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MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
AYSO REGION 18

A meeting of the Board of Directors of AYSO REGION 18 (“AYSO18”), was held at Henessey’s Tavern located at 313 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Manhattan Beach, California 90266 and via video conference, on October 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. after verbal and written Notice duly given.

Krista Skinner chaired the meeting and Jessica Waybright took the meeting minutes.

The following Directors participated in person:

Krista Skinner; Jessica Waybright; Jeff Stephens; Jackie Eanes; Russ Allen; Andrew Werhane; Chris Wong; Christina Finlay; Ashley Choi; Steve Killman; Baldeep Sadhal; Karl Primm; Dan Angress; Mark Hodson; Tim Anderson; Genevieve Sheekey; Scott Coopman; Sarah Lefton; Zachary Beckman; Dave Brantly;

The following Directors participated via video conference:

Byron Eguchi; Steve Hershowitz; Michael Duarte; Ben Davidson; Iris Shin; Pauline Loder

The following Directors did not participate:

Woody Hauck; Jimmy Orland; Michael Hinz; Scott Lentz; Jamie Chang; Vince O’Hara; Chris Otey; Kim Digillio; Lou Figueroa; Michael McKnight; Megan Schultz; Rose Rocchio; Kelly Ankley; Johnnie Mundell; Wolf Heim; Anthony Lombardo; Albert Chen; Amanda Walls Murphy.

As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m.

Regional Commissioner’s Report

MBMS Update

- MBMS field was looking good and then there were two leaks on the field and the school turned off the water. There are also patches where the school was playing kickball. AYSO18 will continue to maintain the field, but the grass is not as healthy as it could be.
  - o MBUSD Superintendent included in his weekly newsletter the MBMS field improvements and the contribution by AYSO18 and the other sports programs.

Safety Director

- AYSO18 still needs a Safety Director as it is one of the seven required Board seats. The Safety Director would be responsible for processing incident reports, as necessary. Ideally, they would also be responsible for ensuring first aid kits are in each shed in addition to other projects. No special requirements are needed to serve as Safety Director.

Area Tournament Director/Assistant

- Area is also in need of an Area Tournament Director/Assistant to run the Area tournament for All-Stars and the advancing teams from Beach Cup.
  - o This job would include a lot of paperwork, scheduling games, coordinating with the other Regions and managing the tournament. Another Region may have someone to fill the Tournament Director role, but they could still use an assistant.

Regional Commissioner Search

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- Mike McNight continues the search for a new Regional Commissioner to take over for Krista Skinner.
  - o Baldeep Sadhal has been asked to serve as the Assistant Regional Commissioner.

#### Spring Registration

- Spring Registration will start in mid-November. North Redondo schools will be added to the drop-down menu in order to categorize those players into a different category than "Other".

#### 16/19U Playoffs

- 16/19U will have a mid-week playoff game on November 2 and games on November 4-5. Playoff includes 8 teams in 16UB, 5 teams in 16UG, 6 teams in 19UB, and 5 teams in 19UG
  - o The last game for the upper divisions will take place in Chino on November 11-12 so the high schoolers are done with AYSO and ready for CIF.

#### Area League Play

- Area league play begins January 7, which coincides with the second weekend of the MBUSD winter break.
  - o Pool play will take place January 7, 13-14
  - o Semi-finals will take place January 20
  - o The Final game will take place January 21
- For Area play 10U there will be 12 teams in 3 pools.
  - o This year AYSO18 will have 2 teams guaranteed and may have 1 wildcard team.
  - o There will still be a 3<sup>rd</sup> place game for Beach Cup
  - o All other divisions the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams will move on in Area League play.

#### Area All-Stars

- All-Stars will take place: January 27-28; February 3-4; and February 10-11
- DCs for All-Star divisions should decide the team counts by November 6. There will be Premier teams in all divisions and 10U and 12U will also have Select teams.
  - o 14U will have 2 Premier teams.
  - o 10U DCs can decide if they want 1 Premier and 2 or 3 Select teams.

#### DC Updates

- Krista reported that this year has been the best year for Coach completion of compliance requirements.
  - o Coach certification is important for liability issues and insurance does not cover non-certified coaches.
  - o Parents covering practices or games is not permitted.
- Photo Day
  - o Krista passed around a sign-up sheet for Board members to volunteer to set up the Photo Day volunteers, who will be directing people to the correct parking locations and ensuring they don't walk on the baseball field.
  - o All volunteer slots for Photo Day on Saturday have been filled.
    - Make-up day is October 22
    - Krista will send an e-mail to parents instructing them where to park and how to enter the photo area.

#### Trophies

- Trophies will be ordered for 5/6U divisions.

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### Beach Cup

- Ref points for Beach Cup divisions look better than in years past. The bottom teams don't have points and don't seem to care.
- 10UG, 12UB and 12UG will all have play-in games on November 5, and the teams will be determined at the end of the season on November 4.
- 10UB has 36 teams with 9 groups. The DCs need to figure out how to make a bracket out of 9 groups.
- 14U will continue to play through November 11 and will start pool play December 2,3-9, with the Final on December 10.

### Player Rankings

- A volunteer is needed to lead the coordination of Player Rankings to follow up with coaches and to assemble the data. Baldeep Sadhal and Tim Anderson will be working to make this happen.
  - o 5/6U coaches should complete their rankings before they receive trophies.
  - o 7/8U coaches should complete their rankings before their last game.
  - o 10/12/14U coaches should complete their rankings by their last game or they will not be able to participate in Beach Cup.
  - o The Board discussed whether there are other questions or things to rank in order to get the best data.
  - o Data should be sent back out to coaches to validate their data if there are any discrepancies at the end of the season rather than trying to do it at the beginning of the following season.
  - o The Board discussed adding goals scored as a good matrix to add for draft purposes.
  - o Coaches should be called out if they are deliberately under ranking their players.
  - o The Board also discussed developing better training for DCs on how to look at the rankings as they prepare for the draft.
  - o The Board discussed other techniques to develop rankings for the players, including holding a combine and going to games to watch players.
  - o The Board also discussed other methods of drafting teams including having a blind draft and then assigning coaches to teams.

### All-Stars

- 10/12U DCs should schedule an All-Star meeting the week of November 13. Krista will be gone so a volunteer is needed to serve as All-Star chair.
- 14U All-Star meetings will take place after Thanksgiving.

### Referee

- Rather than recruiting new referees at this point in the season, Dan Angress suggests working with the existing referees and mentor them.
- Coaches are starting to ask for referee points.
- Ref points do not affect standings for teams.
- Dissent has been better than in previous years, but the end of the season is more tense. Games will be decided by poor calls, but dissent is still not acceptable. Poor calls should be brought to Dan's attention to help determine which referees should participate in Beach Cup.
- AYSO18 is not offering more referee courses this season, but other regions might. There is a good group of Intermediate referees coming in.

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- DCs could offer ref points to teams willing to paint sheds, clean sheds, pick-up game cards, and serve as a photo day volunteer. 1 hour of time could equal 1 ref point.

#### Coach

- Most of the coach certifications are showing as green, but occasionally background checks are expiring and are showing up red.

#### Coach Trainers

- Goalkeeper sessions may be held on Mondays.
- Evo coaches at games are not as impactful as when they help out at practices.
- The Board discussed having coach trainers counsel coaches.
- Camps have been scheduled for Thanksgiving week November 20-22 and Winter #1 December 26-29, and Winter #2 January 2-5.

#### Fields

- Pacific school bought two of their own goals and want AYSO18 goals reinstalled. The nets need to be zip-tied.
- The locks at Robinson are missing.
- Before Beach Cup, new nets are needed for Marine Avenue Park and Village fields. Russ will ask the City if they will provide the nets and if not AYSO18 will purchase them.

#### Sideline Project

- The Board discussed holding a Sportsmanship Day, but not a Silent Saturday.

#### Youth Volunteer Program

- The Mira Costa mentors have been working with their teams.

Meeting concluded at 8:35pm

**NEXT MEETING: November 7, 2023 at 7:00pm**