

San Mateo AYSO Region 36

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 12, 2010
San Mateo Coffee Shop

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Attendees

Margaret Becker, Adam Berenstein, Bruce Beery, Charlie Drechsler, Cynthia Drechsler, Elissa Hall, Arief Hussain, Keith Jobe, Brian Kersten, Margo Kiel, Maribel Nix, Rand Potter, Ken Rhodes, Joe Rushka, Bob Stockwell, Scott Worthge.

Agenda, last meeting minutes, updated calendar, and treasurer's report distributed via email prior to the meeting.

1. New Business

- a. Review of Prior Action Items
 - i. Vince to communicate to Neal Bartlett new OT rules before U12 tournament. **STATUS:** done.
 - ii. DCs to append OT and shoot out rules to schedules and send out to coaches and refs. **STATUS:** done.
 - iii. Cynthia, Rand and Gene to help input player ratings into eAYSO. **STATUS:** in progress; **Action Item** for Brian to send ratings to Cynthia who will enter them into eAYSO.
 - iv. All DCs to get coach of the year and ref of the year nominations to Brian ASAP. **STATUS:** done.
 - v. Short-sided Play Committee will report in January; members are: Karn, Gene, Keith Hui, Keith Jobe, Ken R. **STATUS:** on agenda for tonight's meeting.
 - vi. Bob to order new nets for all fields. **STATUS:** see below.
 - vii. After tournaments, DCs take down our nets and discard. **STATUS:** done (left some on).
 - viii. Charlie to evaluate safer goals for next season. **STATUS:** Action Item: Bob to follow up.
 - ix. Rand to send out year-end Treasury Report. **STATUS:** done.
 - x. Ken to email survey to board members. **STATUS:** done.
 - xi. Board members to fill out survey and return before Jan. meeting. **STATUS:** in progress.
- b. Regional Commissioner's (RC) Report (Brian)
 - i. 1st three meetings of the year critical, decisions need to be made soon, items printed in March.
 - ii. Reviewed prior action items.
- c. Treasury Report (Rand Potter)
 - i. Winter League fees listed in 2009 but expended in 2010, approximately \$4K difference.
 - ii. We raised fees in anticipation of paying higher fees for fields.
 - iii. \$50K in savings, we want to build this up – primarily in case we're asked to contribute to turf field.
 - iv. **Action Item:** Rand to provide a percent-to-budget report for next meeting.
- d. Brian: Board positions (Brian)
 - i. Went over a few replacements, changes, and openings; current openings:
 1. BU12 DC
 2. B/GU14 DC
 3. Ref Coordinator for B/GU14
- e. Sponsor and Yearbook Update (Margo)
 - i. Received plaques today, will distribute to sponsors this week.
 1. This is late; Margo will investigate and possibly do it differently next year.
 - ii. Yearbook
 1. Problem receiving info from DCs last year in timely fashion.
 2. Brian noted this year she will be able to get info from eAYSO.
 3. **Action Item:** Arief to schedule Picture Day make up day at same time as regular day.
 4. Keith asked for copies of yearbook drawings for website, Margo will try to find some.
 5. Joe brought up the low number of teams that actually had sponsors (50 out of 200); suggested having incentives for teams that do find sponsors.
- f. Early Volunteer Signups (Brian)
 - i. Open it up by Monday Jan. 18 (eAYSO).
 - ii. Wants all DCs to notify volunteers (coaches, refs) from last season
 1. **Action Item:** Brian to send DCs template for them to send out.
 2. Reminder that volunteers with a documented history of misconduct of the AYSO principles and/or philosophies through the Sportsmanship Committee may not be asked to volunteer this year.
 - iii. Only 4 official early volunteer positions this year:
 1. Board

2. Coach
3. Ref
4. Field Liner
- iv. **Action Item:** Keith J. to update website with links and info.
 1. Charlie requested that signup and registration steps be made extremely simple and clear, with link to eAYSO.
- v. **Action Item:** Brian to talk to Colleen about early volunteer registration forms to give to Maribel.
- g. Regional Guidelines Discussion (Brian)
 - i. **Action Item:** Brian to send electronic copy of guidelines, board members need to read and send changes to Brian.
 - ii. **Action Item:** Brian to send summary of changes to board members before final version.
- h. Registration Dates (Brian)
 - i. Proposed May 1 Sat, 5 Wed, 12 Wed, 15 Sat. Sat 9 – 3, Wed 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
 - ii. Discussion about whether these dates too early or late; Elissa said need coach list by May end.
 - iii. Revised dates: Sat. Apr 17, Wed. 21, Wed. 28, Sat. May 1
 1. **Action Item:** Margaret to confirm those dates with Fiesta Gardens (FGIS).
- i. U6/U8 Subcommittee Feedback (Charlie)
 - i. Distributed diagrams of field size, game length and info by division.
 - ii. National provides guidelines but FIFA has rules we cannot violate.
 - iii. U6 – our fields are 3 to 4 times what they need to be to satisfy National requirements
 1. All we need is the rectangle and goal area delineation; we don't even really need to paint the field – we could use cones.
 2. To go to 3v3 would mean 50% increase in number of teams; if we change to 20 min game time, 43% more games could be played.
 - iv. U8
 1. 17% reduction in size of team, 20% increase in number of teams.
 2. Might require another field.
 - v. U10
 1. With 14 on a team, and half play, 15% reduction in number of teams.
 - vi. U12
 1. With 18 on a team, and half play, 20% reduction in number of teams.
 - vii. U14 – U19
 1. No change.
 - viii. If we allow half play vs. $\frac{3}{4}$, we can accomplish the above.
 - ix. Proposal
 1. Field markings reflect age appropriate buildup as per handout
 - a. Bob would add center line on U6 field.
 2. No keepers in U6 and U8
 - a. Arief voiced concern that if we don't teach U6 and U8 what the lines mean and how to goal keep, they're at a disadvantage later on.
 - b. Charlie reported that National's logic for no keepers for those age groups is based on physiology: children at U6 and U8, on average, don't have depth perception or motor skills to close their hands around the ball to prevent broken noses; a benefit is that each child has greater contact with the ball.
 - c. Elissa recommended 1st half of season w/no keeper for U8, then go to goal keeper in order to prepare kids for U10.
 - d. Charlie noted that goal keeping is not part of U6 and U8 classes.
 3. U6 games reduced to two 10 min. halves
 - a. Bob agreed, noting that kids are tired by that time anyway.
 - b. Elissa voiced concern that too short, parents might not show up – perhaps baby step go to 30 min game this year instead of 20 min.
 - c. Joe concerned that w/half play, parents might take their kid and leave after 1st half; also might not want to pay \$90 for this short game time.
 - d. Bob recommended continuing w/quarters in order to avoid problem above (of parents leaving).
 - e. Cynthia reported that in softball, fees increase by age division.
 4. U6 – U12 begin trend toward satisfying short sided play (downward trend) with half-game play requirement
 - a. Charlie believes we need to take baby steps, so start with proposals 1, 2, and 3.

- b. Go to half play (can still encourage coaches to try 3//4 play).
 - c. Baby steps: 5v5 for U6 this year, 7v7 for U8, 7v7 for U10, 9v9 for U12.
 - d. Discussion ensued:
 - i. U10 kids not being prepared for Area games (Arief).
 - ii. Fewer kids on field means each kid gets better playing time (Scott).
 - iii. Penalty area needs to shrink appropriately (Keith J.).
 - iv. Brian wants focus on soccer skills - how to kick the ball, how to stop a ball – don't worry about the lines or picking up bad habits from U6, U8 goal keeping.
 - v. Keith J. concerned that half play will result in same kids sitting out game after game.
5. **Action Item:** Charlie to send out formal proposal, given feedback.
- j. Awards Dinner
 - i. This Saturday.
 - k. Winter League Update (Bob and Brett)
 - i. 11 teams, half won, half lost last weekend.
 - ii. Lack of practice fields is an issue that will be addressed next WL season.
 - l. eAYSO for Next Season (i.e., enter player teams/coaches)
 - i. On next agenda.
 - m. Feedback Survey (Ken)
 - i. On next agenda.
 - n. Safety Director Update (Ken)
 - i. On next agenda.
 - ii. Brian asked Ken to get non-metal goals.
 - o. Volunteer Coordinator Update (Colleen)
 - i. (Colleen absent.)
 - ii. Discussion about how to recruit more coaches and referees this season; suggestions included large posters showing #refs and coaches required for given # of players; slowing down the registration line by fewer people at table and/or required stations.
 - iii. **Action Item:** Scott and Charlie to come up with proposal for how to recruit more coaches and referees at registration.
 - p. Equipment Manager Update (Bob)
 - i. Will order balls sooner; spotty quality last season; DCs should not discard bad balls - we can return them for replacements or refunds (he only received 12 back this year).
 - ii. Bob requested that DCs notify him if they divide their divisions into sub-divisions, e.g. a red division and a blue division (so he can order fewer jersey colors).
 - q. RCA Update (Charlie)
 - i. Reminded DCs that Charlie and Scott need to be at the mandatory coach meetings so coaches know there's an RCA and RRA; they will inform coaches about the new rules, field sizes, etc.
 - ii. Especially for U14-U19 want to do transparent ratings with all coaches in the room to agree on player ratings; need this to build balanced teams.
 - 1. **Action Item:** Brian to put transparent ratings as future action item.
 - r. RRA Update (Scott)
 - i. Covering Winter League but schedule not solidified.
 - s. Open Discussion (anyone)

2. Old Business

- a. AYSO Calendar

3. Future Business

- a. Review of Waitlist Process (Feb. 2010)

Meeting adjourned at 9:25.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 7:00 pm, San Mateo Coffee Company (127 25th Ave., San Mateo).

(Open Action Items on next page)

Current Action Items:

- 1) Brian to send player ratings to Cynthia who will enter them into eAYSO. **STATUS:** new.
- 2) Short-sided Play Committee will report in January; members are: Karn, Gene, Keith Hui, Keith Jobe, Ken R. **STATUS:** new (Nov.).
- 3) Bob to order new nets for all fields. **STATUS:** carryover.
- 4) Bob to work with Charlie on getting safer goals for next season. **STATUS:** new.
- 5) Board members to fill out and return before Jan. meeting. **STATUS:** in progress.
- 6) Rand to provide a percent-to-budget report for February meeting. **STATUS:** new.
- 7) Arief to schedule make up day for pictures when he schedules Picture Day. **STATUS:** new.
- 8) Brian to send DCs template on early volunteer registration for them to send out. **STATUS:** new.
- 9) Keith J. to update website w/links and info on early volunteer registration. **STATUS:** new.
- 10) Brian to talk to Colleen about early volunteer registration forms to give to Maribel. **STATUS:** new.
- 11) Brian to send electronic copy of regional guidelines to board members. **STATUS:** new.
- 12) Board members need to read regional guidelines and send feedback/changes to Brian. **STATUS:** new.
- 13) Brian to send summary of regional guideline changes to board members before final version. **STATUS:** new.
- 14) Margaret to confirm registration dates with Fiesta Gardens (FGIS). **STATUS:** new.
- 15) Charlie to send out formal short-sided play proposal, given feedback. **STATUS:** new.
- 16) Scott and Charlie to create proposal for how to recruit more coaches and referees at registration. **STATUS:** new.
- 17) Brian to put transparent ratings as future action item. **STATUS:** new.