



AYSO Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Next Board Meeting: December 14, 2022

Attendance:

Executive Board			Board Members / Attendees
X	Bryan Samuels, Commissioner	X	Alex Montes, Uniform Coordinator
X	Erik Gammell, Assistant Commissioner	X	Stella Jang, Uniform Coordinator
X	Afshin Ketabi, Secretary	X	Alejandro Sanchez, BU10 Coordinator
	Al Azat, Regional Referee Administrator	X	Victor Chen, Youth Referee Coordinator
X	Andrew Philpot, Registrar	X	Richard Chen, Assistant RRA – Scheduling
	Anna Li, CVPA	X	Larry Abelson, Assistant Referee Administrator
X	Noel Garcia, Commissioner Emeritus	X	Dana Abelson, Scholarship Coordinator & Auditor
X	Rafi Angelats, Treasurer	X	Frank Kim, Tournament Coordinator
X	Karen Tamis, Safety Director	X	Jeremy Gonzalez, EXTRA Coordinator
	Tito Villanueva, Regional Coach Administrator	X	Maurice Saldebar, Arroyo Seco Cup Coordinator
		X	Melissa Zapata (?), Volunteer Party Coordinator
		X	Phil Reed, Assistant Referee Scheduler
		X	Rob Bonz, GU12 Coordinator
		X	Roger Angarita
		X	Mauro Zappaterra

Discussion:

Bryan opened the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Andrew moved to approve the minutes of the September Board meeting. Rafi seconded the motion. Bryan called the question. All were in favor with none opposed, and none abstaining.

Financials

Rafi provided a financial update and reported total expenses incurred in October was approximately \$90k, with the largest expenses incurred for player uniforms, player training, fees to Section 1, referee uniforms, and facilities. Rafi noted we haven't received the invoice yet for the field restoration work performed on the Arroyo fields. Through October, net income is approximately \$166k.



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

Area Updates

Bryan provided an update and reported Betsy DeLeon will serve as the Area Post Season Coordinator and that our Referee team is the top performing unit in the Area.

Andrew reported a limited number of refund requests are outstanding and the intention is to issue credit but, if necessary, refund checks can be issued.

Fall Season Updates

- a) Coaches: Alejandro reported a complaint communicated by coaches is tardiness in reporting game scores
- b) Referees: Victor provided an update on the Youth Referee Program and reported 16 youth referees have signed up for 102 assignments to date

VIP Program

Bryan provided an update and reported the VIP program has 16 registered players (ranging from 5-16 years old) and picture day is soon approaching. Additionally, a defibrillator has been ordered and a pilot is being considered to have the defibrillator on hand for VIP Program games.

EXTRA Program

Jeremy provided an update and reported the EXTRA program is going well. The season is just past the halfway point, many teams are in contention for the playoffs, and multiple teams have entered the upcoming Thanksgiving Tournament in Pasadena. Additional tournament opportunities are upcoming towards the end of the year and into early next year. This is Jeremy's last year coordinating the program and an effort is underway to select the next coordinator. Further, other regions in our area are considering starting (or re-starting) EXTRA Programs, which would potentially result in less travel for our teams in subsequent seasons.

Playoff Schedule

Richard provided an update and proposed most divisions to have the last match of the season (scheduled on 12/3) be a friendly and have the final standings be set after the ninth game of the season. Doing so would allow ample time to record match results prior to creating the playoff schedule and provide teams advance notice about their first playoff match. It was also decided to move up the start time for 10U games 30 minutes to start matches at 5:30p and 7:00p.

Tournaments



Arroyo Seco Cup: Maurice provided an update and reported 12 boys teams and 7 girls teams have entered to date and additional teams are expected to enter by the deadline. Bryan indicated a process is in place to form teams from ad hoc players, provide uniforms for teams who need them, and t-shirts will be ordered for players, coaches, and team referees who participate in the Cup. Additionally, discussions on referee requirements are still ongoing the results will be shared very soon.

Postseason Coordinator

Mauro and Alejandro have agreed to work together to perform this role and will seek input from Tito and Patrick. An email communication will be prepared and distributed soon to notify families of relevant information.

All Stars

Bryan provided an update and indicated the decision has been made to eliminate all-star tryouts this cycle and instead leverage the ratings provided by coaches during the season as well as calibration meetings. Additionally, Bryan indicated no other regions in the area conduct all-star tryouts. Noel recommended to hold calibration meetings prior to the start of playoffs and to make providing calibration inputs/notes by coaches a requirement for participating in the playoffs.

Spring Season

Bryan suggested additional options for the Spring season, such as potentially having a spring CORE season, Spring Cup, or potentially providing teams the opportunity to participate in tournaments. The intent is to provide more programming options for our region's players and more discussion is warranted to further develop ideas.

Volunteer Party

Melissa has agreed to plan the popular yearly party for some time in January/February and will work with a budget of approximately \$12k. Potential venues currently under consideration are Oneonta Congregational Church, Women's Club, and the War Memorial Building.

Board Election Updates

Alejandro provided an update and reported he will draft an email communication for distribution to the region soliciting interest in running for the following executive positions up for re-election in December:

- a) Executive positions up for re-election this cycle:
 - i. Commissioner
 - ii. Regional Coach Administrator
 - iii. Regional Referee Administrator
- b) Positions not up for re-election this cycle are Safety Director, CVPA, Registrar, and Treasurer.



New Business

Suggestion for a topic at the next board meeting:

Dana Abelson has been discussing with the mother of Sarah Pantip Wong how to honor Pantip and recognize her passing. Pantip was a freshman attending college in Seattle when a construction crane collapsed and hit the Uber car she was a passenger in. Pantip played in the region and was part of the teen referee team as well. Pantip's mother is interested in helping to fund the scholarship on an on-going basis and a name for the scholarship being considered is The Pantip Wong Scholarship. Dana will continue to develop the details of the scholarship with Pantip's mother.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by Afshin Ketabi, AYSO Region 214 Secretary.