

AYSO Board Meeting: November 27, 2001

In Attendance: Jack Coyne, Dan Nelson, Rand Potter, Doug Brown, Bill Hastings, Gene Batter, Eric Haas, Mark Anderson, Alvaro Agorio, Michele Bronstein, Kelly Winterbottom, Ken Outzen, Keith Jobe, Scott Worthge, Brian S. Kersten, Blair Brown, Bernie Barbero, Ross Weir

Handouts: Agenda, Budget Report, - If you need a copy of these handouts you can contact Michele Bronstein (342-9430)

Meeting Notes:

?? WELCOME

Bernie Barbero, a visitor, who is potentially interested in being a future board member, was welcomed. Jack Coyne welcomed all those present and once again thanked the Board for such a smooth running season.

?? MINUTES FROM OCTOBER MEETING

Clarification was requested on the amount of money approved by the board to award the Picture Contest Winner. The amount agreed upon was \$50.00. Minutes from the month of October were approved.

?? TREASURER REPORT

Rand Potter distributed and reviewed the treasurer's report. Currently there is about \$34,000 in checking with a couple big-ticket items left to cover in 2001. The Yearbook still needs to be paid for – this item has typically run ~\$8,000. Overall, however, we are looking quite good and it appears for the first time in a few years we will be operating in the black. In evaluating the Year-to-Year comparison data, we were able to raise approximately \$20,000 more this year, primarily through additional registration fee income. Expenses were similar this year, except for increased postage and clinic costs. Postage costs were increased due to early registration notices, mailing of the yearbooks, mailing of plaques and probably carryover expenses from the prior year. Clinic expenses also increased this year due to an increased effort to offer educational opportunities for coaches, referees, and players. Treasurer's report was approved.

?? LEAGUE/SEASON REPORTS

RC Report: Jack Coyne noted that this was an extremely successful season – and extended his deep appreciation for everyone's efforts. It was his impression that the increased training had a huge impact.

League Commissioner's Reports:

Ross Weir reported on the status of **U16/U19**. As discussed last month one boy's team did not participate in the tournament as they received too many cards. The remaining 7 teams all participated, and one Boys U16 team made it into the finals. It has been a good season.

Eric Haas reported on the status of the **Girls League**. It has been a great season, and the tournaments went extremely well. Eric expressed his thanks to all the Division Coordinators.

Gene Batter reported on the status of the **Boys League**. Gene echoed the positive thoughts and thanked all for a great season.

?? ***COACH & REFEREE ADMINISTRATION REPORT***

Coaching Report: Doug Brown thanked all those in attendance and kept his comments brief to reserve time for the referee report.

Referee Report: Brian Kersten noted how smoothly this season had gone, and in particular acknowledged the effort of his fantastic coordinators.

It was noted by those in attendance that there was a lot of positive feedback from coaches and referees about the ease of using the web site for information access.

Old Business:

?? ***Area Tournament Update***

The area tournament will be held this weekend – Jack Coyne encouraged all those in attendance to go and view our participating teams. Jack passed around the schedule for the weekend, and noted that the schedule can be found on the Foster City web site.

Jack noted they are allowing some substitution of players, given that high school players participating in high school soccer cannot participate in non-school league games during the HS soccer season (11/15-3/15) without significant repercussions.

U10 teams, who played short sided this season (such as San Mateo), were offered the opportunity to add up to 14 players on their roster.

?? ***Yearbook***

Dave Bustamante is close to having the yearbook done and Jack is close to completing the mailing database. The current plan is to have the yearbooks sent out by early December so they are all delivered by the end of the year.

?? ***Coach/Referee/Player Award Nominations***

Jack Coyne requested that everyone send in his or her information as soon as possible – preferably by the end of week.

?? ***Sponsor Update***

Jeff Cohen was not present at the meeting but forwarded the following information. The ad for the sponsors was run in the San Mateo Times on November 17th. The sponsor plaques have been ordered and should be delivered to sponsors by the end of December via mail.

New Business:

?? ***Regional Commissioner Election***

In past years the RC has been chosen by the honored buddy system. The National AYSO organization is trying to promote more of an election based approach. Jack requested that we carry out an intermediate approach and requested that we hold an election this evening. Jack, serving as the nominating committee, nominated Gene Batter, as the next Region 36 RC. He asked those in attendance if they would like to nominate any additional candidates. Kelly Winterbottom nominated Eric Haas, who declined. Thus without further ado, the nomination process was closed, and those in attendance (save except Gene) voted on the nomination of Gene Batter as the next Region 36 AYSO Regional Commissioner for a term of 3 years. Gene was unanimously elected. Jack Coyne will be

remaining on the board in some capacity, and will likely serve as an Assistant Regional Commissioner, thus facilitating Gene's transition into this new role. *Congratulations Gene and Thanks Jack!!*

?? *Volunteer Registration*

The positives/negatives of last year's early registration process were reviewed. It was agreed that early registration greatly enhanced the acquisition of volunteers and well-trained coaches/referees. Jack suggested that during next year's early registration we offer more non-board jobs/roles. It was also suggested that the option to register early be on-line. Concern was expressed that there will not be as much of an impetus to register early as almost all registrants were able to get on an AYSO team this year - the counter argument was that most folks do not know that almost all registrants got in and many of the new volunteers enjoyed their jobs. In getting people to register early, we need to stress the importance of volunteerism to the program and benefits gained by early registrants (no waiting in line, price break).

After further discussion the following Next Steps were agreed upon:

- ?? Early Registration is still a go
- ?? January 12th was selected as the date to start the early registration process (this will allow for some time to get a flier out and settle the details, along with an upcoming calendar)
- ?? In the next couple of weeks a small group of folks will get together to work out the details
- ?? Need to loop Keith Jobe into the process as need to figure out the "on-line" piece

?? *Annual Dinner*

The annual dinner has typically been in January at the Elks Club. Everyone was in agreement that this would be an agreeable tradition to continue. The date settled upon was Friday, January 18th. As in past years, invitees will be board members and spouses/significant others, coaches and referees of the year, and honored players (along with the coaches that nominated them). A deli platter and salads will be served.

Open Discussion

- ?? Bids for Kids has once again asked for a donation. Given that no one claimed the 2 registrations offered at last year's event, it was agreed upon that this year we would offer 4 registrations. The motion (by Keith Jobe) to offer 4 registrations to Bids for Kids was agreed upon.
- ?? The next Section Meeting will be held in Portland. It will be on March 8th, 9th and 10th. There are numerous opportunities for significant learning and specialized classes at these Section Meetings – and past attendees have found them to be very worthwhile. Given the further travel distance this year (and hence increased travel costs) a discussion was held regarding how many people should be allowed to go. Cost for attending the Section Meeting was gestimated at \$600 (\$50 registration fee, \$250 air fare, \$200 for room, \$50 for food). In past years we have sent about 8 attendees. Keith Jobe suggested that we give the RC some discretion in making these selections and place a financial ceiling of \$5,000 for this event. This motion was approved. Lastly, it was noted that meeting attendees would be expected to come back and share learnings.
- ?? Bill Hastings reported that H&H will give each AYSO registrant a soccer ball if an additional \$6 is collected from **each** player during registration
- ?? Power Play is open for business for another year, and hence they will have another indoor soccer season
- ?? Eric Haas noted that we still need to take care of closing up fields and goals

Respectfully submitted by Michele Bronstein

NEXT MEETING: Friday, January 18th – Dinner