

AYSO Board Meeting Minutes– January 9, 2025
8628 Utica Ave #800
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

CALL TO ORDER: 6:39 p.m.

PRESENT:

Joey Catuara, Nancy Cooper, Mark Cummings, Maria Gassner, Mike Gassner, Kevin Harris, Charlie Kinsey, Thomas McNabb, Ivan Monso, Rosalind Morton, Lisa Owens, Louis Palafox, Richard Pietraz, Alexandra Rivera, Cynthia Rodriguez, Ari Ruiz, Mike Rybarczyk, Marilyn Santana Lisa Smith, Arnulfo Vivas, Kristine Yoder

PRESENTATIONS: Introduced Kevin Harris – new board member and divisional for U14 boys

APPROVALS:

Approval of November 2024 meeting minutes – Motion to approve by Joey Catuara, seconded by Richard Pietraz. Minutes approved

Approval of October and November 2024 region financials – Motion to approve October and November 2024 financials by Ari Ruiz. Seconded by Richard Pietraz. Financials approved. December's financials are deferred for approval at the February 3rd meeting.

Travel Teams financial report-Terri Smith – No report

Adult league financial report – Ari Ruiz – They had record attendance - 54 players showed up last weekend. The program appears to be self-supported. He needs a treasurer. Financials have to be separate from the CORE program.

REPORTS:

Coach: Mark Cummings – Coaches are signing up for spring coaching positions in spring. There was 90% returning coaches for divisions 14-19U who are already certified. The next coach training dates for U12 are January 30 and February 1, February 27 and March 1 at Alta Loma Jr. High. Dates to be determined for U6, 8, and 10 divisions.

He will be giving incentives for coaches who complete requirements by December 31. He will determine which coaches get the incentives but will focus more on the new coaches. Suggestions are to offer pinnies, cones, coaching gear, field preference.

Referee – Joey Catuara- Area playoffs are approaching. He has been recruiting referees. There is a referee class tentatively scheduled for the first week of March.

Registrar – Kristine Yoder - Players are registering. There is a small waitlist for some divisions. Most divisions need more players. Numbers are better than last spring.

Uniforms – Ari Ruiz-He got the first count and is getting ready to submit the order.

Extra – Mike Gassner – Coaches need to pick dates for selection and tryouts. Applications open January 15 and close March 1. The committee will meet between March 5-10. Tryouts are early because club coaches start recruiting so we can get commitments earlier. Tryout dates can be selected once Joey Catuara gets the schedule next month.

Select – Patrick Smith Select teams started practicing.

Sparks/'lil sparks – Arnulfo Vivas – Green uniforms were selected for spring. He is brainstorming payment with Mike Gassner for trophies and banners. They are thinking of raising registration to pay for trophies. Banners will be regular size and can be used each season. Nancy stated that the region can pay for it. It was a good idea to have the Strykers there to present the trophies.

EPIC – Cynthia Rodriguez – Registration is currently open. 37 youngers and 21 olders are registered. They would like black shorts and t-shirts instead of uniforms.

Player Development – Dorian Valdez – He will work on player development dates for spring

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Emergency plan: Nancy Cooper– We still need to work on the emergency plan. Schools do not really have a plan for evacuating fields.

Area play in Upland starts on January 18 (midweek) and semi-finals and finals will be January 25, We need four volunteers in addition to Nancy for each day. Games should be completed in ten days.

NEW BUSINESS:

Coach Vote: Joey presented the spreadsheet with names for head coaches and assistant coaches for U6-U10 divisions for Spring 2025. Some discussion occurred. Motion to approve by Mark Cummings. Seconded by Ari Ruiz. Coaches approved.

Joey Catuara presented the spreadsheet with names for head coaches and assistant coaches for U12-U19 divisions. Some discussion occurred. Mike Gassner motioned to approve and Cynthia Rodriguez seconded. Coaches were approved pending proper certification and a few chats.

Challenger Sports has offered to provide free player development in spring if we let them do summer camps. Nancy Cooper will work with Dorian Valdez on that.

OPEN FORUM:

Section 1 EXPO – March 27-30- Let Nancy Cooper know by January 20th if you want to attend. She must register everyone at once. There will be a region dinner on Saturday night. Classes are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Strykers sent out an email for free tickets to the Strykers games.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:56 p.m.

NEXT MEETING Dates: February. 3, March 4, April 7, May 6, June 2