

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 November 7, 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; Russ Allen; Andrew Werhane; Chris Wong; Christina Finlay; Ashley Choi; Steve Killman; Baldeep Sadhal; Karl Primm; Mark Hodson; Tim Anderson; Scott Coopman; Sarah Lefton; David Brantley; Wolf Heim; Michael Hinz; Steve Hershowitz;

The following Directors participated via video conference:

Pauline Loder; Amanda Murphy; Michael Duarte; Ben Davidson; Iris Reekie; Jackie Eanes

The following Directors did not participate:

Woody Hauck; Jimmy Orland; Scott Lentz; Jamie Chang; Vince O’Hara; Damian Stevens; Michael Miles; Chris Otey; Kim Digillio; Lou Figueroa; Kelly Ankley; Iris Shin; Anthony Lombardo; Albert Chen; Dan Angress; Genevieve Sheekey; Zachary Beckman; Byron Eguchi; Nathan Bavolek; Andy Abdelmalek

As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m.

The first order of business was the approval of the meeting minutes from September 12, 2023, meeting. Upon motion duly made by David Brantley and seconded by Christina Finlay the minutes of the September 12, 2023, meeting were unanimously approved.

The next order of business was the approval of the meeting minutes of the October 10, 2023, meeting. Upon motion duly made by David Brantley and seconded by Christina Finlay the minutes of the October 10, 2023, meeting were unanimously approved.

Regional Commissioner’s Report

- MBMS field has been overwatered and is muddy and doesn’t look great. AYSO18 will continue to control the maintenance of the field through the end of the season. Efforts will be made to seed the field with rye and close the field for the winter in hopes that it will be in better shape by the Spring and for baseball season.
- Marine Avenue Park will be re-turfed and only soccer lines will be painted on the fields.
  - o In January the field allocation for Spring will be provided.
  - o A new water fountain will be installed and new goals placed.
  - o 3 full fields for 9v9 and 7v7 games will be fully marked including hashmarks for the buildout lines. The adult league plays 7v7 so are satisfied with the lines that will be painted.
  - o The trees were trimmed on the west side of the field. The new lines will be a little off the west wall for more spectator space.
  - o The concrete in front of the bleachers may also be covered in turf.

- The field will not be available for Area play and should be back in use for All Star play at the end of January.
- The AYSO18 shed will be removed and put back in after the re-turf.
- The City has indicated that they will rake and maintain the field.
- The following Board positions are still open:
  - Safety Director – this is the most important open position;
  - CVPA/Compliance – this is the second most important open position;
  - Practice Coordinator;
  - Draft Coordinator;
  - Photo Day;
  - Uniforms.

Board members should consider bringing a new potential volunteer to the December meeting. More volunteers are needed.

- Spring Registration has been set up and Redondo schools have been added.
- The AEDs still need to be put at the fields. There were incidents in the Adult league at Village and MAP.
  - In 2025 there will be a new requirement that AEDs be placed at any youth sports field. They are now required at high school sites. They must be able to be accessed within 3-5 minutes.
  - ZapStand is a company that provides large kiosks with video boards and AED units in the housing.
  - The new rule would require a trained person to administer the AED. The City and Police and Fire Departments are looking into the issue.
  - The ZapStand is fully automated, so a trained person is not required.
    - GPS tracks the location of the device and sends it to the Fire Department if it is being used.
    - AYSO18 may be asked to contribute to the cost.
- CIF Southern Section is involved in wage negotiations with its referees and there may not be referees for high school sports, including soccer. AYSO18 referees have been approached to referee, however AYSO18 insurance does not cover those activities.
  - AYSO18 should not be considered an available resource to fill in for referees negotiating with CIF.
- 19UG Otey/Chen advanced to Section Playoffs in Chino.
- 10U has historically had 3 guaranteed teams for Area League play, but other Regions are growing in size. 10UB will have 1 of their 3 teams in the wildcard pool and 10UG will have 2 teams. If a Region is not using all of their allotted teams AYSO18 could add another team.
  - 12U and 14U will each have 2 teams per division.
- Area League Play will take place January 7, 13-14 with Semifinals on January 20 and Finals on January 21.
- Area All Stars will take place January 27-28, February 3-4, 10-11 and there may be a midweek game depending on pool sizes.
  - 10UB will have 1 Premier and 3 Select teams;
  - 10UG will have 1 Premier and 2 Select teams;
  - 12UB and 12UG will have 1 Premier and 2 Select teams each;
  - 14UB and 14UG will have 2 Premier teams each.
  - AYSO18 uniforms will be ordered and going forward they will have a “Microsoft Teams” logo on them.
  - Jackets, which will be the same as last year, yard signs and coach shirts will also be ordered.

## DC Updates

### - **Beach Cup**

- Referee points for Beach Cup have looked better this year than they have in years past. Compared to other Regions AYSO18 is doing much better.
- A Coaches meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8 at 8pm. The meeting will be mandatory for 10U and 12U and recommended for 14U coaches.
- 12UG DCs had to take away referee points from teams before the end of the season. It's questionable whether they can be earned back. Poor coach behavior is driving away referees.
  - The Board discussed how referee points affected seeding for Beach Cup in the past. They also discussed writing into the rules of Beach Cup actions that can be taken regarding referee points, including taking points away for blowouts.
  - The Board also discussed sportsmanship points, which only come into play in the event of a tie.
  - The Board also discussed making people more aware of certain incidents so it is not a surprise when action needs to be taken.
- 10U and 12U schedules are done for Beach Cup.
- Andrew Werhane explained that the quick score website will have schedules and pool information. Game cards will be uploaded after the game to the Airtable website so the scores can be updated.
- Games will be in RSS tomorrow.
- Pool play for 10U and 12U will start on Saturday. 14U games will be played after Thanksgiving.

### **Player Rankings**

- Baldeep and Tim updated the metrics in Player Rankings to include defensive play.
- HCs and ACs have access to Player Rankings, and there have been issues of some fighting over and changing rankings.
- DCs should rank the teams now at the end of the season. The top ranked player on the first place is different than the top ranked player on the last place team.
- 5/6U coaches need to get rankings in before they get trophies.
- DCs need to follow up on outstanding rankings before the schedule for Beach Cup is released.

### **All Star Meeting**

- Krista Skinner will not be available to attend All Star meetings before Thanksgiving.
  - Chris Talbot will attend the 10UB meeting to moderate the conversation and serve as a neutral party.
  - Other volunteers are needed to attend All Star meetings for 10UG and 12U divisions.
  - Krista will attend the 14U All Star meetings after Thanksgiving.

## Referee

- Chris Wong explained that the Beach Cup schedule will be uploaded into RSS for the pool play games. Efforts will be made to populate the elimination games with referees the Referee Admin team and DCs determine are the best referees for those games. If

the DCs anticipate a particular game will be problematic they should alert the Referee Admin team.

- Every team should at least contribute one AR per game at a minimum.
- AYSO18 has 7 new Advanced Referees, 7 new Intermediate Referees and 1 almost National certified Referee.

### Coach

#### **Certification Status**

- Baldeep is working on a central report to determine the certification status of each Referee, Coach, and Board Member. He is working with National to pull data from Stack Sports.

### Coach Trainers

- Mark Hodson shared that one of the Evo coaches had a health issue but is doing well.
  - This incident raised again the importance of having an AED at each field.

### Fields

- The Begg North field was moved east to avoid mud puddles.
- The City has promised to provide new nets for the Village and MAP fields. If the City fails to provide them Russ Allen has new nets for the goals for Beach Cup.
- Nets should be zip tied for Beach Cup.

Ashley Choi will try to plan a social event for the December Board Meeting on December 12.

Meeting concluded at 8:33pm

**NEXT MEETING: December 12, 2023 at 7:00pm**