

AYSO Board Meeting: July 24, 2001

In Attendance: Jack Coyne, Michele Bronstein, Dan Nelson, Ross Weir, Rand Potter, Sandy Walker, Blair Brown, Jeff Cohen, Brian Kersten, Doug Brown, Mark Hoffmann, Scott Worthge, Alvaro Agorio, Mike Crompton, Bill Hastings, Ken Outzen

Handouts: Agenda, Budget Report, Schedule for Additional Referee Training Classes– If you need a copy of these handouts you can contact Michele Bronstein (342-9430)

Meeting Notes:

?? **WELCOME**

?? **MINUTES FROM JUNE MEETING**

Minutes were approved.

?? **TREASURER REPORT**

Rand Potter distributed the treasurer's report – Currently, we have approximately \$123,000 in the bank. Registration is pretty much completed – compared to last year; we have collected an additional \$22 to 23,000. The one big anticipated future expense is uniforms. Treasurer's report was approved.

?? **LEAGUE COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Eric Haas and Gene Batter were not present at the meeting to report on the status of the Girls and Boys Leagues, respectively. Ross Weir reported on the roster status of U16/U19. For the Boys, there currently is one U19 team and three 16-member U16 teams. For Boys U19 there are 23 registered players, hence there is a surplus of players – this issue still needs to be resolved. For the Girls there is one U19 team and three 16-member U16 teams. For Girls U16/19 there is plenty of coach volunteers.

?? **COACH & REFEREE ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Referee Report: Brian Kersten distributed a handout showing the remaining scheduled referee-training classes. The following classes have been added: two U6/U8 Team Parent Referee Classes, one Assistant Referee Class and one Regional Referee Class. Brian indicated that he would appreciate being invited to all Coach Meetings, particularly for Division U10. In the past, there has been one large meeting for coaches across all divisions. This year smaller division-level meetings will be run for coaches. Brian would like to use these meetings to emphasize a few key points. Brian also mentioned that he would like to run a referee refresher course on Saturday, August 25th from 9 AM to 1 PM. The possibility of utilizing Joinville for this refresher course will be pursued.

Coaching Report: Doug Brown reminded the board of this week's Youth Clinic (7/28, 9:00 – 3:30 @ Fiesta Meadows) and the upcoming Intermediate Clinic in August. Doug would like to be contacted by all individuals interested in participating. It was also noted that the Youth Clinic could cover training needs for brand new coaches.

?? **REGISTRAR REPORT**

All team assignments are in, and new rosters will be cranked out in the next few days.

Old Business:

?? *National Games*

As indicated at the last meeting Jack Coyne submitted an application for Girls U19 (Region 36) to participate in AYSO National Games. Participants are selected by lottery. For this year's games, our region received a lottery draw of #32 – as only 8 teams are selected we are not participating. However, our team received a bid for the 2002 games to be played in Hawaii (yeah!!). Jack noted that kids participating in the National Games get to play lots of soccer. In fact, sportsmanship points are awarded for “lots of minutes” played. He estimated that over the course of the weeklong National Games the girls would play about 8-9 games. We need to respond to AYSO by September 15th regarding our participation. Once again, the National Games take place in the Summer – which is a complication, as we don't typically have a Winter/Spring league team.

Prior to making this decision, guidelines for participation need to be reviewed, and a process would need to be put into place for selection and management of this “post season” team. Jack's understanding is that the girls on this year's 2001 Fall U19 team would be eligible to play in the Summer 2002 games. However, as there are only 20 girls on the team, we would likely need to put into place a process to pull players from Girls U16. Alternatively, we could cross multiple regions in fielding a team. Jack indicated that he would be putting together a proposal for review in evaluating the decision of whether to go forward with participating in National Games 2002.

?? *Kid's Zone/Pins*

Jack has not yet had an opportunity to do further analysis regarding implementation of Kids Zone or purchase of AYSO pins.

?? *T-Shirt Update/Coach Support Items*

T-Shirts will arrive in time for distribution at Picture Day. The aluminum clipboards for the coaches have been ordered and received. The First Aid kits should arrive some time this weekend. Game cards will also be distributed with the coach packets.

?? *Regional Guidelines*

The regional guidelines need to be completed within 1.5 weeks. The board recommendations for reorganization of the guidelines have been incorporated; i.e., a table of contents is now included, the pages are numbered, and the content has been reorganized. An updated AYSO board roster will be included in the guidelines.

?? *Field Update/Uniforms*

Games schedules will soon be going to the printers. As discussed at our last meeting we have some field challenges due to the loss of both San Mateo and Hillsdale High School fields. Girls U10 games will be played in two areas: Aragon softball field and Laurie Meadows. Jack indicated there are 18 teams to field. However, Bill Hasting noted that uniforms have been ordered for 20 Girls U10 teams – therefore these numbers need to be confirmed.

The final set of permits is getting ready to go out for practice fields. As noted at our last meeting, practice fields are going to be tight – but as in years past we will find some creative ways to assure everyone a place. Coaches should call Division Coordinators in advance to reserve a practice field if they are anticipating they will be away on vacation during practice field selection time.

Some questions were raised regarding distribution of the uniforms. It was suggested that we send the whole pack of uniforms to the coaches, and that leftovers go back to AYSO. In this way we can build a supply of uniforms to accommodate coaches for special requests (e.g., particular size requests).

New Business:

?? *Picture Day Vendor/Schedule*

Dave Bustamante was not present at the meeting – but an effort will be made to have Dave send out an e-mail update prior to the next AYSO board meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Michele Bronstein