

AYSO Region 10 Board Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2018

In Attendance – D. Benedetti, B. Caseres, M. Daley, D. Donatoni, G. Ferguson, M. Heinze, J. Jacobson, N. Jasanis, A. Lem, R. Lin, K. Mark, S. Mastan, W. Murdoch, J. Nourayi, D. Olson, M. Pope, D. Potter, D. Roberson, A. Siegel, S. Wollman, C. Wong.

Minutes – Minutes for the Nov 2017 meeting were approved.

Treasure Report- R. Govenar out of town, he requested everyone submit any outstanding invoices to him immediately as they need to be paid by the 8th of March.

Area News - B. Caseres reported Lawndale is joining Area F. They currently have approximately 350 kids playing. Four of our teams won Area play this season. Congratulations to Dean Olson U10G, Mike Heinze U12G, Spencer Yee U12 B and Barrett Graf U10B.

Galaxy Night - W. Murdoch reported we'll be using a new online ticket distribution system. We're distributing tickets to 9U – 14U only with an option for the other divisions to request tickets on a need basis. Our Board night is set for July 7th and our fall game night is Sunday, Sep 23rd with an afternoon game time.

Spring Select Season –B. Caseres reported 75 teams will participate in our Spring Select season. This is down significantly from last year then we had 103 teams participating. Santa Monica is one region that selected to participate in spring play closer to cut down on their drive time. We will put some serious consideration into running one tournament in lieu of Spring league next year. This will require a serious amount of volunteers.

Volunteer Banquet – Palos Verdes country club doubled their fee from 10K to 20K for our annual banquet. Michele Dees is looking into an alternate venue for next year.

Fields – B. Caseres reported fencing and signs have been removed from the upper Ladera fields as the dirt investigation concluded with a fifth clean bill of health. A. Siegel mentioned that the city of RPV passed a new ordinance in regards to the process required when bringing in dirt to the city of RPV.

EXTRA – M. Daley reported three of our EXTRA teams advancing in West Section Play: Escobar's U12G PV Crushers, Daley & Nozaki's U9B PV Thunder and Oshiro's U13G PV Fire. We will keep our fingers crossed for all of them to move on to Western States next month. Coach applications are due shortly and starting to trickle in. Tryouts are tentatively scheduled for April 8th and/or 15th.

Spring Marketing/Board Apparel – D. Benedetti brought options to vote on for this year's board apparel; a black thinner athletic jacket and a red windproof much cuter heavier version. Board was encouraged to try on and vote on choice of color. Water bottles with registration information are all set to be distributed to all pre-schools and elementary schools for Earth Day.

Winter Soccer - M. Heinze reported our winter program is coming to an end this weekend with no rain outs! Program is growing considerable, last year we ended up with 435 registered players. This year we had 520 players. A lot of parents showed interest in coaching. Ref coverage was good in U12 with the rest of divisions so so. He suggested next year adding one extra player to each team as a lot of teams ended up with balance issues and/or playing short when other school and sports activities interfered. We could be flexible with the amount of players on field depending on how many show up to each game as balance is more important than the exact amount of players on the field. A lot of parents reported problems with printing their forms on Blue Sombrero. Apparently the box checked off to "Coach" did not print said info and created lots of extra work for Mike in locating coaches.

Referee Report – C. Wong reported 5 attendees showed up to the recent Intermediate Ref class and only 1 of them was from our Region. Spring Select season seems to have good coverage thus far. Area 11 F in Fountain Valley is hosting next Ref class. Ken Aston camp will be in June as usual. Riverside tournament is threatening to cancel random games unless we send more refs. A. Siegel reported Geoffrey Faulk will teach a couple of Intermediate Ref course in October. J. Nourayi urged immediate action on sending her the spring select game times as she needs to input in CGI.

Open Board positions 2018 - B. Caseres reported we are in need of the following positions for our upcoming season: Division Coordinators for U6 boys and girls, Safety Director, CVPA's, Uniform Coordinator and Coach Administrator. Please forward any interested candidates to him! We have filled the U5 DC as Lauren Donatoni, Mimi Caseres and Natalia Pope will take over this position from McKenna Toumaian who is unfortunately for us heading to college.

Registration – B. Caseres reported the first date for our registration is set for April 21st 12 – 4 PM. Fees will remain the same as last year with the exception of U5 where we are reducing them. Blue Sombrero has made some improvements from last year which will hopefully make it easier this year.

Youth Volunteers – Nothing new to report.

New Business - Expo will be held March 4th and 5th. K. Mark suggested changing the wording on the 6U application to read "which school will your child be attending in the fall" as the current wording refers to the school child is attending in spring – which is pre-school and never correctly reflects the school in the fall. Hence causes problems when DC is trying to form teams based on school affiliation. C. Wong pointed out the importance of using your old or current AYSO ID when registering on Blue Sombrero in order for all your certifications and courses completed to transfer correctly.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM