

# San Mateo AYSO Region 36

## Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2010  
San Mateo Coffee Shop

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm.

### Attendees

Neal Bartlett, Gene Batter, Margaret Becker, Adam Berenstein, Bruce Beery, Mike Bower, Charlie Drechsler, Cynthia Drechsler, Keith Hui, Karn Johal, Keith Jobe, Brian Kersten, Rand Potter, Joe Rushka, Bob Stockwell, Brett Wallace.

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

### 1. New Business

- a. Review of Prior Action Items
  - i. Brian to send player ratings to Cynthia who will enter them into eAYSO. **STATUS:** done.
    1. Discussion as to whether comments should be entered as well; not feasible for this season.
    2. **Action Item:** Future discussion on who would enter the comments and ratings into eAYSO and whether coaches should have privileges.
  - ii. Short-sided Play Committee will report in January; members are: Karn, Gene, Keith Hui, Keith Jobe, Ken R. **STATUS:** on agenda for tonight.
  - iii. Bob to order new nets for all fields. **STATUS:** (need to do goals first) postpone.
  - iv. Bob to work with Charlie on getting safer goals for next season. **STATUS:** do with nets, above – postpone until March meeting.
    - v. Board members to fill out and return survey before Jan. meeting. **STATUS:** done.
    - vi. Rand to provide a percent-to-budget report for February meeting. **STATUS:** done.
    - vii. Arief to schedule make up day for pictures when he schedules Picture Day. **STATUS:** open.
    - viii. Brian to send DCs template on early volunteer registration for them to send out. **STATUS:** done.
    - ix. Keith J. to update website w/links and info on early volunteer registration. **STATUS:** done.
    - x. Brian to talk to Colleen about early volunteer registration forms to give to Maribel. **STATUS:** done.
    - xi. Brian to send electronic copy of regional guidelines to board members. **STATUS:** done.
    - xii. Board members need to read regional guidelines and send feedback/changes to Brian. **STATUS:** open.
    - xiii. Brian to send summary of regional guideline changes to board members before final version. **STATUS:** open.
    - xiv. Margaret to confirm registration dates with Fiesta Gardens (FGIS). **STATUS:** done.
    - xv. Charlie to send out formal short-sided play proposal, given feedback. **STATUS:** on agenda for tonight.
    - xvi. Scott and Charlie to create proposal for how to recruit more coaches and referees at registration. **STATUS:** postponed to March meeting.
    - xvii. Brian to put transparent ratings as future action item. **STATUS:** done.
  - b. Regional Commissioner's (RC) Report (Brian)
    - i. Reminded board that any policy changes to regional guidelines must be completed by March.
  - c. Treasury Report (Rand Potter)
    - i. Reviewed report – 104% of budget in revenues, expenditures close to 100%.
    - ii. Rand asked board to notify him if expenditures for this year significantly different than last year.
      1. **Action Item:** Equipment Manager (Bob), RCA (Charlie), and RRA (Scott), as the largest spenders, notify Rand of budget needs for this season.
    - iii. Adam inquired as to why we received more refunds last season; Rand explained that apparently many people did not know they were wait-listed; also tight economy.
    - iv. AYSO Fiscal year is July 1 – June 31 but Rand reports on calendar year since that is how we run things; this is easier for financial reports.
      1. Bruce asked if we were subject to an audit as a result; Rand assured the board no.
    - v. Brett asked about Winter League expenses: Rand said about \$10K in for this season's Winter League, only spent \$8K
      1. Rand needs to submit new budget in May, so this must be decided by April.
      2. **Action Item:** Rand to provide a Winter League recap at the March meeting.
  - d. Early Volunteer Signups (including Board Member Volunteer Forms and Safe Haven Training) (Brian)
    - i. Will shut down March 15.
    - ii. **Action Item:** DCs to send out weekly emails reminding last year's volunteers of how many weeks left until Early Volunteer shuts down.
    - iii. Adam asked how often we have to do Safe Haven:

1. AYSO requires it once only per coach and per referee.
2. City of San Mateo requires some child protection training every other year; it does not need to be Safe Haven, for example the first 20 minutes of every coach and referee training is sufficient.
3. Cynthia motioned to require Safe Haven or job appropriate training (which includes Safe Haven) every other year as long as the job appropriate training is entered into and tracked in eAYSO.
  - a. Keith Hui seconded, ayes carried.
- iv. Charlie reported that he is working with Scott on training updates.
- e. Board List (open positions) (Brian)
  - i. BU6 DC (Bob is doing BGU14)
  - ii. BG U14 Referee DC
  - iii. BU8 needs assistant
- f. Winter League Update (Bob and Brett)
  - i. U14 (Brett) very competitive, not having practice fields is slight disadvantage – teams need time on turf fields; overall, running well; he sees a lot of kids out there having fun.
  - ii. Bob (U12) expressed some concerns over Area's management of Winter League.
  - iii. **Action Item:** Bob and Brett to sum up their Winter League experience and provide feedback to Area at Winter League season end.
  - iv. Keith Jobe concerned about practicing on concrete.
    1. **Action Item:** Ken to look into whether practicing on concrete is permitted.
  - v. Bob wants to be at the first coach meeting for every division to talk about Winter League.
  - vi. **Action Item:** Bob and Brett to propose a paragraph about Winter League to be considered for inclusion in the Regional Guidelines; due at March meeting.
  - vii. Neal wants to let coaches have more say on who is on a team.
- g. U6/U8/U10/U12 Subcommittee Final Proposal (Charlie)
  - i. Charlie distributed 4 handouts:
    1. Field marking progression for U6 – U12: diagram of AYSO field with national guidelines for short-sided play, according to National Coaching guidelines
    2. Field size, game time, training/practice guidelines per division
    3. Proposed Changes to Coaching Program: comparison by division at ½ vs. ¾ play, with impact on number of teams and games
    4. Improving the Player and Volunteer Experience summary (pyramid diagram)
  - ii. Formal discussions followed Charlie's proposal, primarily concerning changes to upper divisions, going down to ½ play and resultant decrease in the number of players at U14 and above.
  - iii. Brian suggested going division by division:
    1. U6
      - a. Gene concerned that (1) we are asking people to pay \$95 year for 20 minute games – of which their child only plays 10 minutes, and (2) how do we teach them to kick the ball when, with half play, they only get 10 minutes per game (no practice).
      - b. **Final proposal:** 4v4 for U6, no keeper, a size appropriate goal, half play, 30-minute game (4 x 7.5 min quarters), reduced field size with modified markings plus center line, up to 8 players/team.
      - c. Adam motioned above; Karn seconded; ayes carried (no dissents).
      - d. Impact: Bob suggested 1 coach and 1 ref be recruited per team.
    2. U8
      - a. **Final proposal:** 6v6, no keeper, a size-appropriate goal, 40 minute game, ½ play, short field, modified field markings as per Charlie's (National's) diagram; up to 12 players/team, 2 coaches/team.
        - i. Gene noted ref training needs to be changed to reflect new rules.
      - b. Keith J seconded, ayes carried, no opposed.
    3. U10-U19
      - a. Agreed no changes to U10-U19.
    4. **Action Item:** Adam to write this up for flyer to be used at registration and on website.
- h. Survey Feedback (Ken)
  - i. (Absent)
- i. Safety Director Update (Ken)
  - i. (Absent)
- j. Equipment Manager Update (Bob)

- i. See above.
- k. RCA Update – Plan for Coach Recruitment and Training (pre- and post- registration) (Charlie)
  - i. Deferred.
- l. RRA Update - Plan for Referee Recruitment and Training (pre- and post- registration) (Scott)
  - i. Deferred.
- m. Open Discussion (anyone)

## 2. Old Business

- a. AYSO Calendar

## 3. Future Business

- a. Review of Waitlist Process (March)
- b. eAYSO for Next Season (i.e. enter player teams/coaches) (March)
- c. Team Building (U14-U19) Process (April)

Meeting adjourned at 9:31.

**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 7:00 pm, San Mateo Coffee Company (127 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., San Mateo).

### Current Action Items:

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