



AYSO Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021

The next Board Meeting is Wednesday, April , 2021

Attendance:

Executive Board			Board Members
X	Bryan Samuels, Regional Commissioner		Rob Figel, Field Director
	Tito Villanueva, Reg. Coach Admin, 10U-19U	X	Jeremy Gonzalez, EXTRA Coordinator
X	Tom Cornwell, Board Secretary	X	Erik Gammell, Director Coach Development
X	Rafi Angelats, Treasurer	X	Richard Chen, Scheduler
X	Al Azat, Regional Referee Administrator		Kim Carlson, Tournament Director
	Phil Shin, Registrar		Robert Yang, Social Media Director
X	Larry Abelson, CVPA		Philip Reed, Assistant Scheduler
	Michael Shimpock, Safety Director		Jeremy Meyers
X	Noel Garcia, Past Commissioner		Oscar Anguiano
X	Luis Orellano	X	Betsy De Leon, Scholarships Coordinator
X	Dana Abelson, CVPA Emeritus		

Minutes:

DISCUSSION:

Bryan opened the meeting at 8:08 p.m. He thanked the team for their help with the transition.

Approval to Conduct Meeting Virtually

Larry moved that the meeting be conducted virtually. Al seconded. Bryan called the question. All were in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Rafi moved that we approve the Minutes for the Board meeting from December. Betsy seconded the motion. Bryan called the question. None were opposed and none abstained.

Budget Updates



Rafi reviewed the financials for the group which were distributed with the meeting packet. He reviewed our profit and loss statement for February. He noted that he was able to recognize income from the live training academy for Spring. He said we are currently in a positive position but there will be new expenses coming soon from the training supplier. He projected that we would be in a break-even position at the end of March. Larry asked about bank fees line item. Rafi said that these relate to the fees we pay for Blue Sombrero. A portion of each Blue Sombrero includes fees, one of which is to Blue Sombrero itself (labelled as a bank fee). He noted that we also make payments to AYSO National. Bryan confirmed that our back is not charging us any fees. The Bank Fees line item also includes the loan we made to AYSO National.

Larry moved that the group accept the financials. Betsy seconded the motion. Bryan called the question. There were none opposed and no abstentions.

Program Update

Bryan noted that we have our March program underway at South Pasadena Middle School. He said that it is going well. He said that he believes we will net a little revenue from the program, which will help to offset costs from prior months and from other programs. He said that the program will conclude at the end of April. Bryan noted that we have had generally positive feedback on the program, which has about 300 kids. Erik and Luis concurred.

Bryan noted that we planning a Spring and Summer program. He said that we have about 400 kids registered across all the divisions. He noted that those numbers don't include the children registered for EXTRA. He noted that most of the registrants are in the 10U and 12U groups. He said that we are planning to do small-sided games. Three smaller fields will be laid out on the high school field. The 8U and 7U will be on the grass at South Pasadena Middle School. All of the coaching will be done by the training company we will use. We will be forming balanced teams.

Al noted that we do intend to provide referees for these matches. He said that he would handle referee recruitment, scheduling, and volunteer registration for these referees. Al noted that Scott Davis, Area Referee Administrator, is aware of our plan. Al said that if we don't have an adequate response from our refs we will reach out to the Area for refereeing help. He noted that we have ordered some masks for the referees to use. Bryan said that he would like to limit the number of the people on the field in order to minimize interactions between adults and kids. We might not need assistant referees for these small sided games. Larry said that he thought doing without ARs at 10U would be ok. Erik agreed with Bryan's recommendation of not having Assistant Referees. He noted that it is not difficult to call ball in and out of play and offside is not in force in the short sided games. Al believed there would be value for referee training and mentoring, and for controlling the games effectively. He said he certainly would be willing to revisit the requirement as the program proceeded. Bryan agreed that we could start with three referees and see how it goes. Al said that for the 12's and 14's he would certainly like to provide three ref crews. Larry also suggested that it may be easier to engage some people starting as Assistant Referees.



Al confirmed that we are not planning holding any additional referee training sessions for this program. He said that we will be conducting our usual set of referee training classes throughout the summer, in coordination Region 13 in Pasadena. He said that much of the Regional Referee training will be delivered in a hybrid mode, with an online portion followed by a few hours of in-person instruction. Bryan asked if we could discuss our plan for referee training at the next Board meeting. Al agreed to provide a plan.

Bryan noted that we will shortly be opening our registration and getting uniforms for the registered players. He said that we will discuss timing for the Fall registration at the next meeting. Larry asked about permits for the program. Bryan noted that the EXTRA program has reached out to Section 1 for fields. He said that we offered the Middle School soccer field for EXTRA matches. Noel noted that the South Pasadena All City Track Meet has been scheduled for May 23 at South Pasadena High School.

Richard asked what kind of goals we will use on the short-sided program. Bryan said that we will consider which goals to use. He said we might consider using the 8U or 7U net goals from San Marino.

Coach Update

Bryan noted that Tito will provide his report in writing.

EXTRA Program Update

Jeremy noted that the Sunday training sessions have been going well. He said that the sessions conclude April 18, with no session being held on Easter. He said that he has heard from Section 1 that there will be a short season held 4/17 through 6/6. He provided the current seven teams we have for that mini-season of full games (U11 through U14). He said that EXTRA will also have a weekday practice. Uniforms will be ordered and the program cost for the mini-season is being determined.

Jeremy said that we will plan to hold tryouts for the Fall sometime this Summer. At that point we could add teams in 10U and 14U girls. Erik suggested having at least some of the tryouts once kids are back from summer vacation. Jeremy said he and some of the other EXTRA coaches will attend core short-sided matches to look at players.

He said that he thinks we could have ten teams by the Fall. He noted that we would likely need to provide referees to cover matches at South Pasadena Middle School. Jeremy is confirming the referee requirements from the Section.

Registration Discounts and Scholarships

Betsy reported on registration discount process and a separate process for a college scholarship to high school seniors. She said that we look at the requests on a case-by-case basis. Each request needs to include a reason for the scholarship need. She expressed some concern that



with the economic impacts of the pandemic, we may see some additional demand. Betsy said that she would provide information on the high school scholarship to South Pasadena High School. Noel said that she would provide the announcement we used last year. Noel noted that we raised our awards over time. She said that two years ago we had ten applicants and choose the top four to receive \$1000. Betsy noted that the college scholarship program has criteria. There is a GPA requirement and a requirement to write an essay for the scholarship.

Registration System

Bryan noted that the system will be open April 3. We can still pull reports but the system is not available for new programs.

South Pas Eggstravaganza

Larry reported. He said that this event is scheduled on Saturday, April 3 from 11 to 1. He noted that we have some volunteers in place but could use more. He said that we will be giving out mini soccer balls and also coupons. Luis said that he would create them.

Public Comments

There were no public comments offered.

Adjournment

Tom moved that the meeting be adjourned. Erik seconded the motion. Bryan called the question. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Tom Cornwell, AYSO Region 214 Board Secretary