



Area 1C Agenda, January 31, 2013 The Hamlet, Pasadena

1. Call to Order at 7pm sharp
- Approve minutes for November
2. Treasurer Report - Frank
- Dues outstanding

3. Referee Reports - Scott
- Updates -
- Leo Nedeff
- Rule changes- discussion

4. Coach Administrator - Mike

5. All-star/ Play thru- Craig
- Update
- Field Permits- Copies to Craig
- Uniform requirements- Section play

6. YDP - Marco

7. National
- NBOD Candidates - 4 seats
- Rose Parade Float
- National Games - Volunteers

8. Section Updates
- Roadshow results 400 trained- Arcadia
- Fees owed + No shows
- Area P - Santa Monica, July 2013
- Tri-Section meeting - April 12-14
- National Games
- Tournaments - Mis Conduct reports

9. Area Updates
- Eayso - player information
- Treasurers- Financial reports
- Concussion Training

10. Registrations-
- Mass advertising- Branding/Advertising/Marketing - Regional Toolkit
- Using same marketing materials
- List of Registration dates



11. Regional Report

12. New Business:

Adjournment

Calendar and Due Dates to Area

Playoffs - U10-U14 League Riverside - February, 23/24

U10-U14 All Stars TBD - March 2/3

EXTRA TBD - March 3

State Games Section 2 - March 16/17 - Davis



Area 1C
Minutes
January 31st, 2013

Attendees: Jane Mason, Mike Stiles, Marco Quezada, Scott Davis, Tom Regan, Robert Lopez (98), Ken Joe (2), Frank Bagheri, Aldo Mascheroni (88), Rolando Morales (60), Lisa Ducharme (908), Anne Louit (214), Mario Partida (1304), Steve Bicker (13)

- Call to Order at approximately 7:15.
 - Approve minutes for November. Tabled until Feb.Jane reports that minutes will be emailed the week after the meeting and will be posted on website.
- Treasurer Report
 - Frank Bagheri distributed the monthly Profit and Loss Statement and Balance sheet as of Jan. 31, 2013, copies of which are attached. See attached. Regions 98 and 40 still owe players fee. Frank suggested that Freeway Jam money be distributed only to Regions that timely pay Area player fees. Currently, roughly \$2,000 in the red under current budget. Frank reported that the following bills will be paid shortly: YDP and all-star medals, area meetings, and referee diner. Although in the red, Area 1-C still has approximately \$77k in reserves and is owed another \$5,000 in player fees. In response to a question from Ken Joe, it was reported that the YDP field expense refers to port-a-potty expenses for Region 908 at Madrid. Region 908 moved to approve the financials. Motion was seconded by Region 13 and passed unanimously.
- Auditor Report. No report as Hugo was not present.
- Referee Reports - Scott
 - Scott Davis reported that through the end of January, there were referee coverage issues for only 29 out of 375 games. While this not a bad rate, some Regions still need to be more diligent about referee coverage.
 - Leo Nedeff. It was reported that during 2012 – and not including the Leo Nedeff camp during the Section 1 Roadshow – Area 1-C held 54 referee courses and trained 790 referees. These were the highest numbers in Section 1. At the Leo Nedeff camp, 89 additional referees were trained. 24 assessments took place in 2012, two less than Area 1-D. Scott will email summary of referee courses to the Regional Commissioners. Summary will be emailed to commissioners. Reg 13 asked for individual reports.
 - Scott also reported that Brad Wright is swamped with work so Scott will be taking the lead on assessments through the end of all-stars. Assessment requests should therefore be sent to both Scott and Brad. Scott reminded the Commissioners that assessment candidates are responsible for scheduling their own games before seeking out an assessor.

- Scott Davis distributed revised proposed Combined Rules to address issues identify since the last edit of the rules. See attached handout for proposed changes. Among the changes, paragraph 11 of the rules was amended to balance referee responsibility during YDP season as a few select regions should the burden of the field load and those Regions should not also should the burden of supplying all referees. Proposed changes also emphasized that card stock required for all game cards. Region 214 moved to adopt revised rules. Motion sended by Region 98. Motion passed unanimously.
- Region 214 raised a concern about the roster size in the U10 Area divisions. Specifically, in U10 sectional play, roster size is 10 players and each must play 2 quarters, while in Area play roster size is 9 players with the same 2 quarter play requirement. In Area play, teams have an incentive to play 5 players the full game and 4 players for only two quarters. Following discussion, Region 214 moved to amend the rules for the 2014 all-star season to up the roster size for U10 Area teams to 10 players while keeping the 2 quarter play requirement. Motion seconded by Region 88. Regions 2, 13, 60, 88, 98 voted yes. Region 1304 voted no and Region 908 abstained. Motion therefore carried by majority vote.
- Scott reported that no date has been set for the Area referee dinner. Nan, Jane and Lisa confirmed that they will help with the dinner.
- Finally, Scott reported that referee coverage for all-star playoffs not yet determined as the schedule for fields and games has not yet been determined.
- Coach Administration.
 - Mike Stiles reported that Area 1-C had good attendance for the coaching classes at the Road Show although a few Regions sent fewer than 2 attendees. Email has been sent to the Regional Coach Administrators with the schedule for coaching classes in Section scheduled in February and March. No classes scheduled in Area 1-C. Region 214 asked that the Regional Commissioners be copied on all emails to the RCAs. Region 88 agreed with the request. Regional Commissioners will be copied from here on out.
- All-star/ Play thru- Craig
 - Craig Dunkin reported that Play-Thru went smoothly and that the change to reporting scores by text worked well. Very few referee assignments were missed by Play-Thru and there generally was good volunteer coverage. However, Craig reported that too often it was the same volunteers at fields for a long period of time. Jane reminded host regions to actually host and man the fields as she received a number of complaints about unmanned fields. "Stinking well staff it." Craig stated his belief that switching the Play-thru tournament back to December worked well and that we should continue to hold in December moving forward.
 - Craig reported that the All-star season is going pretty well. With the exception of last week's weather, field availability has not been a problem. About 20 games rained out or moved. Last weekend there were two send-offs, a coach expulsion (in the 7th minute of the game) and an incident in which a parent threatened the referees. The last incident will be the subject of a report from Region 214. A general discussion was had about placing a link to the schedule and standings – both of which are maintained on Region 88's website – on Area 1-C home page. Marco Quezada asked if the master schedule on the excel spreadsheet had been updated. While that had not happened, Craig indicated that the schedules on Region 88's

website are searchable and have been updated.

- Jane reported that going forward all Regions will have a sectional all-star teams. There were many problems this season with team formation as teams that wanted to drop to Area play did not have the proper age mix. This required many changes to the schedule. This is a problem every season. Frank suggested that roster deadlines be strictly enforced to help minimize this problem.
- Craig also reported that scheduling referees to work the game before their teams scheduled games has worked out fine. Craig noted that the rules do not have any penalty for failing to provide assigned referees and the rules should be updated next season to address this problem. This year, one team has failed to provide referees for 3 of its 5 assigned games. The coach and the Regional Commissioner for the team have been notified.
- Field Permits- Copies to Craig
- Jane will inform coaches about the uniform requirements for sectional teams once the teams have been determined. In a nutshell, all players must be wearing the same uniforms.
- YDP. Marco reported that all referees for YDP need to be identified by the Regions by February 22. YDP rosters due on March 1. The first games will take place the weekend of March 16-17 with playoffs taking place the weekend of May 11-12. There will be no games scheduled during the weekend of March 30-31 (due to Easter) and April 26-28 (due to Region 13's Spring Break tournament. Because of the Leo Nedeff tournament, Frank requested that the weekend of May 11-12 for playoffs not be changed.
- The Commissioners discussed whether regions outside of Area 1-C should be charged for their participation in YDP. Marco indicated that at most we can only charge for their share of the Medals costs but that a fee for next year should be considered. To date, LaVerne and Burbank and potential participants in YDP.
- National
 - NBOD Candidates - 4 seats are available. Jane encouraged any interested persons to apply.
 - Jane reported that 2014 is AYSO's 50th Anniversary. In recognition, the City of Torrance has offered to have its annual Rose Parade Float Rose Parade be AYSO themed. City of Torrance will pay \$75,000 of the costs, while Sections 1, 10 and 11 will have to share in the remaining \$75,000 in costs. Section 1's share of the costs could be covered by charging an additional \$0.30 per player. A discussion of possible fundraising efforts followed, including the suggestion to raffle tickets for a chance to ride on the float. Region 88 offered to contributed \$5,000 to such a float. Jane asked all Regions to consider their willingness to participate and indicated the issue will be revisited during our next meeting.
- Section Updates
 - Jane reported that approximately 400 people were trained at the Section 1 Road Show.
 - Jane reported that there was a significant reduction in the amount of no-shows from last year to this year. Those Regions with no-shows have been billed. Region 2 raised a concern about forcing the Regions to pay for their no-shows and then go after their own members for repayment. Region 2 believed that the Area should have a process for ensuring that those who

have not paid are not registered. Jane indicated that it is the responsibility of the individuals and their regions to ensure that if registered individuals are unable to attend they must go on eayso.com and de-register. General agreement that the current process is not optimal but that it is unclear how to improve the process.

- There will be a road show in Area 1-P (Santa Monica) in July 2013. Dates have not yet been set.
- Jane reported that the tri-Section meeting is set for April 12-14 in Anaheim. Many Regions expressed dismay at the cost of individual attendance, \$230 per person. Many regions will not be sending participants as they do not have the budget.
- Jane requested that people consider volunteering for the 2014 National Games as a number of volunteers will be needed. The Adult and Upper Division games will be played in Riverside and the remaining divisions will play in Torrance. The Games will take place over the 4th of July holiday. Region 214 inquired about the potential for conflict with Freeway Jam. Jane informed the Commissioners that the Freeway Jam will be moved to a different date in 2014.
- 2013 State Games will take place in Davis.
- Jane reminded the Regions that conduct tournaments that they must prepare incident and misconduct reports for teams cause problems at a Tournament. Last year, one team (not from Area 1-C) got in a number of altercations but were continually accepted into tournaments because misconduct reports about the team were not prepared and submitted to National.
- Area Updates. Jane reported that enhancements have been made to eayso and a memorandum regarding the enhancements has been circulated. Jane reminded the Commissioners that they must be very careful about disseminating information maintained in eayso. For instance some coaches are receiving personal contact information for all of the teams in their division rather than just for their team. Jane also informed the Commissioners that the Regional Treasurers need have financial statements with supporting backup available at all Regional Board meetings. If necessary, Jane will attend meetings to ensure that this is happening. Jane also reminded the Regions to conduct concussion training.
- Registrations-
 - Jane reminded the Regions about the marketing/branding information in the ToolKit and reiterated the need for consistency among the Regions. A general discussion about marketing in local media followed.
- Regional Report .
 - Region 2 reported 280 players have registered for Spring soccer. This number includes both YDP registrations and those for the in-house U10 season. Region 2 anticipates 8 boys teams and 4 girls teams in the U10 program. In addition to Spring soccer, Region 2 will have a program, hosted by Challenger, for U5 through U8 players.
 - Region 13 reported that registration and grad series progressing. Board elections have been set for February 7th. Region 13 is in the process of revising its rules and website. Region 13 reminded everyone about the Spring Break Tournament and discussed its partnership with Chivas for the YDP season.
 - Reg. 60 is currently advertising YDP, and registrations will take place on Feb. 9 and

Feb. 16. The Region 60 Board Thank You Dinner took place on January 19th and was a success. Region 60 will be doing a Grad Series with Regions 40, 98 and 908. They are looking at 9 boys teams and 5 girls teams.

- Reg 88 reported that they have to focus on YDP. The Board dinners was last Saturday night and was a success. Grad Series scheduled to being on February 9. 110 kids will be participating. Region 88 will be hosting an Intermediate Referee clinic on February 9. Region 88 has started is registration for the fall and already has 600 kids registered for fall and 220 coaches. Region 88 also reported that Esignature has been great.
 - Reg 98 will be holding elections in February. All positions but Regional Commissioner are open. Region 98 considering raising its registration fee from \$100. Region 98 reported substantial progress in paying past debts.
 - Reg 214 reported that its Grad Series will be completed in the next three weeks. YDP registrations have started and they will be hosting a Spring VIP program. First registration for the fall, limited to coaches, referees and team managers, set for March 23. Anne recommended that each Region let AYSO National know when their registration events are scheduled so National can take steps to ensure that the eayso system does not get overwhelmed.
 - Reg. 908 discussed providing medals for its joint Grad series program and inquired about using Area 1-C's vendor. Lisa happily reported that members from the Region took that Referee and Coach Instructor courses at the Road Show. The Region is renewing is Madrid permit for the next six months and reminded Area staff that the field needs to be utilized so that other user groups do not get access to the field.
 - Reg 1304 reported that is focusing on the all-star season and that its next meeting is set for the end of February. Region 1304 still working with LA's Police Athletic League.
- New Business:
- Region 214 inquired about what other Regions charge for registration and what they are doing regarding participation by club players, particularly during the all-star season. Jane will seek the information from the Regional Commissioners by email and will disseminate.
 - Region 98 raised concerns about club poaching, particularly by Santa Anita Soccer as they share practice locations. It was noted that clubs no longer focusing on the more highly skilled players as business realities require club programs to bring in lesser skilled players who can pay the club fees. Most of these players, however, return to AYSO within a few years.
 - Scott Davis reported that the Beach Cities regions will be hosting referee classes in February. The information has been sent to the Regional Referee Administrators. Region 88 requested that the Regional Commissioners be copied on future emails to the RRAs.

Motion to adjourn made at 10:09 p.m. Motion properly seconded and approved.