

## 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 Hennessey's Tavern located at 313 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Manhattan Beach, California 90266 and via video conference, on August 5, 2025, 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 Directors participation in the meeting is as indicated on the Participant List attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the July 8, 2025, meeting. Upon motion duly made by Linda Veliz and seconded by Bill Candelaria the minutes of the July 8, 2025, meeting were approved.

#### Regional Commissioner's Report

- Krista reported that AYSO18 sent 5 teams to the National Games. The 12UB Rec team took 5th place and the 12UB Competitive team came in 1<sup>st</sup> place. 12UG Rec took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. 14UG Rec combined two All-Star teams and finished 1st. The 16UB Rec team finished 2nd but had a coach issue and the referee report has been requested.
- The AED issue is being worked on with AYSO lobbyists working in Sacramento to help the legislature determine who is responsible for providing the AED and who is responsible for training.
  - o The likely outcome will be that the facility owner will be responsible for providing the AED and individual organizations will be responsible for training their staff and volunteers. The goal is to get the training down to a reasonable \$10/volunteer online training rather than the current \$75/volunteer in-person training.
- John Friberg represented AYSO18 at a movie night at Clark field and 10 people stopped by the AYSO18 table. The City did not do a good job advertising the event and so the turnout was low. AYSO18 did not do its own marketing of the event.
- Upcoming cleat donation and coach equipment pick up event is being planned. Referee backpacks will also be passed out.

#### Referee

- Dan Angress requested that DCs emphasize during the drafts the need for parents to volunteer. New referee classes will be posted soon.
- On August 28<sup>th</sup> there will be a returning referee meeting.
- USA Soccer is implementing a new Referee Abuse Policy (RAP) that highlights the impact referee abuse has on the game. RAP will identify issues that warrant punishment and help referees identify abuse. Incidents of abuse should be reported to Dan who will, if warranted, report it to the Area administrative team.
- Information about RAP will be provided to parents and coaches.

- DCs should remind coaches that they are in the best position to control their own sideline.
- On August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a full day Regional Referee course as well as Intermediate, Advanced and Referee Instructor courses offered. It's a great opportunity to get the class and field component of courses done in one day.
- John Friberg is joining the Referee Administrator team as Assistant Referee Administrator.

### DC Updates

- There will be two more Summer Night sessions for 10U and 12/14U.
- Fall Registration is open, but every division except 16UG and 19UB has a waitlist pending more coaches.
- This year registration is at 2467 and last year registration was at 2468, so very consistent year over year. AYSO18 is doing better than other local regions that are seeing a 10% decline in their numbers. However, numbers for 10UB and 10UG have been declining each year.
- Draft nights are set for each division with two drafts a night for a week. Volunteers are needed to help coordinate the drafts.
- 14UG and 14UB will hold in-person drafts.
- Krista Skinner will be out of town August 20-31.
- On September 7 there will be a meet the coach event for the 5U divisions with mini games and uniform handouts.
- DCs are encouraged to hold coach meetings before the season starts to go over the basics and RAP.
- There may be a parent meeting over zoom, but not until September.
- Dan Angress and Steve Killman are taking over the Sideline Project but could still use additional help to repost Wolf's old e-mails, to serve as field monitors and pass out coach shirts and hats.
- Referee backpacks have been ordered, and Coach jackets will be ordered soon.

### Uniform/Equipment

- Sage Asteak reported that uniforms have been ordered and should arrive next week. Coach balls are coming but may be delayed. Individual balls for the littles divisions will be available.
- Sage ordered better coach bags from Score for the girls' coaches.
- Pinnies have been washed and are in the shed and can be distributed to coaches. Ice packs are also in storage.

### Referee Abuse Policy

- Area is working on a communication plan for RAP to ensure consistent communication in the Area.

### Coach

- Steve Hershowitz reported that there are coach classes for all levels available locally. Additional classes are added in AYSOU with little warning. When they pop up Steve will push out the information to DCs.
- Coaches should not draft if they are not getting their certifications done.
  - o Drafts and uniforms are the two pressure points for coaches to ensure they are compliant.

- For the littles divisions, teams will not be formed unless a coach is certified.
- Live Scan has been going well. Once a coach completes, they can send the information to the DC who can send it to Steve so it can be tracked.
  - DCs need to do Live Scan.
- Safe Sport should automatically update in the system, and nothing needs to be uploaded.

#### Coach Trainers

- Mark Hodson is working on Evo trainers for the fall with 5/6U getting Evo trainers on Saturdays the first 2 weeks.
  - Evo trainers can be available to 10U for the next 2 weeks and 7/8U the 2 weeks after. Thereafter they will be available upon request.
- A volunteer is needed to run Friday Night Lights and Goalkeeper clinics.

#### Fields

- The City is working on the fields at MBMS, but there has not been much improvement.
- Begg field looks good and 7/8UB will play there.
- Marine Sports Complex where 10UB will play looks great.
- Center field looks good.
- DCs will get the rest of the field assignments soon.
- Sheds need locks.
- Michael Veliz will help run one of the robots.
- Nets should have no holes, and new ones may need to be ordered. New corner flags can be ordered too if necessary.

Krista presented the possibility of a Girl Scout Gold Award project that would involve 30, 60 or 90 second videos highlighting players, coaches, and referees. The goal would be to grow community engagement and inspire future volunteers and players.

#### Youth Volunteer Program

- Woody Hauck will work on the Youth Volunteer Program for the Fall with his daughter Skylar.
  - The program will include youth mentors from Mira Costa as well as youth referees.

The photo company wants parent engagement to order photos, which AYSO18 has resisted until now. If the photo vendor becomes problematic there are other vendors in the area.

John Friberg is providing new reports to DCs with volunteers going back to 2017. This can be used as a resource to tap their service again as coaches or referees.

Meeting concluded at 8:20 pm

**NEXT MEETING: September 9 2025 at 7:00pm**



<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Participated in Person</b>	<b>Participated via Zoom</b>	<b>Did Not Participate</b>
Albert Chen	<b>X</b>		
Alex Fargo	X		
Andrew Werhane			X
Andy Abdelmalek		<b>X</b>	
Anthony Lombardo			X
Baldeep Sadhal		<b>X</b>	
Ben Davidson	<b>X</b>		X
Bill Candelaria	<b>X</b>		
Byron Eguchi			X
Chris Otey	<b>X</b>		
Chris Talbott			X
Chris Wong	<b>X</b>		
Connie Bern	<b>X</b>		
Dan Angress		<b>X</b>	
Dave Brantly	X		
Grace Bonet	<b>X</b>		
Hares Najand	X		
Jackie Eanes			X
Jeff Stephens	<b>X</b>		
Jessica Waybright		<b>X</b>	
John Friberg	<b>X</b>		
Karl Primm	X		
Katie Patton			X
Kim Digillio			
Krista Skinner	X		
Linda Veliz	<b>X</b>		
Mark Hodson	X		
Matt Rosenfeld			
Michael Hinz	X		
Mike Duarte		<b>X</b>	
Nathan Bavolek			X
Nedra Yost			X
Russ Allen	X		
Sage Asteak	<b>X</b>		
Sarah Lefton			X
Scott Coopman	X		
Scott Lentz			X
Steve Hershowitz	X		
Steve Killman			X
Skylar Hauck			X
Vince O'Hara			X
Woody Hauck			X

Zack Beckman			X
--------------	--	--	---