

San Mateo AYSO Region 36

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 9, 2010
San Mateo Coffee Shop

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Attendees

Gene Batter, Margaret Becker, Adam Berenstein, Mike Bower, Charlie Drechsler, Cynthia Drechsler, Karn Johal, Keith Jobe, Jason Ku, Vince Kurr, Brian Kersten, Colleen McAvoy, Maribel Nix, Rand Potter, Scott Worthge.

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

1. New Business

- a. Regional Commissioner's (RC) Report (Brian)
 - i. Brian introduced Jason Ku, BU8 Assistant to Adam.
- b. Review of Action Items
 - i. Brian to put discussion on future agenda as to who enters player ratings and comments into eAYSO and whether coaches should have appropriate privileges. **STATUS:** open.
 - ii. Bob to work with Charlie on providing safer goals and nets for next season. **STATUS:** Bob will present a proposal at the next meeting.
 - iii. Arief to schedule Picture Make Up Day when he schedules Picture Day (so both dates are known up front). **STATUS:** open.
 - iv. Board members to read regional guidelines and send changes to Brian by March 31. **STATUS:** open.
 - v. Brian to send summary of regional guideline changes to board members before final version. **STATUS:** subsequent to above.
 - vi. Scott and Charlie to create proposal for how to recruit more coaches and referees at registration. **STATUS:** see discussion below.
 - vii. Equipment Manager (Bob), RCA (Charlie), and RRA (Scott), as the largest spenders, notify Rand of budget needs for this season. **STATUS:** open; Rand will present budget at next meeting and requires input before then.
 - viii. Rand to provide a Winter League recap at the March meeting. **STATUS:** see below.
 - ix. DCs to send out weekly emails reminding last year's volunteers of how many weeks left until Early Volunteer shuts down. **STATUS:** continue to do this, reminding people of Mar. 15 cutoff.
 - x. Bob and Brett to sum up their Winter League experience and provide feedback to Area at Winter League season end. **STATUS:** Brian will remind them to attend April Area meeting.
 - xi. Ken to look into whether practicing on concrete is permitted. **STATUS:** deferred (Ken absent).
 - xii. Bob and Brett to propose a paragraph about Winter League to be included in Regional Guidelines; due at March meeting. **STATUS:** deferred to next meeting.
 - xiii. Adam to write up final U6/U8 short-sided play proposal for flyer to be used at registration and on website. **STATUS:** done.
- c. Treasury Report (Rand Potter)
 - i. Per Bruce Beery's suggestion, Rand will move refunds from "expenses" to "income" as a separate line item (and negative amount); this makes it easier to see what we receive in the Registration Revenue.
 - ii. For Winter League (WL) we spent \$8K, received \$11K, so have \$3400 for this year. Brian recommended putting that money towards practice fields for next year's WL.
- d. Walk-In Registration Preparation & Board Sign-Ups (Maribel and Brian)
 - i. Marianne is working with Maribel.
 - ii. Brian explained that hours worked by early volunteers at registration should be tracked; they need to work a minimum in order to receive early registration discount.
 - iii. Rand recommended that Maribel take one of the Registration Webinars and an eAYSO class.
 - iv. Brian asked board members to sign up for at least two 3-hour slots for open registration.
 - v. Cynthia processes the volunteer registrations; Maribel processes the player registrations.
- e. Early Volunteer Sign-Ups (including Board Member Volunteer Forms and Safe Haven Training) (Colleen)
 - i. Can easily determine who was on the list last year but not this year.
 - ii. Some people turned in the "intent to early volunteer" but not the paperwork, Colleen will follow up.
 - iii. As long as they sign up by March 15, they have until the end of the month to get the paperwork in.
 - iv. **Action Item:** Colleen will send to DCs paperwork and Safe Haven status.
- f. RCA Update – Plan for Coach Recruitment and Training (pre- and post- registration) (Charlie)
 - i. Charlie and Scott want to provide T-shirts to coaches and refs for the fall season.

- ii. Area coach training schedule: will use FC schedule so we have fields.
- iii. RCAs and RRAs have been asked to boost ranks and get volunteers trained; Coach course schedule is designed to not conflict with GGC.
- iv. Reported that Area is considering concurrent Flex-play programs to address the needs of our players wanting to play year-round and players who want a more competitive environment; one idea is a silver (regular Fall season), gold level (WL), and platinum (tryout) level.
- v. Reported on a discussion at Area meeting of slide tackling in U10. Post meeting clarification from Charlie: Although heading and goal keeping are restricted by our National Coaching Program for U6 and U8's, slide tackling is left to be interpreted by game officials. The primary concern is the utter lack of experience and soccer knowledge for referees in the U6 and U8 programs. The least trained referees will be observing our least disciplined players, for potentially serious injury causing techniques. Our Area discussion addressed how we will regulate slide tackling in inter-area play situations; i.e., Tournament, Winter League, and Flex-play. The dialogue prompted a deeper investigation into the origins of prohibiting slide tackling in U6 thru U10. We need to codify restrictions and inform coaches and referees of changes.
- vi. Charlie asked Karn if he's interested in doing adult league for next year; Karn will observe this year.
- vii. Elks would like to sponsor a soccer shoot, at no cost to region or kids, and run by them; Brian agreed.
Action Item: Charlie to email details to Brian.
- viii. Plan for coach recruitment similar to last year as well use large graphic (e.g. thermometer).
- ix. Recommends 2 summer camps, do Friday Night Lights after season begins.
- x. MLS trainers needed (generally rave reviews) but probably just first 4 weeks of season.
- g. RRA Update - Plan for Referee Recruitment and Training (pre- and post- registration) (Scott)
 - i. Different instructions required for refs for U6 and U8 games this year due to changes; unsure as to what we will have the team parent refs do
 - 1. Gene noted that no training exists for these Team Parent Referees and asked if we need two Team Parent Referees for U6; also we cannot certify them as "U8 Official" (for U6 and U8) when jump to U10 is so large.
 - 2. **Action Item:** Scott and Gene to come up with plan on (1) what are the U6 and U8 Team Parent Referees going to do (how many on the field), and (2) how to train them using new rules.
 - ii. Last year had 5 out of 39 U10 teams with no team parent ref (AR); proposes to handle same as last year.
 - iii. U10 Home team ref program will continue; what to do if a team does not comply is up to DCs.
 - iv. Will use Charlie's folder idea at registration showing how many positions are needed for each division, so people thinking about signing up can see the overall # of coaches and refs needed.
 - v. Need to get people to move (and train) up a level.
- h. Safety Director Update (Ken)
 - i. Absent, but Brian thanked Ken for his adept handling of injuries during WL this year; it turns out the coaches did not know which paperwork needed to be filed.
- i. Final 2010 Winter League Update (Bob and Brett)
 - i. Absent – will do next time.
 - ii. SM balanced their teams and did well.
- j. Survey Feedback (Ken)
 - i. Absent.
- k. Review of Waitlist Process (Brian)
 - i. Jennifer absent, defer to June meeting.
- l. eAYSO for Next Season (i.e. enter player teams/coaches) (Brian)
 - i. **Action Item:** Brian to notify DCs that they must enter all teams into eAYSO.
 - ii. **Action Item:** Rand to set up training for eAYSO.
- m. Scholarship Process (Brian)
 - i. A player may receive scholarship for only 2 years.
 - ii. Jack Coyne notified each person last year and will have the list at registration.
- n. 2010 Fall Season Practice Permits (Brian)
 - i. Brian attended city of San Mateo meeting; we got most of what we had last year but are a few days short on a few fields.
 - ii. Brett is Practice Field Coordinator.
- o. AYSO Summer Camps (Brian)
 - i. Info is on website, flyers will be given out at registration, emails have been going out.
 - ii. They run everything – there is nothing we have to do.

- p. Equipment Manager's Update (Bob)
 - i. Absent.
- q. Open Discussion (anyone)
 - i. Brian, re: last meeting's discussion
 - 1. Board needs to be unified on the new U6 & U8 format this year even as we work through the kinks.
 - 2. Brian and Adam sent out communication to be handed out at registration.
 - 3. Karn raised the issue of half play
 - a. Gene recommended amending the Regional Guidelines to say that nobody plays a full game until everyone plays $\frac{3}{4}$.
 - b. This must be better communicated to parents and coaches.
 - 4. **Action Item:** Karn to put together a matrix showing the progression.
 - 5. Discussion about how to handle this at Open Registration. Scott recommended having a board member available to answer these questions (with handout); Mike requested a paragraph, written, for each board member to have so board members are unified in our communication.
 - 6. Final decision:
 - a. Brian wants a one-page handout for each person who signs up at registration with paragraph written by Brian and Adam on one side and the matrix on the other.
 - b. People need to read it first and if still have questions then send to a board member.
 - c. If insistent, send them to Brian.
 - d. **Action Item:** Karn to send to Brian the matrix. .

2. Old Business

- a. AYSO Calendar

3. Future Business

- a. Team Building (U14-U19) Process (April)
- b. Practice Fields for Winter League (April)
- c. Winter League Discussion (June)

Meeting adjourned at 9:05.

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17. Karn to send Brian the matrix. **STATUS:** new.
18. Ken to provide to Brian the safety forms he wants to include in the coach packets this year. **STATUS:** new.