Area 1C Agenda,

October 24, 2013

The Hamlet, Pasadena, @ 7pm

1. Call to Order - Jane
   - Approve minutes for September

2. Upper Division – Peter
   - Fields for Playoffs

3. Referee Report – Scott
   - Behavior
   - Braces

4. Coach Update – Mike

5. Treasurer Report - Frank

6. Post Season / All-Stars – Craig
   - Calendar

7. Area Report
   - Pre-soccer U4 program – rollout
   - January Training – Instructors – Road Show
   - VIP
   - Upper Division Playoffs in Chino- Need Volunteers
   - AYSO Expo- March 21-23 Early Bird $190, Regular/Onsite $230, Hotel $145 a night
   - Women's Advocate

8. Regional Reports: Reports attached
   - Additional comments

9. New Business
   - Table YDP to next meeting
   - Area Christmas Dinner Dec 6/7 or 13/14 Friday or Saturday, Thursdays 5 or 12

10. Adjourn

"Being a Volunteer is not an excuse for doing a lousy job"

John Trino

<u>Calender and Due Dates to Area</u>

Next Meeting: November 28, 2013

Playoffs - U16-U19/VIP Chino- November 23/24

U10-U14 League Riverside – February 22/23

U10-U14 All Stars TBD – March 1/2

EXTRA TBD - March 1/2

Area 1C
October 24th, 2013 Minutes

Attendance: Jane Mason (AD), Steve Bickel (13), Anne Louit (214), Ken Joe (2), Craig Dunkin (Post Season Cord), Aldo Maccheroni (88), Tom Regan (VIP), Scott Davis (ARA), Sef Motearefi (A. Women's Advocate), Sandy Ponce (1304), Lisa Durcharme (908), Vicki Barstow (ASec), Peter Smock (UD),

Meeting called to order at 7:16.

Motion to approve September minutes made by Anne (214) and second by Lisa (908). Motion approved

Upper Division- Peter
Two more weeks, a couple of violent conducts, no fights, one player suspended, more forfeits this season than ever before, 4 cautions, schedule changes 4 games on Nov 3rd have to be moved due to not having Muir field.
Playoffs will start the week of Nov 4th. Will play all the quarter final games for U16 during the week, Nov 10th semi-final, and all Finals will be played 17th

Galaxy update from Eugene:
LA Galaxy making their 15th playoff appearance, playing in Seattle. Regions that partnered with Galaxy:
Region 2 tried a new program LA Galaxy Legends clinic, brought out previous Galaxy players to work with the kids.
Region 13 brought out 100 people to closing night.
Region 60 volunteer appreciation night had 400 attendees,
Region 88, had 4,000 attendees, were able to give 100 kids the opportunity to play with Landon Donavon.

Referee Report- Scott
Refereed 160 upper division games, only had 5 open slots, 170 cautions, 1 caution per games, Region 60 had 7.7 cautions per team, Region 60, send offs 1 for every 10 games, Scott recommends going back and speaking to coaches to have spectators behave. Ref coverage, all regions doing okay, but some regions are only relying on one person (40 Bernardo and 98 Joe Small). Sent out a blanket email to all upper division refs, reminding refs that substitution times are to sub only and not water breaks. Personally talking with coaches before his games to explain rules.
Ref Admin meeting, not a good turn out, 908, 98, 1304 were not represented. 3 Ref's have upgraded to National Referee's Craig Dunkin 88, Francisco Diaz 1304, Leo Park 214. Will not schedule ref assessment during playoff games. Region 88 did offer if they needed to have assessments they have games.
Otherwise we have 3 advanced candidates, 7 intermediates.
Next Regional Referee meeting - Nov 14th

Coach Update
Spreadsheet was sent out with all the volunteer forms need to be sent to National asap.

Treasurers Report
If you are not current with your fees to National by Nov 10th, you are not eligable to submit teams to playoffs (any section play).

Area - Jane
*Pre-soccer U4 – please send Jane an email if you are interested in participating. Have sent out information on the program, it is not teaching them soccer more a program to get them involved in the soccer concept. Parents today want to get their young children involved in some sort of program, why not an AYSO sponsored program.

*January training, instructors who are interested please let Jane know.

*VIP - October tournament post-poned, moved to this week. VIP tournament coming up same weekend of UD section playoffs. Jane reached out AYSO camps, but she has not heard from AYSO to get an idea of how much it would cost to have a VIP spring program.

*Upper Division volunteers needed for Chino on Nov 23/24

*AYSO Expo (Section Meetings), Las Vegas this year, $190 early bird registration, $230 on site, $145 a night for hotel. March 21, 22, 23. Jane is challenging each region to have 5 volunteers (besides yourself) attend the Expo.

*Women's Advocate, did anyone reach out to their board to see if there is any interest. Sef talked about wanting to do a female referee class with female Instructors. Still needs to get a committee together and schedule a meeting. Sending an email to all commissioners to remind them to look for potential women who would be interested.

*Region Reports to be sent to Vicki, so she can compile pre – meeting.

New Business –
YDP meeting at Region 13 Club House on Tuesday the Nov 5th 7:00pm, Please send anyone who is interested and has input.

Area Christmas dinner will be Friday Dec 6th 7:00. TBD

Post Season Calendar - Craig
Post Season Coordinator's Meeting changed to Nov 12th. Need to know how many teams you are going to have by the Nov 11th. Please refer to the Post Season Calendar posted on the Area website
Getting Whittier Narrows for Freeway Jam – 9 fields

Regional Reports:

See attached

Bench Mark Question: Player Evaluation – how do regions perform player evaluations and make sure teams are fair and balanced, especially with late signups:

- Region - 88 meet with every coach even U5. Evaluations are done before meeting. U12 and older open draft, U10 and younger Aldo does team set-up himself. For all-stars and play through Aldo looks at Behavior, Attendance, and Parents Behavior.
- Region 2- team management site, has a rating component, uses that as a tool, mid-season evaluations and end of season with coaches. At coaches meeting go over evaluations. Evaluations start at U8.
- Region 13 – U7 to U14, coaches rate players give to admin, admin normalize them, from the eval numbers to form teams. U16 and U19 are done by draft. New players or players who didn't play the past season parents are contacted. The level of play is discussed with parents.
- Region 214 – Evaluations on all new players, now having to be accountable for the rating, a meeting with all the coaches' takes place to validate the rating. Used EAYSO U12 and U14, worked for GU12 but not as successful for BU12.
- Region 908– Evaluation form, get some input, put teams together by forms, all players have to come to player evaluation to make team.
- Region 1304– new coach admin, tried to start evaluations this year. Seemed to turn out good.

Motion Adjourned 9:01

Minutes submitted by: Vicki Barstow.

REGION 40--- Oct 2013

Final Registration #s

	2012	2013
Registered Players	519	519 (final)
Volunteers	201	269

Fields

- UD field at Rosemead- Monday nights now available
- Working with Schools/Parks for Play-through and All-Star permits (tentative- will confirm)
    - UD- Rosemead? (possible) / Gabrielino??? (don't count in it)
    - U12- Jefferson MS- new turf field
    - U10- Encinita ES/Coolidge ES

Training

- Referee training still an issue.
    - Several U8/U10 team w/o certified referees
    - All Stars and Tournament teams will be formed with Cert Volunteers as a priority in Selection process-
    - Spring Season no certified referees no team
- Working on a few age appropriate coach certifications

All Star Coach Selection in process

2014 Draft Calendar completed

Region 60

1. We had our first try at a VIP training class on 10/15. It was meant as a pilot training for our region volunteers, but ended up having about 20 volunteers, including people from as far as Downey. We will be adding this class as part of our annual training next summer.

2. We are gearing up for the turkey tournaments with a player evaluation session next Sunday (10/27) for U10. We want to test this out and see if it is a worthwhile option for all competitive divisions.

3. We had a great turn-out for the Galaxy Night on 10/06, including 20 players for the High-Five line.

4. Our new website is in the finishing stages and should be unveiled in the next week or two.

That's about it.

Region 2

All well in Region 2. This is the best year, since I have been on the board. We have zero coach or player suspensions - lesson learned is be proactive and do not approve problem coaches.

We have Chivas game this Saturday. Bus leaves Arcadia County Park at 5:30 pm. If anyone interested, I have some extra free complimentary tickets, which includes bus transportation from Arcadia County Park. These are midfield tickets. We are using this game as reward to our coaches, ref and board members.

We are gearing up for Turkey Tournaments. Sending youngers to MST and olders to Huntington Beach. We are skipping Cerritos this year because of past issues.

We have identified all Sectional and Area head coaches.

We have started our nomination process for next years board including RC. :) :) :) Big smile for the visually impaired!

Region 13 updates

Make up picture day held on October 5th.

MLS/Region 13 night held on October 20th; LA Galaxy vs San Jose Earthquakes. Over 160 players and family from Region 13 attended.

U10, U12, and U14 Player clinics by Launch
Sunday, Oct. 6
Sunday, Oct. 13
Sunday, Oct. 20
Sunday, Oct. 27

Coach clinics by Launch
Sunday, Oct. 13
Sunday, Oct. 20
Sunday, Oct. 27

MST Thanksgiving weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 29-30 and December 1, 2013
Team numbers by division undetermined as registrations are being submitted.

Tryouts for the Region 13, 2012 Myles Standish Thanksgiving Tournament Teams and All-Star Teams will be held
Sunday, Nov. 3
Sunday, Nov.10
Sunday, Dec 7

Coach Selection for MST will be on October 31.

Next Board meeting, Thursday, November 7.

Region 88

Region 88 will be supporting Cancer Awareness this weekend by having over 100 referees wear pink shirts and by having a pink ball passed around at each match, with parents putting in a dollar into the ball every time the team scores a goal. We're hoping to collect a few thousand dollars to donate to the American Cancer Society.

This weekend we're also supporting the Rotary Club with a blood drive they're hosting.

We're at 3,707 players.

We had a tournament coaches' meeting last night and have about 20 coaches in the different divisions willing to take teams.

Our eight-week Galaxy clinic sessions just completed its fifth week. We have about 100 players participating.

We had our Sportsmanship Award event last weekend in 2 separate ceremonies (one player from each team is nominated by their coach).

Still working with the 3 young UK coaches, who might be the best group we have ever worked with.

Usual bumps along the road, but otherwise things are going well.

Wish all of you a great weekend.

Region 1304

Things could be better going through process of suspending first parent. Thank you Jane for your help.

Have had a couple of players ejected from upper divisions.

We are at about #245 youth participating in our region.

Had picture day on October 12,2013.

Have two new regional certified refs. Working on all others.

Working on new volunteers for board and on the field.

Region 214

Statistics:
2050 Players
1057 Volunteers (Coaches, Referees, Team Managers, Field Captains, Field Painters)
221 Teams
17 Fields
We are in the process of implementing Corduro, AYSO's National Vendor for electronic payments and will be testing it on our Grad Series and All Star groups. Many thanks to Region 40 (Art Ponce and Ray Arce) for letting us view their system and bearing with all of our questions.

- Our EXTRA Teams are really enjoying their seasons.
    - The BU12 EXTRA team (made up of 8 youngers and 4 olders, but typically playing against all olders) is enjoying significant success.
    - The GU13 team is playing in the GU14 group and is starting to come together as a team.
    - Overall, I would say the parent satisfaction with these teams is incredibly high. We have also made it mandatory that all parents whose players play on one of these teams take on a significant volunteer role in the region (EXTRA Play... EXTRA Responsibility), and this has been

very well received by all except one family... there's always one! This has definitely kept certain families that would otherwise have gone to club within AYSO.
    - I am happy to discuss EXTRA with any other region who is interested in starting a program to let them know where our pitfalls have been. We will be continue with EXTRA next year.

- We worked with three trainers with AYSO Soccer Camps over the past fall. We had a lot of difficulty finding housing for them and given that they are the same cost (if not more expensive) than local soccer vendors, and that most of their trainers return to their home country in late October/ early November, and that there is great variability among the staff you get, we are revisiting whether we will work with this vendor in the future.

- Our Younger Divisions will be observing Silent Saturday on Saturday November 3.
- Our All Star Tryouts are the last two weekends in October. Coaches and teams will be formed after December 1st.
- We will for Tournament Teams for local tournaments -including our own Arroyo Seco Tournament which is in its 20th year.
- Photo Day and Make Up Photo Day Came and went. We are using a new vendor this year and are happy so far... Of course, pictures have yet to come in...
- One of our GU14 Coaches has been in the hospital for three weeks and will probably not return due to a heart attack and related complications.
- One of our previous commissioners, Barry Abell (1997-1998) passed away.

- Fully supported by the Board, we will be requiring all of our All Star Coaches to take the Basic Referee Course - not necessarily to referee - but so that they can better understand the basic laws of the game. After refereeing in U12 for a while, our All Star Coordinator and I were concerned about what we were hearing the coaches teach the players! Overall, there has been a very positive reaction from the coaches with respect to this requirement, except for one Division Coach... Did I mention... there's always one?

- We will be holding a Regional Referee Class on December 11th and December 12th, location TBD. All regions welcome, of course, but if it gets too big... we may ask for your help with the instruction...
- We plan on sending a lot of people to the Arcadia classes the first weekend in January. THANK YOU for having a local coach/referee/management training weekend!
- We are currently setting the dates for next year's registration and are thinking of doing things differently to get more/better volunteers.

Region 98

We had Al Prado come out and do a Basic Referee Class with 12 attendees. Thank You, AL and Jane!

We chose our Tournament Committee last week and got a great turn out of Applications from Coaches. We will be voting on the Tournament Coaches this week. (Slightly, late Start)

We are giving out Ref Coins to the Referees and TC Pins as appreciation to our volunteers. Couldn't afford the "Soccer Game tickets".

We will march in the Camellia Parade and will have an AYSO Booth next February. Generates about $1,800.

Overall the Region is running smoothly and complaints are to a minimum for now. Shhhh.