

QUARTZ HILL AYSO, REGION 638

APRIL 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Date: April 9, 2024

Attendees

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| ➤ Mike Courtial | ➤ Eric Dilger |
| ➤ Kajsa Courtial | ➤ James Chaisson |
| ➤ Ian Armstrong | ➤ Lisa Kimura |
| ➤ Landon Pikkell | ➤ Corey Kimura |
| ➤ Ryan Carper | ➤ Elora Kimura |
| ➤ Audi Singleton | ➤ Jewel Powell Miller |

Meeting Called to Order: 7:11 PM by Mike Courtial

Approval of Minutes: Motioned for approval by Eric. Approved as Written.

Regional Commissioner

Expo:

- Mojo App
 - Scheduling
 - Once we have our rosters set we can populate the schedules in Mojo which will then be available to coaches and families
 - This will happen outside of SportsConnect
 - Training Plans
 - Division-appropriate training plans will be available to coaches
 - Cost
 - There is no additional cost to our region, the cost will be covered by the \$25 National fee
 - Plan to pilot the app in the Fall
- Treasurer's Roundtable - Attended by Mike and Kajsa
 - The use of electronic payment systems like Square, Zelle, and Venmo were discussed at the session
 - Zelle cannot itemize sales however, we could keep track of sales by other means and reconcile afterward
- Fundraisers
 - Popcorn sales seemed promising and Lisa was advised against chocolate sales because of the potential to melt

Fall Field Monitors:

- In lieu of snack bar coverage 6U and 8U parents could serve as field monitors
 - 7 hours per team/per season
 - Once or twice per season each team would need to provide a field monitor
 - Potentially to be published as part of 6U/8U schedule

Fields Discussion:

- 3 Game Fields for 10U
 - If we have 4 10U games at a time Ref. Coverage could be tough
- LJW3 goes to U8
- Cap where we were last year so we won't need 4:00 PM games for 8U
- This will lead to Joe Walker having 4 playing areas

Coach Administrator

Expo:

- Apparel Line
 - There is a new apparel line for coaches
 - Shirts, Polos, Hoodies, and Jackets
 - Unique Coach badges - Level of coach certification would be indicated within the badge

Registrar

Fall:

- Fall registration is built
 - Player numbers and pricing needs to be entered and it will be ready to go

EPIC:

- Grant
 - We never received the jerseys that were part of the grant our region was awarded
 - We can apply for the grant again if we choose to
- We are in need of an EPIC Program Director
 - This person can help manage the special registration and meet the other specific needs for these families and players
 - An email will be distributed to see if there are any interested candidates for the position

Tournament Director

Expo:

- Attended the "Avoiding Landmines" and "Tournament Q & A" sessions
- Tournament Q & A
 - There is a variety of strategies for organizing a tournament
 - Strawberry Cup has a 7 person committee
 - 1 region with a 460-team tournament has one person organizing the event

Shootout:

- Registration ends Friday, April 12th
- Determinations will be made on going forward based on registration numbers
- We have a stock of medals without years and Coach's shirts

Potential Holiday Tournament:

- Allstar pickup tournament using current field locations

Secretary

MOTION: LISA KIMURA MOTIONED TO APPOINT JEWEL POWELL MILLER AS SECRETARY. 2ND COREY. MOTION APPROVED.

Treasurer/ Extra Program Coordinator

Expo:

- UKI was not present but Challenger and First Touch were
- Attended info. meeting for AYSO United First Touch
 - There is potential to run a pilot during winter or spring break
 - Could create pathways for older players
 - Hire high school players to help run camps

Fields Discussion:

- Joe Walker becomes 10 Fields - 2 Upper and 2 Lower
- 14U goes to Gregg Anderson
- Move U8 VIP EPIC to Joe Walker
- Reminder - We will not have all the Marie Kerr fields in September due to field renovations
- With the loss of Lower Joe Walker Fields we can even out the numbers and set divisions based on last year
 - This would lead to only losing 2 players in 8U
- Interregional games potentially only at 14U

Budget:

- \$10 Increase over last year
- Near neutral budget
- All programs are at the same level

MOTION: COREY KIMURA MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET. 2ND JAMES.

MOTION APPROVED.

Extra:

- Coach applications are available
 - One week window to apply
- Tryouts will be in late April
 - United coaches and non-extra coaches will be needed to observe and evaluate players
- Through research learned there are no 9U, 11U, 13U teams in abundance closer than Long Beach and the OC
- Parent info. night is 4/18 via Zoom

Programs Director

Expo:

- Best Practice - Feature Region calendar on the front page of the website
 - Redirect parents to the calendar when they have questions
 - Eric will share Google Calendar credentials
- Popcorn Fundraiser
 - No minimum - Can be region wider, one team, or one player
 - No money exchanged

Picture Companies:

- Exploring pricing for sponsor plaques

Medals will be ordered on Friday :

- Ryan sent a Google form to Coaches for a List of Team names
- 18 responses received thus far

Safety Director

Expo:

- Attended info. session regarding 2027 California AED Mandate
 - AEDs will be required at all games and practices for youth sports and activities and a trained person will need to be on hand
 - AYSO National is working on it and testing it out in NY State, which has an earlier mandate deadline
- Best Practices and Interesting Ideas to Consider
 - Safety Minute
 - A minute to discuss different real-world safety scenarios at each board meeting and how to prep for/react in those situations
 - Corey will start to implement this at meetings
 - Safety Binder should be available at each game field
 - Airhorns as alerts for lightning storms

Referee Administrator

Expo:

- Mentoring program to help ref. retention
- Zero Tolerance - "If you don't punish right away, you encourage right away."
 - As we approach Fall consider how we enforce that and keeping the sidelines clear

Youth Referees:

- Ideas to help Junior Refs.
 - Set up a tent at Lane Park for Junior Refs.
 - Identify Junior Refs with Green Uniforms or Shirts
- Will inventory the green ref. jerseys we have
- Willing to consider a new mentor program

Training:

- Ref. refresher course pre-season possibly during field painting day
- Hopefully two regional trainings before Fall Season
- Ref. Assessor course on 4/21

Youth Referee Program Presentation

Elora Kimura presented a proposed Youth Referee Program.

MOTION: ERIC DILGER MOTIONED TO APPROVE YOUTH REFERREE PROGRAM WITH AN EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$1,000. 2ND COREY. MOTION APPROVED.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 PM