

## **AYSO Region 10 Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 20th, 2019**

In Attendance – D. Benedetti, D. Capozzola, B. Caseres, J. Council, G. Ferguson, R. Govenar, P. Hamel, M. Heinze, J. Ignacio, J. Jacobson, N. Jasanis, A. Lem, R. Lin, S. Mastan, W. Murdoch, R. Murdock, S. Nozaki, D. Olson, M. Rapaport, D. Roberson, A. Siegel, M. Wolff, S. Wollman, C. Wong.

Minutes – The minutes for the November meeting were approved.

Budget – R. Governar presented the budget report for last year and reported surplus of revenues over expenses was lower; Challenger costs were much more than anticipated and budgeted for. Volunteer costs for the mandatory National background checks \$25/person will run us in the \$15,000 range this season. Suggested we cut back on the use of Challenger coaches this year. No teams will represent our Region in the Hawaii Rainbow tournament this season due to HI hosting the National games during the Rainbow tournament time frame – that will save us some costs. B. Caseres mentioned our early bird price will increase from \$145 to \$165.

Fields/Ladera – B. Caseres reported that field maintenance/ water costs were in addition to the Challenger costs some of our largest expenses last season. A former board member notified B. Caseres that the city manager for RPV had contacted the school district to inquire about leasing Ladera Linda fields. The school district was reminded that our lease is in effect until 2025. We have all the same fields allocated for the 2019 fall season. W. Murdoch suggested consolidating some of the division field allocations in order to reduce maintenance costs this season.

Extra - S. Nozaki reported that playoffs were different this year in that more teams were participating. EXTRA coach applications will be distributed in March. Two sets of tryout dates are scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> with second one following on April 24<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of a new EXTRA coordinator.

Fall Marketing - B. Caseres reported that E. Mendez is putting up banners 2 weeks prior to our walk in registration on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mandatory Referee Participation – A. Siegel provided statistics for the dwindling referee volunteerism and suggestions on how to increase the numbers. The point system used in various different divisions last year as a pilot program seemed to work well and should be mandatory in all competitive divisions going forward. Some sort of parent pledge (similar to what is used in baseball) should also be presented and signed by parents and players at the team's meetings / registration. Youth referees going forward will have to pay for cost of uniforms which will be reimbursed once they actually referee games. In the past 2 years we trained 55 youth refs. 26 of them never refereed a single game but still received a referee uniform and were eligible to receive credit for volunteer hours. That is a loss of \$1300 in uniform costs. Jim Ding has received his Advanced Referee badge, and Michael Heinze received his Intermediate Badge.

Medals/Trophies – B. Caseres suggested in an effort to curtail our budget we cut out the participation trophies in exchange for participation medals. As noted by prior players, participation trophies are a waste of money anyways.

Open Board Positions: We are in need of Division Coordinators for G & B 6U, U8B and U10B. M. Worthge will take over as Upper Division Coordinator and Safety Director.

Registration/ Walk in dates – We will only have one walk in registration this year: MAY 18<sup>th</sup> with a late walk in prior to our June board meeting. No games will be schedule on Opening Day this year. Upper division is controlled by Area so they may still need to have their photo time coordinated with their game times.

Division Coordinators – No reports.

Youth Volunteers – No reports.

New Business – W. Murdoch reported we spent \$22,000 last year on our purchase of 1500 Galaxy tickets. We ended up overspending as tickets worth \$5,000 were never used. The board members attending the budget meeting in January suggested exchanging our Galaxy program for a college game program instead. Debate for and against pursued and decision was made to only offer Galaxy tickets as a Referee perk this season. \$5,000 was allocated to ticket purchase. We will still receive a Galaxy player attending our annual banquet (although our chances of ever getting Zlatan have now severely declined), ball-kids and half-time game. Game is September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 vs Montreal. We will include note that tickets will be sold at discounted price for parents and players that will still want to attend.

D. Benedetti announced board attire will only be ordered for NEW board members and current ones that need replacements for jackets and T-shirts received last year.

M. Heinze reported winter soccer is coming to an end this weekend. Teams have been balanced and overall it's been a successful winter season with 420 kids participating.

We have 78 teams playing in our Select league which is an increase from 74 last year.

J. Council reported on the United program. In his opinion this is a much needed logical way for players who want to continue playing under the AYSO tenets at a higher level but a much more economical choice than what club offers. He is currently coaching 2 silver teams and one bronze in the girls division.

Next meeting is March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM