

AYSO BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 11, 2024
8628 Utica Avenue #800
Rancho Cucamonga CA

CALL TO ORDER: 6:31 pm

PRESENT: Joey Catuara, Nancy Cooper, Maria Gassner, Mike Gassner, Crystal Hernandez, Charley Kinsey, Alexandra Rivera, Cynthia Rodriguez, Ari Ruiz, Marilyn Santana, Patrick Smith, DJ Yoder, Kristine Yoder

PRESENTATIONS: Mike Sweetland, a long time AYSO volunteer, sadly passed away recently. His services are on 4/19/24 @ 2:45 p.m. at Forest Lawn in Covina. To honor him, Mike Gassner motioned to donate \$1,000 to the Flames memorial fund or for Region 65 to be used as a scholarship for players that need financial support. Pat Smith seconded. Motion approved

APPROVALS:

Approval of March 2024 meeting minutes - Motion to approve by Joey. Seconded by Cynthia. Minutes approved.

Approval of March Region Financials - Board members reviewed the financials. Discussion followed. Motion to approve by Joey. Seconded by DJ. Financials approved

Travel team's financial report - deferred until next meeting

REPORTS:

Coach - Mark - Most issues have been solved. Some coach certifications are not transferring in the system.

Referee - Joey - Yesterday was the deadline for referee points. Many teams made it within the last three days. We are starting pool play. All games should be completed by May 18th.

Registrar - At this time, no players are being added to the waitlist because there are few drops and the waitlist is large. The registrars will be requesting the ratings soon. They are having difficulty getting ratings from some coaches. We need to take a hard stance and decide on consequences for coaches who do not turn in their ratings.

Uniforms - Ari - There were 71 requests for uniform exchanges which is low. We will be under budget.

Adult league - Ari - The league is doing well and has an average of 32 players. We are getting a reduced rate for the fields.

Extra - Mike G. - Coach applications are received. Tryout dates are May 8th and May 10th. U10/U12 tryouts are scheduled from 6 - 7:30 p.m. and U14/U16 are from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Beryl west. At this time there is no applicant for the U16B coach. . Tryouts will be promoted through the website and through email.

Player development on Fridays has a lot of participation. There should be six or more coaches. We will promote the Extra and Rage programs at that time. It will take place at Beryl East 2 from 6-7 p.m.. Be there at 5:30. Two to three Stryker coaches will be there to help out. They are Safe Haven certified.

Sparks - The Sparks have had a good turnout of about 60-80 players each week. Help is always welcomed. Four or five parents help clean up. The last session is April 19 and that is their pizza party. Referees can be there.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sandie's memorial/field dedication - Nancy summarized the highlights of Sandie Oerly's memorial service and field dedication ceremony and said it was lovely. She will send the video to board members soon.

EXPO reports - Sandie's picture was present at the section awards. Attendees received bracelets that said lifetime member and Sandie's son received a plaque. The classes were interesting. Nancy learned that we need more independent contracts signed with our vendors. Contracts must be forwarded to National so they are on file.

4U name vote - The name for the 4U program is "Lil' Sparks." They will play on Friday nights from 5:30-6:30. U5 will play from 6:30-7:30. Coaches are encouraged to stay for both sessions. Some equipment is needed. The cap is 24, but it may increase to 40 if there are enough coaches. Fliers will be posted on the website.

Photographer contract signed - Picture day is August 24. A two-year contract with the photographer has been signed. We will have two basketball courts instead of three this year plus the outside area where the vendors were so we may have to stage a little differently.

Beryl container delivery - Equipment for Sparks and player development will be added to the new container tomorrow.

New Business:

Spring coach vote #4 - Joey presented a spreadsheet with names of additional coaches for the U6/U8 divisions. Patrick Smith motioned to approve the coaches. Joey seconded. Motion passed.

U8 referee and ref/coach preseason meeting/dinner - There will be a pre-season meeting/dinner for U8 referees and coaches before the fall season begins. The goal is to build rapport between coaches and referees

Renew city banners on Foothill - AYSO and Flames banners by the old gas station on Foothill Blvd. are being redone. The cost increased from \$500/banner to \$1,000 each. After discussion, board members decided not to renew them because the marketability is not great. We get better marketability from the banners at the school sites. It was suggested to post banners at the preschools to advertise Lil' Sparks. Additional options for advertising were discussed (lawn signs, door magnets for cars, flock yards with flamingos or soccer balls).

Extra/Select give back to core -Charlie - proposed we add criteria for selecting special coaches, such as Select, Extra, Rage, to the guidelines. The guideline meeting is June 17, 2024. Send suggestions for any changes or additions to Joey by May 15, 2024.

Open Forum:

Richard and Sharon Boehl resigned from the VIP program. Cynthia Rodriguez will be taking over.

Field monitoring program - Alexandra wants to take on the role of Field Monitor but needs to know what is needed at the other fields. Needs were discussed. Joey will work with her. Volunteers need to be trained. A lot of help is needed at Beryl.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting date: May 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Future meeting dates: June 17 - (guidelines), July 8, August 6, September 9, October 1, November 4, and December 3.