



AYSO Region Meeting Minutes ~ April 18, 2016

Attending: Roger Steele, Jenny Seversen, Kelly Watson, Pat Stanford, Brad Puskas, Mike Doherty, Viera Ewell, Michelle Wilkinson, Ryan Wantz, Ted Shoepe, Tom Norton, Timm Lawson, Jerry Fructman, Lance Ralls

Minutes: Motion to approve March minutes moved by Pat and seconded by Brad– amended minutes approved by all.

Area 1D Meeting (Roger)

Roger:

- Area Meeting: Topics included USSF guidelines and AYSO's stance on guidelines for new age requirements. AYSO will not be moving to the calendar year cutoff. Rationale is that rec soccer is different from club and most kids want to play with their classmates. As a trade off, in 2017, there will be smaller goals for U10, U12. There will be discussion about the size of the fields. The idea is to have more touches, passes, footwork. AYSO is not in full acceptance of this smaller field and smaller goals. The other discussion was around goalies going away in U8. Expect changes to be in 2017.
- Referees: Coverage for Spring is happening. There is concern about teams keeping the U10 ref points current. Phil would like the referees to be parents and family members of the players. Refs end to not be affiliated to the players and we are not building our bench for the following season. Overall we are pleased with the number of refs available or ref, however there are still challenges with the quality. There was discussion on Sportsmanship regarding Hawthorne.
- Voting and non-voting Board members try to attend games on the weekend. Get to know the players, helps us all be more informed members.
- Challenger Sports and UK Proposals: objective is to move to a vote if possible. Not pushing for a vote. The competition will improve the product for our players. Summary is: 1) the cost is roughly the same (about \$60/hr) for both programs. 2) Summer Camps: both are willing to do 5% back to AYSO (assuming they are profitable). We do not have a current contract for the UK summer camps. Roger has also asked UK that they not market the summer camps until a decision has been made...Board members are getting marketing emails 3) Jamboree: Challengers take a hybrid approach and form teams. Good news is we have many different ideas from Challenger and will have some innovation for next season. Pat made a motion to go with Challenger. Roger wanted to hear from everyone around the table. All board members stated their choice. Mike motioned for Challenger for summer camp and Friday night clinics and UK for fall season M-T and Jamboree. No one seconded. Motion is denied. Pat motioned a movement to approve using Challenger for a one-year contract for the fall season and summer

camps. Seconded by Brad. Majority in favor. One opposed. Motion has passed. Roger will contact Challenger tomorrow.

- Need to decide on registration fees for upcoming season. We are not going to pass a budget until May 1st, however we need to set our price. We are currently at \$175 with an early discount of \$125. We are priced the lowest in the area except for Hawthorne (\$120/\$180) and we have not raised prices in the last two years. In order to maintain field priority space we need 75% El Segundo residents. Last year we were just under 76%. We cannot have more outside players coming into the region. Lower prices can be driving factor in outside players coming in. The goal is to get people to register early to avoid the last minute registration. Pat motioned to increase pricing to \$135/\$200. Ryan seconded. Majority approved. Two opposed.
- Budget Concerns and liabilities. Moving forward we will have meetings at the same restaurant with food and non-alcoholic beverages. Alcohol will need to be paid by the board member.

BOARD REPORTS:

Coach Administrator – Kelly Watson

- Recommended that the board get out and watch coaches. There have been issues and feedback with some coaches. We are addressing the specific issues. Most coaches are improving with the feedback.
- Starting to plan coach training for the fall.

Girls Program: Mike

- Who will be picking division commissioners? Roger will defer to Mike and Kelly.

Boys Program: Ricky

- Not present

Spring: Viera Ewell

- Nothing new to report

REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR: Pat

- Full coverage for spring
- 2016-2017 referee manuals are out with some new rules. There are a few small changes that we will need to review. One new rule is that if a child is injured they do not have to come off the field. Another is that the ball does not have to be kicked forward (at kick off) to be kicked back. Ball can be kicked straight back on the first touch.

CVPA: Ryan Wantz:

- Nothing new to report. Roger asked for a volunteer report.

Safety: Ben – not present

Registrar: Ted Shoepe

- Registration date May 21 and June 25
- Online goes live May 1st

Treasurer's Report: Michelle W.

Balance: \$118,000

Spring: Registration: \$30,000 to be deposited

Meeting Adjourned at 9:19 pm

Next Meeting – May 16th, 7:00 PM at Deluca Trattoria