

**Board Meeting Minutes  
Feb26, 2014  
7pm – Deluca Trattoria**

The meeting convened at 7:15pm with the following members in attendance: Eric Stoker, Katherine Sautner, Kate O’Riley, Viera Ewell, Larry Klingaman, Kelly Watson, Walt Schumacher, and Jerry Fruchtmann. Rick Pierce joined at 7:30pm but missed the public communications portion of the meeting.

**1. Public Communications**

*Regional Board Meetings are open to all participating members. Communications must be related to AYSO business only and that which is within the jurisdiction and subject matter of the Board. Time is limited to 3 minutes per person, 20 minutes maximum.*

A concerned citizen and AYSO member presented “A Matter of Great Concern to AYSO Region 92” presentation (attached). This esteemed citizen took no more than her 3 allotted minutes to describe the signage situation at Brett Field and provided several possible resolutions. The board agreed to take the matter under advisement but officially discouraged any acts of civil unrest, disobedience or escalation of animosity between Youth Sporting Associations. Ah hem.

**2. Minutes Approval**

No minutes were submitted in advance of the meeting and Secretary Debra Gabrielson was not in attendance. Kelly Watson was asked to take minutes for this meeting. Because of her lack of training or inherent expertise in minute-taking, she has declined responsibility for any errors, omissions, or unappreciated color commentary.

**3. Area 1D Meeting Feb 3 Review**

Eric Stoker attended the Area 1D Meeting on Feb 3. At the meeting it was determined that the Lennox AYSO Region be decommissioned. Players from Lennox will be absorbed into surrounding regions. A discussion also occurred about the benefits of regions having an Extra program, and All Star program, or both. Eric provided his views about the disadvantages of the Extra program and some other regions concurred. It seems mostly Orange County regions and South Redondo like Extra, which is why they seem to send weaker All Star and League teams to regional competitions. Ultimately, it is up to each region to choose whether to have an Extra program, an All Stars program, or both.

#### **4. Section League Champions Tournament / Riverside Update**

Four teams competed: BU10 – Coach Steele, BU12 – Coach Vezina, BU14 – Coach Freeman, and GU10 – Coach Moreno. All teams finished below the top and will not advance but the three boys teams were all knocked out by the eventual tournament champions which says a lot about how well they competed. Overall, the players had a great time at the tournament and enjoyed the hotel pool after the game.

#### **5. All Stars Section Tournament Coming Up – Mar 1-2**

Our region has one team competing, looking for a “three-peat” performance to take the title for our region; BU12 – Coach Vezina. We wish them the best of luck.

#### **6. Spring League**

Viera Ewell provided a status update. Teams are formed and the Schedule is in progress. A discussion occurred around the issue of pinnies and whether each time will be given some or if they will be made available at games in case of uniform conflict. We used a different uniform vendor due to the problems and poor customer service by SCORE from the fall and we hope to have a better outcome. A practice schedule has been posted and coaches need to follow it –there were a lot of teams competing for very limited space on fields tonight. The coach meeting will occur tomorrow night (Feb 27).

#### **7. National Games – Torrance/Riverside – June 29 through July 7**

Our GU12 Extra Team will compete in this tournament. Team Coach Kelly Watson has submitted all requested roster, team photo, and coach information requested by the Games’ coordinators. We can change our roster up until May and may need to do that if player interest dwindles. Kelly will stay on top of this.

#### **8. National Expo – Las Vegas – Mar 21-23**

*The AYSO EXPO will include a wide array of continuing training workshops for coaches, referees, and management volunteers, along with roundtables, opportunities to meet with AYSO national leaders, certification courses, networking and award events, and a vendor alley to get a jump on your Region shopping and ordering. AYSO EXPO is open to all AYSO volunteers at every level of the organization. Register at [eAYSO.org](http://eAYSO.org). Agenda and other info at [aysoexpo.ayso.org](http://aysoexpo.ayso.org).*

Our region will send the following people: Eric Stoker, Katherine Sautner and Kate O’Riley who are attending the Dispute Resolution Session, Rick Pierce who is presenting three sessions: “Development over Winning”, “Coach, Educate, Inspire”, and “Quality

Session Planning & Implementation”, plus Tony Parascandola, Timm and Michelle Lawson, and possibly Larry Klingaman. The regional policy for reimbursement is Board Members will have Registration (\$230), Room (up to \$350), and Travel (up to \$350) reimbursed whereas non-Board Members will have Registration only reimbursed. Participants are encouraged to present a summary of their activities and the information they gained at the next board meeting after their return.

## **9. Election of 2014/2015 Season Board – Term begins Mar 1**

Six of the 7 Mandatory Board positions were open for election: Registrar, Coach Administrator, Referee Administrator, Safety, Child & Volunteer Protection Advocate (CVPA), and Treasurer. All existing Board Members wanted to keep their position and were nominated. No other candidates emerged, so no vote was required. The 2014/15 Board will be:

Regional Commissioner – Eric Stoker (entering the third year of a three year term)  
Registrar – Katherine Sautner  
Coach Administrator – Rick Pierce  
Referee Administrator – Walt Schumacher  
Safety – Tony Parascandola  
CVPA – Kate O’Riley  
Treasurer – Larry Klingaman

Eric notified us he will be leaving as RC after this year so we need to actively recruit a new Commissioner for next year.)

## **10. Board Reports**

### **Registrar – Katherine Sautner**

The Fall season registration begins May 1 and goes through June 30. Eric will work to get the banners up across Main St. Katherine will have a calendar by next meeting.

### **Coach Administrator – Rick Pierce**

There will be a U10 Coach Field Training at Campus this Sat, Mar 1<sup>st</sup>. Coaches must also complete the online companion course and safe haven to obtain certification.

### **Referee Administrator – Walt Scumacher**

There will be a Beginner Referee Training March 14 6pm-10pm in Westchester. Walt will draft an email for all Region contacts and Eric will send it out. A discussion ensued about whether we should be assuming target populations for these types of

communications (coach training, too) or whether we should send to the whole list to unearth more potential recruits. (Such as Kelly's 12 year old daughter who wants to train both as a U10 coach and a beginner referee and was not on either target list.) Also, we discussed whether we should give people more notice than 1-2 weeks, which makes it difficult for people with full schedules to manage.

### **Treasurer – Larry Klingaman**

An accounting report was handed out (attached). The Regional Snack Bar Coordinator position is now empty which we need to fill else risk revenue. Katherine will speak with a potential recruit. A recommendation was made to form a committee to discuss use of our budget reserves, which are quite high. There is currently no known plan to replace the turf at Campus in 3 years when it reaches the end of its specified life, nor to consider future field expansion, etc. This would be the role of the committee. Larry will send out a request for participants.

## **11. Other Business**

### **Survey Results**

Kelly Watson presented a summary of the Fall Season Survey Results with recommendations for improvement in 3 key areas: Balancing Teams, Coach Training, and Referee Training (attached). She recommended forming a committee to work on these ideas more closely to come up with a response and action plan. Kelly will send out a request for participants.

### **City Council Meeting & New City Fee**

There will be a vote at the upcoming City Council Meeting next Tuesday, Mar 4 to enact a new per-participant fee on Youth Sports Associations of \$10 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. This will apply to all local sports associations. Eric attended the El Segundo Youth Sports Council meeting on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> where this issue was discussed. FYI - approximately 85% of AYSO participants in Region 92 are residents. If this passes, we would need to pass through this increase directly in our registration fees, which would amount to approx \$15 increase per registrant. It was agreed we should communicate this to all contacts in the form of an email from Eric as soon as possible, letting people know this is coming and providing information about the meeting so concerned citizens could attend the meeting and also so people know we are not raising our fees without cause. It can give those who will experience hardship ample advance notice to plan accordingly and possibly take advantage of the early bird registration so they minimize the impact to themselves.

### **eAYSO glitch**

A new enhancement to the eAYSO system came out that limits access to the system for board members to their actual term. This may mean that board members have temporarily lost access, since we are in the transition between board period. Eric will have this resolved asap.

## **12. Next Meeting**

Due to the Expo next month, there will not be a formal meeting of the Board. The next meeting will be Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm – Deluca Trattoria. At that meeting it will be decided if we want to add additional voting board members.