is importing from EAYSO but information could get lost.

Next year's EXPO is in Vegas at the Rio. This year did not offer some job specific training like Coach and Referee Administrator. No tournaments will be offered in Section 1 the weekend of EXPO.

MINUTES:

No minutes presented for March of 2016.

TREASURER:

There is \$135,607.71 in the general account. The Extra account has \$21,101.56. There are a few outstanding reimbursements for the Extra account. Treasurer will be following up with balances to Regions using the Toyota Sports Complex.

It was brought up if the cost to use Toyota will increase, answer was not for next year. Need to determine who needs to use Toyota. Will use for U14 interplay. Spoke of the inquiry from the COT on that fact there are not many kids using the site on the designated nights and the clubs want to know if AYSO will share and the city was told no. We are guaranteed the same days and times as the year before. When they ask for residency, they get a last name and zip code. Budgets due in June and to send them to the AD first to approve and sign. Regions can use NAP online, need to get used to the format. Area needs to submit a budget too; Area will increase the Coach and Referee budgets. It was asked about varying fees for the Extra program between Regions and it was discussed that each Region varies due to what they offer, extra gear, a tournament or two included in the package

COACH REPORT:

Coach Administrator was not present. Email from Charlie Kinsey, the SCA on new Intermediate curriculum. The Intermediate course curriculum has been updated and will come into effect in June. There changes are 5 hours on-line, 4 hours class room, 5 hours field session. The new format might be in place for our June course in the middle of June. It was decided to shorten up the time to get certified in hope more will take advantage of the training. The course should be shorter by a day. There was a discussion on order of the curriculum unfortunately the answers were not available at the time. Question on pre-requisites for Intermediate and nothing has changed, U12 required (1 year) before taking Intermediate and the same from Intermediate to Advance.

National is laying out the training for the new heading rule and will implement training for both the Coaches and Referees so that this fall season the rule is in full effect. The heading rule will not be in effect at the Founders, PV Spring Select does have the rule in effect. There were a few issues with high kicks and getting the Referees to handle the high kicks efficiently. It was mentioned the concerns of training kids at age 12 how to head the ball compared to the current format. Hopefully the new Intermediate course will address this.

REFEREE REPORT:

There have been changes made to the new Area Referee recruitment plan to not require it in U12 but highly encourage Regions to recruit from the U12 teams. Regions need to setup their infrastructure for recruitment, retention and mentoring. Area will need to track teams that go to Area and Section play and teams in U12 that do not have 3 certified referees, the Regions will need to supply refs for those teams. Previous failure of supplying referees to the Section playoffs was due to a lack of communication across the board. There was a good balance of Regions partaking in the Section playoffs but not supplying Referee teams. The ADA and ADI will work with the RRA to get Referees advanced in the future.

Referee rosters for tournaments were discussed. RRA's are not checking qualification and for U16/U19, reaching out to the ARA to determine if the Referees are trained or not trained. Most tournaments use the rule of thumb that they should be officiating the same division of the team they represent. When we know the Referee or Referee team, it makes the approval process much easy to handle but when the Referees listed have never been seen in a Upper Division matches, makes it very difficult to sign off on that. These Referees need to do higher level games in the fall and working with them will help improve each of the Regions and Area programs.

There was a discussion of new Referees that get trained after the fall season and start with officiating tournaments. The Regions need to reassess this and try to get the Referees trained before the fall season so there is opportunity to grow before the most difficult games start. Suggestion was during the training course, get a game played and swap out Referees every 5 minutes to get them experience before a real game. New Referees need to eventually get centers in order to become a better Referee.

Discussion to make sure in January that teams and Regions advancing to Section will be informed of games they need to cover with Referees. A reimbursement for travel needs to be considered for Referees helping at Section Playoffs and Carpooling is good too. The Area will only be sending 6 teams advancing in 2017, no wild card teams. Regions have to cover matches in Section even if they send teams to tournaments the same weekend.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

A Region Management Course will be offered by National April 23rd. It was mentioned the date conflicts with the Found Cup Tournament.

Policies and Protocols: Each RC was handed a copy to discuss what needs to be done to meet the June deadline. Every Region must post their refund policy posted in the addendum. Once the P&P is completed, it is submitted up the ladder to Area, Section and then to National. National will have on file everyone's P&P.

Page 2, any Region that has contract of 1 year or more must be sent to National to review. Any law suits filed must go through the National office so if a member wants to file a suit, it goes through National. Page 7, letter D, must list who votes on a Region board. If a Region does not designate who votes, then everyone listed in EAYSO or the new RMS has a right to vote. It was spoke that Nominating Committee is formed when a Region is looking for a new Region Commissioner and the current Regional Commissioner appoints the nominating committee. The Region must advertise the open position for 3 to 6 months. Committee is made up of 3 to 5 board and non-board but members of the Region, Parent, Coach, Referee, etc. No longer can a member be force to participate in fundraising activities or make them volunteer instead of participating in the fundraising. A Region cannot force parents to give back in volunteer time for the Extra program any longer. A Region cannot require someone to volunteer in return for financial assistance. The P&P speaks of players required to play half of every game, if a Region utilizes $\frac{3}{4}$ play, a check box must be marked to approve. Basically a region has to write out and custom guidelines in the P&P, cannot just staple their previous custom guidelines to the P&P. Copy and paste if the file is a writable PDF. Article 10, B, 1,2,3,4. There is a voting protocol to amend (get rid of for a Region) the P&P. All four steps must be met in order for the P&P to be abolished.

NAP Online starts as of June 2016. There may be a way around it if National approves. AD is now listed in the P&P as one of the mandatory signatories unless it's unreasonable (distance the AD lives from the Region, like 75 miles or more). There was rebuttal on the short time to implement the new P&P. It was also discussed that a Region must avoid punishing the player due to the parent. A region cannot tell the player that they cannot play due to the parent being tossed from a game during the season for instance. It was stated that NAP online is set for each Region, as to how much they have used it is another story.

WEBMASTER:

All is good.

SAFETY DIRECTOR:

No Report

ASSISTANT AREA DIRECTOR:

Only that AFT has 50 teams, needs to confirm start time at FOD.

SAN PEDRO:

Registration under way in April 5 dates for walk in set, working on coach and referee training, Tom Tobin is working on a Regional Badge course, still looking for a referee admin, negotiating the permits for next year and will include Founders and Armed Forces. Fields lined for Founders is set.

PALOS VERDES:

Spring Select is going good, almost done. T-shirts and coins next week for the Region, 1st registration is April 16th, \$145, \$135 discount, next is May, \$175, \$160 discount, June, \$225 no discount. People still pay at this price, a few hundred paid that last season. Referee training schedule is in place. Coach training is set for August. Playtime Adventure is set this season

SOUTH:

No report.

WEST:

Registration is posted online, walk-ins May 4th and 14th. Extra try-outs are taking place. The Treasurer is stepping down, Region looking for another. The registration price is starting at \$125. The Region will host the Summer Program in July.

CENTRAL:

1st Registration is at Hull, April 30th. Trying to work out dates at the Framers Market.. April May, \$125, June-July \$175, after August 1st, \$200. Extra is \$350 plus registration fee, mandatory parent meeting, try-outs start next week.

NORTH:

Registration started April 1st, \$105 for the whole month, \$135 for May and will be their regular price. McMasters Park is now set for Region 16 with lights for night games and practices, meetings will start up again. Spring league has 4 weeks to go. Columbia is closing after Founders for renovation, UK Camp during the summer at McMasters, Try-outs for Extra in April. Signups will take place during Spring league and the Region set one up at McMasters Park too. The Region came up with a new Idea to set up at the Roadium Swap Meet to advertise and run registration.

AREA DIRECTOR:

The Founders Cup has 204 teams. T-shirts will be available by Wed or Thurs of this week. Need to get help to stuff shirts in bags. The medals are on the way. The schedule is done. I have to fix U14 schedule. The Referee schedule 80% done, we are in need of U16/U19 referees. Brent will Supervise Ladera, Jose and Jerry will Supervise Columbia. Jose mentioned that cones will be used to keep traffic moving in a certain direction on the 186th street side. Valente will supervise FOD, Jimmy and Denise will Supervise Toyota and Caitlin will assist. Extra support for FOD is needed. A food truck will be at FOD, sandwiches or other stuff at Toyota, snack bar at Columbia and Ladera. Jose is getting the water. I will handle snacks and stuff for the Referees and staff.

The GU16 & U19, the flight has 5 teams, the teams will play two games each day, no Championship games, all based on standings. Boys U16 & U19 cross pool, Championship game but no 3rd or 4th place due to teams not wanting to play. There are 22 U8 teams, 50% out of our Area. F course it is non-competitive. Referee check-in, Geoff at Columbia, Ike at FOD, Ken at Toyota, Joe at Ladera Linda.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm .

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Sue Silver

