

Region 18 Board Meeting, February 13, 2018

Grimaldi's, El Segundo, 7:30 PM

0. Attendance:

Andrew Lelchuk, Charlie Abbott, Shaun Aderholt, Russ Allen, Taylor Boudreaux, Albert Chen, Ed Danskin, Ben Donahoe (non-voting), Byron Eguchi, Allyson Estess, Bill Fournell, Jana Goodstadt, Wolf Heim, Steve Hershkowitz, Michael Hinz, Mark Hodson, Stan Ibara, Molly Jolls, Chris Otey, Karl Primm, Marco Rico, Rose Rocchio, Krista Skinner, Megan Schultz, Mark Sprague, Ron Tani, Chris Wong (non-voting), Nedra Yost, Andrew Rogerson (Guest)

1. Call to Order:

The meeting began at 7:52 PM with a quorum (26/31)

2. Review of Prior Minutes

- MOTION: Approve Minutes of the January 2018 meeting.
APPROVED, with no opposition.

3. Regional Commissioner's Report

Andrew Lelchuk welcomed Andrew Rogerson as a guest to the meeting.

Andrew provided the following Area Updates:

- For Sectionals, Andrew reminded everyone that no pets are allowed at the fields.
- Andrew reported that the Inland Empire AYSO United Soccer Club will be disbanding.
- Budgets are due on June 1 for MY 2018.
- There will be an Area class in August for Advanced Coaches.
- There will be an Area class for Intermediate Coaches in both August and September.
- Due to an illegal player issue occurring during Area League play, there will be additional checks and penalties in the future to prevent such issues.
- The Spring Coaches' Meeting for U14 and U16/U19 will be on February 28 at Dana Middle School probably at 7 pm.

Andrew provided the following updates to Area League Playoffs:

- In GU14, Franz beat Koch in the Area Championship Game to advance to Sectionals
- In BU14, Tinker Lost in the Area Championship but will still advance to Sectionals.
- In BU12, DeMartino won the Area Championship and will advance to Sectionals
- In GU10, Hauck lost in the Championship Game.
- In BU10, Thompson won the Championship Game and will advance to Sectionals.

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Andrew provided the following update to All-Stars Area play:

- GU14 won the Championship and will advance to Sectionals.
- BU14 finished second and will advance to Sectionals
- GU12 finished second and will advance to Sectionals
- BU12 won the Championship and will advance to Sectionals
- GU10B beat GU10A in the Championship game and GU10B will advance to Sectionals.
- BU10 won the Championship and will advance to Sectionals.

As a result, six of the 10 All-Star teams advancing from Area are from Region 18.

Sectionals will be in Riverside, with League Playoffs on February 24 and 25 and All-Star playoffs on March 10 and 11.

In Regional business, Andrew reported that he met with Dr. Matthews of MBUSD regarding the Meadows West field cost and, due to MBUSD budget shortfalls, could not get a concession on field rental cost. The fee will be paid in August

The Manhattan Beach City Parks and Recreation Department will be introducing a new Field Allocation Process. There will be priority given to all-volunteer (including Coaches and Referees) organizations. There will likely be cost increases, but the City will provide a 12-month notice period for any increases. These increases will likely need to be offset by higher Registration Fees of five to fifteen dollars.

Charlie Abbott asked whether it would be better to increase Registration Fees at once or in steps. Andrew Lelchuk recommended increasing at one time.

Nedra Yost suggested expanding the Early Bird deadline for those that would be concerned about the increase.

Andrew reported that AYSO has returned to the City of Manhattan Beach a red-lined proposal for the Manhattan Village re-turf project. The new proposal covers what to do if the field does not last for its projected 10-year lifetime.

4. Finance Report

Stan Ibara reported that Region 18 has about \$700,000 in cash, with \$500,000 allocated to Field Improvements. There are a few uniform and ball bills still outstanding.

5. Registrar's Report

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Byron Eguchi reported that we have 1,400 players registered for Spring Soccer which is a normal amount. There has been a technical error coming up in the payment system, which occurs when a player's account number does not match what's in Blue Sombrero.

6. Field Report

Russ Allen asked Division Commissioners to let him know if they need any rooms for their drafts. Russ Allen asked whether bleachers would eventually be placed on the Meadows West fields. Russ didn't know, but did confirm that there would be no lights.

Andrew Lelchuk requested new nets for the fields at Marine Avenue Park and Manhattan Village.

7. Safety Report

Wolf Heim had no updates for the meeting.

8. Uniforms

Nedra Yost reported that there were some issues with the All-Star uniforms that had to be resolved.

9. Spring Soccer

Marco Rico noted that there were some Registration issues that had to be resolved through Byron Eguchi for a few returning players.

Marco asked whether movement was allowed from one Division to another from the Fall season and Andrew replied that it was not.

U16/U19 is now locked for the Spring with five boys' and three girls' teams.

10.. Referee Committee Report

Charlie Abbott reported that Referee Coverage had been very good during the playoffs except for this past weekend. Krista Skinner, Andrew Lelchuk, Steve Hershkowitz, and others did extra games to make up for the shortfall. Charlie recognized Christopher Wong for doing a great job coordinating Referee Coverage.

Charlie noted that Wolf Heim wrote a comprehensive e-mail covering the issues Referees will face due to the new Player Development Initiatives (PDI's). it was suggested that the Coaches' Committee start early to educate Coaches on the PDI's and

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strategy. For example, the PDI's create an opportunity for the defensive team to score, which is not the purpose of the PDI's. This will need to be addressed for the Fall.

Michael Hinz suggested implementing PDI's for Spring Soccer. However, Andrew Lelchuk was not sure that the PDI's would still be required in the Fall and Charlie Abbott noted that Referees and Coaches could not be trained properly by the Spring season.

Andrew proposed a separate meeting to discuss PDI's.

Michael Hinz also suggested talking to partner Regions who implemented the PDI's to see what problems they've already encountered. Michael suggested that the best to learn PDI's was for the Coaches to see the disadvantages of not using them

11. Coaches' Committee Reports

Steve Hershkowitz reported that there was only one problem reported with the Coaches during playoffs. Steve asked that if there were any other incidents, to report them to him. Steve also asked that he be told if a Coach class is needed for the Spring.

Andrew Lelchuk suggested using this opportunity to clear out problem Coaches for the Fall season, e.g., Coaches who have not submitted proper player evaluations

12. Division Commissioners' Reports

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For BU12, Rose Rocchio reported 112 players registered to form eight teams. She is ready to close Registration.

For BU10, Molly Jolls noted that the Premier All-Star team advanced to Sectionals while the Select B Team took third place in their tournament. There were issues with player commitment during the playoffs and she will consider these issues when going through the All-star selection process next year. For Spring Soccer, she will have nine teams of twelve.

For GU6, Megan Schultz reported that 114 players are registered for Spring. She will have 14 teams of eight so currently is two over the limit.

Allyson Estess reported that she has 55 players for BU7 and 64 players for BU8 for a total of 119. She will have 12 teams of 10 and cap Registration at 120.

Albert Chen reported that he will have three GU19 teams and five BU19 teams.

For BU5, Jana Goodstadt reported that 66 players are registered and she expects to have 10 teams.

For GU14, Krista Skinner reported that 83 players are registered and she will cap registration at 90. She expects to have five teams.

Ed Danksin noted that for BU14, All-Stars competed in a Round Robin format and the Select Team struggled. For Spring, Ed expects five teams but has only one Coach at this time.

For GU8, Chris Otey reported that 82 players are registered and he expects to have 10 teams. He has enough Coaches. GU7 will run separately through Daniel Shabbani.

For GU5, Taylor Boudreaux reported that 71 players are registered and he will have 10 or 11 teams. He is currently short by three Coaches.

13. Other Business

Andrew Lelchuk opened discussion for election of a new Regional Commissioner for AYSO Region 18. Krista Skinner had been nominated and submitted her Qualification statement. Chris Otey was nominated but declined.

□ MOTION: Elect Krista Skinner as the new Regional Commissioner for AYSO Region 18 effective April, 2018 for a two-year term.

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APPROVED, with no opposition.

Andrew will remain as Regional Commissioner until the end of March.

Andrew stated that Krista will do a great job and he is leaving the Region in able hands.

Krista expressed her appreciation for the support of Andrew and the rest of the Board. Krista would like to move present initiatives forward as well as taking the Region to the next level. She would like to involve more people in order to do this.

14 Summary of Motions Approved

- MOTION: Approve Minutes of the January 2018 Board meeting.
APPROVED, with no opposition.
- MOTION: Elect Krista Skinner as the new Regional Commissioner for AYSO Region 18 effective April, 2018 for a two-year term.
APPROVED, with no opposition.

14. Summary of Motions Rejected

None.