

AYSO Region 10 Board Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2021 / Zoom Meeting ID: 640 321 1539

In Attendance – W. Murdoch, A. Siegel, G. Ferguson, T. Lantz, M. Juneau, E. Pedersen, R. Lin, L. Manth, M. Wolff, B. Murdock, B. Woo., B. Gardner, N. Jasanis, A. Lem, T. Scotto, E. Mendez, J. Ignacio

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm.

Minutes – Meeting Minutes from April meeting were approved with no changes.

Open Positions – Same as last month. We will need to find new DC's for several divisions for the Fall 2021 season. Wendy will send out an email to all the parents asking for DCs. We also still need a ref administrator. Wendy and Alan to connect up offline, re: possible candidates. W also need CGI Scheduler, Banquet Coordinator, Opening Day Coordinator, Uniform Coordinator.

Banquet – possibly do something other than a big banquet to recognize our volunteers? Let Wendy know if you have any ideas – something where maybe we're not spending so much money but is still acknowledging their service.

Permits – Opening Day & Regular Season – Bob Caseres to put in for permit for Pen High for opening day, as well as for the regular field usage for practices and games.

Area/ National – The meeting this past Monday was cancelled. The only thing that Wendy needs to vote on was the allowable terms for national board members. National board members, just like our region, are all volunteers and the job takes a ton of time. The vote is whether they should continue to limit members to two 3-year terms, or if they should change it to unlimited terms. There were no objections voting for allowing unlimited terms.

Registration – have about 450 kids registered so far, which is about half of what we would typically have at this time.

Edgar working with Panorama to get an ad in there for registration. Also have backpack flyers going out, as well as lawn signs still available. Wendy to speak with Edgar about putting up banners at the schools, which we originally weren't going to do, but that may help drive registration. Wendy and Edgar spoke about this as he joined the meeting, and Edgar will put lawn signs up at the schools this weekend (we got another big batch so we've got plenty).

Currently June 5th is in person registration at Hesse – 12:00-3:00pm, but we've still not been given the OK to utilize Hesse facility meeting room for meetings, so we'll see. We'll do it outside if we're unable to get into the building. It's public space, so it shouldn't be a problem if we set up outside.

Edgar and Wendy will talk off line to figure out how to get the registration forms to the DCs, as we're no longer able to print them out from SportsConnect (fka Blue Sombrero).

Fields – Usually there's some 'set' fields for some age divisions, based on numbers. The DCs in attendance at the meeting chose the following fields:

- Eric Pedersen – G8U – Pt. Vicente Elementary
- Jennifer Ignacio – G10U – Ernie Howlett Park

- Roger Lin – B14U – Highridge Park
- Bradley Gardner – B11U – Malaga Cove
- Bob Murdock. – Coed upper division (16U – 19U) – Ladera Linda

Adult league – Edgar announced that we’re approaching 100 players!! The rangers are helping recruit! When they see non-approved groups playing, they tell them if they want to play, they need to register.

Ladera Fields

The HOA is still having issues with usage – too many people – because there’s the high school teams, hikers, AYSO EXTRA, AYSO adult league, etc.

The Ladera HOA also voted to update the community center – supposedly breaking ground in January, which means that there won’t be any parking in the lots next to that facility. Shouldn’t affect the Fall season parking needs, but could be a problem for Spring.

They’re also going through the process of getting approvals for resident parking permits, which would be restricted to just the residential area – we’d still have the lower dirt parking and street parking along the upper fields. We’ll get a key for the exit so that people can get out and Edgar and others don’t have to hang around forever or go back to let people out.

We’ve found that a ‘rogue’ team that’s not associated with AYSO that’s playing T/Th nights and are really loud and upsetting the HOA. Also, they’ve cut a hole in the fence to get to the upper fields. Wendy went and spoke with them and they were very nice and agreeable. And they actually registered with the AYSO adult league so they could play at the fields! They really just wanted to play soccer.

But then another rogue group showed up and wouldn’t register with AYSO. The guy actually hung up on Edgar when Edgar called him about registering so they could play on the fields. So the school district made temporary signs, which Wendy posted all over the place, and the district is working on getting metal signs made. They didn’t show up last week, but if anyone sees them, and they don’t leave when asked, then we can call the sheriff. Edgar confirmed that the rangers are providing extra coverage and they haven’t been playing there since.

Malaga Cove fields / HOA

Wendy asked everyone to watch the recording of the April 26th school board meeting, because at the 3:00 hour mark, they start discussing the possibility of the PV Little League converting the middle Malaga Cove field to a baseball field. And they are already talking about a feasibility study when they haven’t yet voted on whether they even want it.

An email to the school board from each of us would go a long way to preventing little league from taking the field. Because we use the fields pretty much year round, so we’re a major stakeholder.

If it gets converted to a baseball field, then it’ll get locked up so no one else can use that space and becomes a huge loss of open land. And it only would get used a few months of the year.

So can someone speak at the next school board meeting, to advocate for not letting them convert the field to baseball? Please let Wendy know if you're able to do so.

Uniforms – Wendy showed us two options – Switzerland and Mexico and the group voted. Mexico won.

EXTRA – Tournament committee is reviewing applications for coaches in the Fall

Tryouts scheduled for June 3rd, 3:45pm check-in and 4:00-8:30pm tryouts, and June 5th, 7:45am check-in and 8:00am – 12:30pm tryouts. Both at Upper Ladera fields. Kids get one shot at tryouts to limit the 'mixing' of kids.

We're up to 55 registered kids for the tryouts. And we need lots of help with check-ins, evaluating players, etc. Will likely be a smaller group generally, simply because of COVID – the kids that played last year don't have to try out so it'll just be the new kids. Bob Murdock confirmed he will be helping with EXTRA tryouts, to help evaluate the players. Brian to put together a sign-up genius and Wendy will send it out to everyone to sign up for helping.

We fielded 6 teams last year, so getting to 8 is not likely, but we'd like to if we can. And we have some age divisions that don't have coaches that have applied for them, so we likely won't have teams for those divisions.

The current EXTRA program has one game left and it's been really great. Improvement needed for next year – we really need ref help – referees, CGI scheduling, coordinating, etc. And EXTRA has very strict rules requiring Intermediate referees, yet we had zero teams with intermediate badged referees. One game playoffs on Memorial Day weekend – east vs west first place team. Section is trying to do something in June in Redlands.

Coaching – Tony to work with Wendy to select dates / times / fields for in-person coach training. We'll likely have a lot of coaches needing training. And that way the DCs can let prospective coaches know when they can train.

UK – Wendy confirmed they are doing their Spring academy. Wendy heard about a parent that complained another kid was bullying their kid. She's heard nothing since then, so seems to be resolved.

New Business

Wendy to put together a draft training in mid-June. We have a LOT of new coaches that have never done a draft before!

Wendy reminded the group that everyone needs to sign up as a volunteer. The background checks work on a yearly basis, so if you already did the check less than a year ago you won't need to pay the \$25, and the check will still be good.

Alan S. to do a flyer for referee info and training dates. 8U referee course can be taken all online. Regional referee badge needs to be combo online / classroom, and Alan S. to look into whether we'll be able to conduct in person training at Pen High.

Tara finished up the meeting unleashing her creativity with the logo for Rogue Introverts Soccer Club ('RISC')!

Next board meeting June 16th @ 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.