



AYSO Region Meeting Minutes ~~ January 18, 2015

Attending: Timm Lawson, Jenny Seversen, Kelly Watson, Michelle Lawson, Brad Puskas, Mike Doherty, Kevin Johnson, Rick Pierce, Roger Steele, Ben Wakefield, Viera Ewell, Michelle Wilkinson, Ryan Wantz

Minutes: Motion to approve November minutes moved by Viera seconded by Rick– minutes approved w/corrections

Area 1D Meeting (Timm)

Timm:

- Spring teams must be turned in by Feb. 1
- Reimbursements for Team parties are to be turned in by 1-31-16 except TDK in BU10 since they are going to Sections
- Email to all coaches - they cannot play during practice with their team - insurance issue
- Dick's Sporting Goods is now a sponsor

Blue Sombero - still up in the air to use over eayso. Merging of files may be an issue. It should be a basic rollover though

BOARD REPORTS:

Coach Administrator – Rick Pierce

- adv. coach training in March
- Expo in Ontario and preview of intermediate coach course

Girls Program: Mike

- All ratings are in eAYSO

Boys Program: Brad

- all ratings are in eayso
- BU10 going to sections

Viera Ewell

- Still need coaches in BU10 (3 teams) and 1 for GU8
- about 300 kids have registered as of a week ago (before internet went down)

we may have 2 GU14 teams

REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR: Pat

- As of today no refs have signed up for All Stars, 5 games each day this weekend.

CVPA: Ryan Wantz – nothing to report

Safety: Ben – Sand bags are missing from the fields. Need to get those back—those are anchors for the goals

Registrar: Michelle

Nothing to report

- All pictures have been picked up

Treasurer's Report: Michelle W.

\$137K balance

Sending out reimbursements for team parties

Announcement:

Limited interest. Only person who volunteered is Roger Steele. This will be a TWO year term.

Discussion around his focus and qualifications. He discussed three areas to improve:

- 1) Balanced Teams. U10 specifically...over half of teams had no chance of winning.
- 2) Improve Ref/Coach relationship. The confrontational relationship needs to be addressed.
- 3) Deepen and broaden the volunteer base. Too many families have become content to sitting on the sideline vs being active volunteers.

Open Q&A with the Board:

Q: Any conflict of interest with little league and AYSO?

A: No, because he does not hold a board position (never has) and has only coached.

Q: What is the term for RC position?

A: It is a 3 year position, but his will be in position for 2 years as he is finishing off Timm's term

Q: When does this board expire?

A: March 1st

Q: What about the current board members?

A: He would rather bring the current board over for consistency and stability.

A: He wants coaches that have the best interest of the kids in mind. He feels that there is a small percentage of the parents that burn our time. We need to move away from giving them energy and focus on the families that are involved for the right reasons.

Q: How do you feel about coaches that have kids in Club?

A: Majority of those parents do a fair job. There are coaches that actively manipulate the ratings in the ratings meeting. This needs to be addressed.

Q: how do you plan to broaden the volunteer base?

A: He has begun reaching out to the families of the younger kids that are or will be signing up for AYSO. Focus would be on U7-U8.

Q: There was a coach using profanity to Division Commissioner on the field in front of the kids. How would you handle that?

A: We need a stronger presence on the field, he would have come down more firmly on the coach. This would be an example of an appropriate time to pull a badge. He commits to those that need to know, will know.

Q: Are you aware of the time commitment required?

A: Yes, he is aware and will set aside time to focus on position and AYSO.

- Voting ballot passed around to voting members. The board has voted to nominate Roger to Area for a two-year term. His term will start 3/1/2016 to 2/28/2018.

Kelly:

Survey 231 responses. People are mad.

Overall consensus is that people felt less about the coaches ability to develop all the players not just the talented ones.

Parents were upset with unbalanced teams and poorly behaved coaches

Meeting Adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Next Meeting – Feb 21th, 7:00 PM at Deluca Trattoria