

AYSO BOARD MEETING MINUTES - November 4, 2024
8628 Utica Avenue #800
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Richard Arnold, Joey Catuara, Nancy Cooper, Mike Cowan, Mark Cummings, Jeff Gaines, Maria Gassner, Mike Gassner, Charlie Kinsey, Ivan Monso, Rosalind Morton, Lisa Owens, Louis Palafox, Shaun Perryman, Alexandra Rivera, Cynthia Rodriguez, Ari Ruiz, Marilyn Santana, Chris Scott, Lisa Smith, Patrick Smith, Terri Smith, Arnulfo Vivas, DJ Yoder, Kristine Yoder

PRESENTATIONS: none

APPROVALS:

Approval of October 1, 2024 meeting minutes-Motion to approve by Joey Catuara, seconded by Terry Smith. Minutes approved

Approval of September and October region financials- Motion to approve September financials was made by Ari Ruiz and seconded by Joey Catuara. September financials were approved. October financials will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

Travel teams financial report-Terri Smith - Teams are fundraising and getting sponsorships. No one has asked to attend tournaments yet.

Adult league financial report-Ari Ruiz - This is the last two weeks of the fall season. There were over 40 players. Registration is now open for next season.

REPORTS:

Coach - Mark Cummings- We recently held the coach administration meeting. We are discussing ways of encouraging coaches to sign up early. A possible incentive program will be presented to the board once details are finalized. Coaches will be encouraged to sign up before January 1. Head coaches who sign up timely and meet training requirements will be offered coach gear, cones, balls, gift cards or something else reasonably priced. Another suggestion was to offer field preference. Coach training dates are targeted for mid December and January. February 22 is the coaches' meeting and uniform distribution.

Referee - Joey Catuara -We are in phase two of referee points and referee coverage has improved. We will continue to require five games.

Registrar- Spring registration is ongoing. 427 people have registered so far. Early bird is through January 6.

Uniforms - Ari Ruiz- He is working on the spring order. We were under budget in fall so we have money for spring. We will continue with black shorts.

Extra - Mike Gassner- nothing new to report

Select - Patrick Smith - The committee met twice. Select coaches and assistants' names were presented to the board. Motion to approve the coaches and assistant coaches as they were listed was made by Lisa Smith and seconded by Joey Catuara. There was no discussion. Coaches were approved.

Sparks/'lil sparks- Marilyn Santana. The season went well. Last Friday was the last session. Two Stryker players were present to distribute banners and trophies. The final count was 98 for Sparks and 45 for 'lil sparks.

EPIC - Cynthia Rodriguez-The last game was last Saturday. Team parties are happening this week. They ended up with 40 olders and 46 youngers. So far for Spring 25 youngers and 15 olders are signed up. There is a tournament in Chino on Sunday November 17.

Player development - Nancy Cooper reported for Dorian Valdez - The Challenger sports program helped out. There were a few minor issues but they were helpful when they were there.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Spooktacular report-Lisa Smith - The event was very fun and cute. They gave out an abundance of candy. It was a good idea to hold the event in the daytime so everyone could be seen.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lower division in-person-ratings meeting - We should consider in-person rating meetings for U10, 12, 14 because it is believed ratings will be more accurate.

The date of birth used by AYSO and U.S. soccer for registration is being revisited. August 1 used to be the cutoff. AYSO changed it to January 1st. U.S. Soccer is discussing whether they want to return to August 1 or the beginning of the school year.

Guideline change suggestion-If a double-head coach is sent off during a game, does the board need to clarify whether the coach can attend the second game? Do the consequences of the sendoff affect both teams? Any change should be added to the guidelines.

Emergency plans-Section and Area want each region to have an emergency plan specifying procedures for fire, earthquakes, etc. We had active shooter training. We need to submit our plan in writing. Send suggestions to Nancy Cooper and she will prepare a draft.

On November 6 please arrive by 1:50 for the Coyote Canyon soccer intramural tournament. It is from 2:15-4:15 p.m. They want our referees.

EXPO is March 27-30 in San Diego. The region cannot pay mileage, but Nancy Cooper is proposing that, in addition to registration, it covers the hotel for Friday and Saturday nights.

Grape Stomp is April 5 and 6.

The Christmas party for the board is Friday December 13 at Cask 'n Cleaver.

RC nominating committee-Fontana is looking for a new Regional Commissioner because the term is ending. Nancy Cooper's term is also ending. We will need a nominating committee. She can stay through 2025 but is not sure she can stay for another three-year term.

Field monitoring is scarce in the afternoons. We need to appreciate referees because they often end up monitoring the fields.

Marilyn Santana stated that head coaches and assistant coaches should not be referees for U6 and U8. She proposed that games be suspended or cancelled if the coach is attempting to referee because there is no referee.

Joey Catuara-Teams are in pool play for three more weeks. After Thanksgiving there is double elimination. He discussed all games being played at Beryl Park. Some teams will be in semifinals while other teams are in quarterfinals.

Adjournment- 8:27 pm

Next meeting December 9, January 6, February 3, March 4, April 7, May 6, June 2.