



AYSO Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Next Board Meeting: February 21, 2024

Attendance:

Executive Board		Board Members / Attendees	
X	Bryan Samuels, Commissioner	X	Betsy de Leon, Assistant to Regional Commissioner
X	Erik Gammell, Assistant Commissioner	X	Rana Itani, Co-Uniform Coordinator
X	Tito Villanueva, Regional Coach Administrator	X	Cindy Shin, BU7-BU8 Division Coordinator, Referee Coordinator U10
X	Phil Reed, Regional Referee Administrator	X	Jason Windass, EXTRA Coordinator
X	Rafi Angelats, Treasurer	X	Alejandro Vasquez, EPIC Program Coordinator
	Andrew Philpot, Registrar	X	Alex Montes, GU12 Division Coordinator
	Anna Li, CVPA	X	Frank Kim, Tournament Coordinator
	Karen Tamis, Safety Director	X	Larry Abelson, Assistant RRA – Assessments
X	Afshin Ketabi, Secretary	X	Sherry Sakomoto, Lower Division Coordinator (U4-U8)
	Noel Garcia, Commissioner Emeritus, GU10 Coordinator	X	Roger Angarita
		X	Bernadette Williams, Co-Awards Coordinator
		X	Tara Hall, Co-Awards Coordinator
		X	Mui Koltunov, Picture Day Coordinator
		X	Mauro Zappaterra, U8 Division Coordinator
		X	Jose Castillo
		X	Bomee Fain, Assistant Referee Scheduler
		X	Jose Avellos

Discussion:

Bryan opened the meeting at 7:24 pm.

Approval of Minutes



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

New Board Members

Bryan introduced the new board members who were elected at the last board meeting:

- Regional Commissioner Elect: Betsy de Leon
- Registrar: Cindy Shin
- Safety Director: Jose Castillo
- Treasurer: Roger Angarita

Bryan noted the Child Volunteer Protection Advocate (CVPA) role also needs to be filled and interested candidates are encouraged to come forward.

All-Stars

Bryan provided an update on behalf of Patrick, and reported the season is going well, with no red cards and missed referee assignments to date.

Alex provided an update and reported uniforms are expected to arrive this week and will be distributed to coaches.

Grad Series

Bryan provided an update on behalf of Gregorio and Jenn, and reported the season kicked off last week, with experienced center referees assigned to each match. Bryan also noted goalkeeper training is in the process of being arranged.

Spring Season / Spring Cup

Bryan provided an update and noted our Region is considering holding a Spring Season, which will essentially be an extension of the Core season. A key consideration is having enough volunteers to support the season, as well as 1-2 coordinators to lead the season. The matches would be held on Sunday to not conflict with other Spring sports.

Mui and Jose Avellos expressed interest in co-coordinating the Spring Season. A communication will go out to the Region and registration will be opened soon.

Larry inquired into the possibility of participating in Spring Cup at the Area level. If enough players and volunteers register, teams can be formed, as long as a coordinator steps up at the Area level. Bryan noted another option for players/teams seeking to compete in Spring is to play in other nearby leagues.



Coaches

Tito provided an update and reported he is planning to start recruiting coaching coordinators to take over next year. He is considering dividing up the coordinator responsibilities between U4-U8, U10-U14, and Upper Division. Rana expressed interest in coordinating the Upper Division coaches.

Referees

Phil provided an update and reviewed the structure and responsibilities of the Referee Administration team, comprised of scheduling, instruction, mentoring, assessments, and equipment. Phil noted the Referee Administration team is seeking more volunteers to join the team and assist in all workstreams.

EXTRA / Alliance

Jason provided an update and reported the Extra program, comprised of nine teams, has the highest winning percentage of any region with more than one team participating in the league. Jason also noted six of our teams finished at the top of their flights and all nine teams have qualified for the playoffs.

Jason also provided an overview of AYSO Alliance, which is a new program positioned in between Extra and United. He noted a number of Extra teams handily won their flights this season and are interested in a higher level of competition next season, which Alliance could provide. Alliance teams have volunteer coaches and play in a Club league and can participate in both AYSO and Club tournaments.

Phil moved to approve the Region's Extra teams to pursue Alliance and apply for admission. Rafi seconded the motion. Bryan called the question. All were in favor with none opposed, and none abstaining.

Roundtable / New Topic Suggestions

Bryan announced that, going forward, Frank may approve all tournament rosters to alleviate any bottlenecks for teams seeking tournament registration.

Bryan noted the Region has traditionally provided uniforms to SPMS soccer teams, SPMS has requested uniforms for this season, and we will provide for them.

Rana is targeting Saturday, April 13th to hold the Volunteer Party at the South Pasadena Women's Club. 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.

Alejandro inquired about the Region potentially donating to and/or volunteering at the Empowering All Abilities organization yearly event upcoming in March.



Rafi inquired about advertising in the PTA newsletters of San Marino schools and will start the process of getting copy/artwork prepared for distribution.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm.

Minutes submitted by Afshin Ketabi, AYSO Region 214 Secretary.