



AYSO Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Next Board Meeting: April 17, 2024

Attendance:

Executive Board		Board Members / Attendees	
X	Bryan Samuels, Commissioner	X	Richard Chen, Assistant RRA – Scheduling
	Erik Gammell, Assistant Commissioner	X	Patrick Foudy, GU14 Division & All-Star Coordinator
X	Tito Villanueva, Regional Coach Administrator	X	Frank Kim, Tournament Coordinator
	Phil Reed, Regional Referee Administrator	X	Jason Windass, EXTRA Coordinator
X	Roger Angarita, Treasurer	X	Alejandro Vasquez, EPIC Program Coordinator
X	Cindy Shin, Registrar	X	Mui Koltunov, Picture Day and Spring Season Coordinator
	[Open Role], CVPA	X	Jose Avellos, Spring Season Coordinator
X	Jose Castillo, Safety Director	X	Bernadette Williams, Co-Awards Coordinator
X	Afshin Ketabi, Secretary	X	Sherry Sakomoto, Lower Division Coordinator (U4-U8)
X	Noel Garcia, Commissioner Emeritus, GU10 Coordinator	X	Gregorio Pacheco
		X	Jake White
		X	Kate Parma

Discussion:

Bryan opened the meeting at 7:04 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Roger moved to approve the minutes of the January Board Meeting. Bryan seconded the motion. Bryan called the question. All were in favor with none opposed, and none abstaining.

Financials



Roger provided a financial update and reported total expenses incurred in January was approximately \$42k, with the largest expenses incurred for uniforms, field maintenance expenses, and tournament entry fees.

Alex moved to accept the financials. Bryan seconded the motion. Bryan called the question. All were in favor with none opposed, and none abstaining.

Tournaments

Cindy provided an update and reported a number of All-Star teams, staffed with qualified referees, will be playing in upcoming tournaments. Bryan noted Area and Sectional level All-Star teams typically play at an appropriate level to compete in tournaments.

All-Stars

Patrick provided an update and reported the All-Star season went well, teams were balanced, and player training sessions were well attended.

Bryan suggested forming a subcommittee to examine how to improve the All-Star selection process and expand it beyond just the evaluations from coaches. Jose Avellos and Gregorio volunteered to be a part of the subcommittee.

Spring Season

Jose Avellos provided an update and reported approximately 800 players have registered for the Spring Season, comprising ten teams across 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U in the Girls and Boys divisions and 16U and 19U in the Girls division. Bryan noted more coaches and referees are needed to support the teams and training for coaches and referees is being planned for the weekend of March 9 and 10.

Cindy offered to provide Jose and Mui a list of the coach and referee volunteers for Spring Season for training follow-up. Mui noted the season will run from April through May, with games on Sundays except for Easter and Mother's Day.

Coaches

Tito provided an update and reported he has started recruiting coaching coordinators to take over next year, given his term is expiring at the end of this year. Tito noted Sherry and Kate have agreed to coordinate the lower and competitive divisions, respectively, and Rana has agreed to coordinate the upper division, which is Area-facing.



Referees

Richard provided an update and reported team referees successfully covered all All-Star season assignments, except for two games that were missed due to miscommunication within a particular team.



EXTRA / Alliance

Jason provided an update and reported first round pool playoffs were canceled because fields were not available due to rain. Seven of the region's nine teams have been advanced to the elimination rounds, scheduled for March 9 and 10.

Jason noted EXTRA / Alliance tryouts are being planned for March 23, 24, and 30.

Roundtable / New Topic Suggestions

Alex inquired whether our Region would consider hosting an EPIC tournament over Thanksgiving weekend, given the Hawthorne Region is no longer planning on hosting their annual tournament.

Bryan provided an update on behalf of Rana and reported the volunteer appreciation party is being planned for Saturday, April 13 at the South Pasadena Women's Club and a save-the-date communication will be distributed soon. A team of volunteers will be needed to help with the party and sign-ups will be solicited as we get closer to the date.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Minutes submitted by Afshin Ketabi, AYSO Region 214 Secretary.