

## AYSO Region 10 Board Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2020 / Zoom meeting

### Attendees

Kelly Baranick	Michelle Catanzarite	Gregg Ferguson
Bradley Gardner	Craig Handjian	Jennifer Ignacio
Dan Jahns	Alan Kossoff	Tara Lantz
Alan Lem	Roger Lin	Larry Manth
Edgar Mendez	Wendy Murdoch	Julie Nourayi
Stacey Nozaki	Eric Pedersen	David Roberson
Tony Scotto	Alan Siegel	Wade Welch
Michael Wolff		
GUESTS		
Jennifer Taggart	Morgan Tookey	Matt Winegar

Wade Welch gets the award for commitment as he was not only giving blood during the entire meeting, but he also was able to send multiple chats to the group for discussion!

### *Fun Facts from New Meeting Attendees:*

Larry Manth – grew up in Buffalo and became an authentic buffalo chicken wings maker. So if you ever want chicken wings Larry's your man 😊

Michelle Catanzarite – new board member – CVPA – grew up in Ohio. What could be more fun than that?!

### Minutes

Minutes from May 2020 meeting were approved.

### Ladera Linda Update

Matt Winegar, national director of AYSO provided an update on the soil situation. PV AYSO incurred substantial time and money showing that there was no contamination in the soil at the Ladera Linda. Upon this final determination by the DTSC, AYSO believed that all issues with regard to the Ladera Linda fields had been put to rest and were behind us. However, the PVPUSD has asked AYSO to reimburse them for their legal fees incurred related to the Ladera Linda soil issues. A number of requests have been issued by PVPUSD, and with each request, the amount demanded has increased – PVPUSD started at \$150,000, and PVPUSD is now at \$596,000. We've sent many letters to the district and have done our best to work with them. Our most recent letter lays out very clearly our position and why we find that the claims by the school district are meritless. The letter also lays out our monetary and legal claims owing by PVPUSD to AYSO. Our contract for Ladera is actually completely separate and unique – not related to any permits or agreements related to any school fields (i.e. Point Vicente). We all hope that the issues can be resolved.

## Open Positions

The following positions remain open:

- Treasurer
- Referee Administrator
- Uniform Coordinator
- EXTRA Coordinator
- Division Coordinators – G6U, B6U, G7U, B7U. Technically, 5U also remains open, but Wendy may just manage that on her own.

## Budget

No real outgoing expenses at this moment, so not much to cover. We are still searching for a Treasurer to relieve Richard Govenar at the position.

## Area

Wendy noted that there was not much to report from Area – everyone's in the same boat as us, so no real activity.

## Plans moving forward

Committee met this past Monday night (6/15/20), to review options and scenarios for starting play for the Fall 2020 season.

The return to play (RTP) phases issued by National were reviewed by the committee, and the group agreed that we're only going to play if we can truly play soccer.

With this in mind, the committee reviewed / identified a few RTP scenarios:

- 1.) Regular start (early September through mid-December with full season and playoffs). This scenario seems unlikely, as the school district isn't likely to make final decisions with regard to facility usage until early August.
  - a. Edgar asked that Wendy check with the district because he thinks there's a chance the district has started making decisions on permits, and will likely make those decisions for club soccer first. So we should really stay on top of that and make sure we remain high on their priority list.
- 2.) Later start (late September / early October, through mid-December), with a shortened season, and possibly no playoffs.
- 3.) Possibly go into January / February (so that the typical winter soccer actually becomes the main season), knowing that there may be a conflict with basketball or whatever other sports.

Edgar threw out the possibility of a 'winter soccer' type season as another scenario we consider. Not necessarily just from a timing standpoint, but also from a structure standpoint – 8 weeks, no scorekeeping, no playoffs, etc. Alan S. suggested we wait on this until we get survey results back (see following).

Alan S. put together a brief survey to send out to parents, which he shared with the group. This will help us gauge the interest of various scenarios. The survey also includes brief language around requirements, re: masks, safety procedures, social distancing, etc.

Alan S. will get us a paid account with Survey Monkey, so that we have that for now, and can cancel when we no longer need it.

If we do end up playing, all parents / guardians will need to sign a waiver, basically saying that if their child gets COVID, AYSO is not held liable.

### Coach Training

All local coach training has been cancelled, with no reschedule date forthcoming. Aug 22/23 –

Area will be conducting their “road show” training in Hawthorne (so reasonably local) on August 22-23, which covers all levels of training. Anyone needing training should be encouraged to attend this, rather than waiting for a ‘local’ PV coach training session to be scheduled. And any coach needing training should sign up for whatever they see coming available in other regions, even if it gets cancelled. Tony S. noted that he has started seeing some training getting scheduled in other regions around the county, but it’s still very sparse, and nothing has come up anywhere near us, other than Area. Tony S. to send out Aug 22-23 info to all DCs so we can send to our coaches.

Also, all coaches will have an online component they need to do anyway (via UAYSO), so everyone should get that done in advance. DCs should be pushing all this out to their coaches, as something to aim for and be ready for. This is especially important for those coaches requiring Intermediate or Advanced training.

Lastly, the Aug 22-23 session also includes coach instructor training.

### Referee Update

Nothing new from Alan S. – continuing to review ideas for online referee instruction.

### Registration

269 players currently registered.

Edgar is going to set everyone to wait list going forward. That way, they won’t be charged until the season is “activated”. We’ll know our numbers because it’ll still show who’s waitlisted. But the new registrations won’t need to pay right now.

This will mean we’ll need to be MUCH more diligent as a region, to ensure families complete their registration and pay the fees.

Edgar also suggested that we go ahead and combine age groups and do even years only. This is a valid idea and Wendy suggested that we keep it in mind as an option but wait until we have the survey results back before we determine whether to combine age divisions.

Walk-in registration for July will be cancelled, simply because we don’t have a start date and we likely won’t have one by then. And Edgar noted the rest of the AYSO world is migrating toward online only registration anyway, so this isn’t a huge concern.

Division Coordinators will need to be extra diligent about continuing communications with their parents and coaches to ensure we have coaches, referees, etc., when the season does finally start up.

#### EXTRA

We have confirmed there will be no EXTRA tryouts this year. All coaches have been informed.

Continuing teams will keep their existing players. And for others, they may select players based on ratings or recommendations or virtual workout / tryout. Typically, teams are carrying over from previous EXTRA or Select seasons, and they've only got a couple spots to fill to round out their rosters.

#### UK Camps

UK International is currently conducting their virtual camps.

Bob C. checking with the city, re: utilizing Highridge to do an actual in person camp soon, as facilities open up with restrictions.

#### New Business

None at this time.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

Possible board meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> – was originally not scheduled but may need it if we have significant news regarding restarting.

Confirmed next board meeting August 5<sup>th</sup> (hopefully in person!).

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.