

## Region 18 Board Meeting, September 11, 2018

Hennessey's, Manhattan Beach, 7:30 PM

### 0. Attendance:

Krista Skinner, Charlie Abbott, Steve Abrams, Russ Allen, Dan Angress, David Brantly, Scott Champagne, Albert Chen, Todd Collins, Billy Crader, Kim Digilio, Byron Eguchi, Allyson Estess, Lou Figueroa, Sean Gauss, Jana Goodstadt, Woody Hauck, Steve Hershkowitz, Michael Hinz, Mark Hodson, Molly Jolls, Sarah Lefton, Andrew Lelchuk, Anthony Lombardo, Karl Primm, Rose Rocchio, Andrew Rogerson, Megan Schultz, Ron Tani, Charlie Vincent, Chris Wong

### 1. Call to Order:

The meeting began at 7:30 PM with a quorum (31/38)

### 2. Review of Prior Minutes

- MOTION: Approve Minutes of the July and August 2018 Meetings.  
APPROVED, with no opposition.

### 3. Regional Commissioner's Report

Krista Skinner congratulated the Board for a successful start of the new season with minimal issues.

Krista provided an update from the Area meeting last night. The All-Star meeting is being held tonight. AYSO Region 18 did not make a commitment to send a G14U team to the National Games. The Region may make a bid for later rounds for other Divisions.

The 16U and 19U playoff schedules were discussed. For Area play, B19U will have six teams and BU16 will have eight teams. The number of teams for G16U and G19U is undecided as they are looing for available turf fields.

Krista stated that the Policies and Protocols document needs to be reviewed and cleaned up. Karl Primm will be working on it and Billy Crader, Steve Hershkowitz, and Charlie Abbott will help. The revised document will be voted on at the October 2018 meeting.

Krista noted that AYSO National requires that the All-Star program needs to be self-funded but Region 18 currently does not require an additional charge. Krista asked whether All-Star participants should be charged an additional \$50 to \$75 and will leave the decision up to the Division Commissioners.

For the Spring season, the current charge is \$50 per player but this amount is not enough to cover charges by the City of Manhattan Beach, uniforms, and other costs.

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Sean Gauss, Byron Eguchi, and Scott Champagne will evaluate and provide a recommendation to the Board.

### 4. Registrar's Report

Byron Eguchi reported that 3,071 players are currently registered for the Fall Season. Byron will close registration on either September 16 or October 7 and will close individual Divisions earlier if the Division Commissioners contact him.

35 players remain on the wait list, with 21 in B10U. There was extensive discussion about how to accommodate these players. Suggestions included:

- Let players participate in the Friday Night Lights clinics for \$50 and place on teams as spots become available while also ensuring teams remain balanced.
- Allowing teams to take players for practices only, perhaps using as substitutes when teams are short in particular weeks. However, they would not be able to participate in playoffs.
- Create additional teams and re-do the entire schedule for the season.

□ MOTION: Offer wait-listed players participation in the Friday Night Lights program for a fee of \$50 including the \$17.50 National Fee. These players will not be part of a team and will not be provided uniforms.

APPROVED, with one opposed.

### 5. Division Commissioner Updates

Sarah Lefton reported that 5UG was good during the first weekend. Sarah reported that their shed needs to be repaired and Russ Allen will address.

Megan Schultz has been having a difficult time finding a Referee Coordinator for 7UG. Megan also suggested that a sign be posted at Marine Complex to notify parents more clearly about the no parking area. Megan will work with Allyson Estess will create a sign.

Lou Figueroa reported that although 19UB ran smoothly, there were challenges with 16UB due to one coach quitting. Fortunately Erik Knudsen stepped in as an official Assistant Coach to run that team.

Albert Chen reported that 16UG and 19UG ran smoothly with only one player on the wait list.

Rose Rocchio reported that 12UB had a good start with only a few blowouts. Rose is coordinating an L.A. Galaxy night for AYSO Region 18 to be held on September 29. Scott Champagne will be providing a link for ticket purchases. Tickets will be \$28.50

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and the game will be against Vancouver. Rose is also working with Charlie Abbott to provide an incentive for volunteers who referee at least three games during the first three weeks of the season.

Billy Crader reported that 14UB ran smoothly with only one blowout.

Charlie Vincent reported that there was an irrigation issue at Begg Field for 7UB and game had to be moved to Manhattan Beach Middle School. However, everyone was cooperative and the change went smoothly. The leak is now fixed. Charlie also reported that there was an issue with lights turning on at Begg Field. Russ Allen will address.

Allyson Estess reported that 8UB went pretty well with no major issues besides parking.

Krista Skinner noted that there was a problem with the Girls Divisions where an extra pair of shin guards was ordered per team but ended up with one extra pair per player.

Sean Gauss reported that 5UB was good with one blowout. There was one grandparent who fell and was injured at Pennekamp so Sean will fill out a report.

Woody Hauck reported that 10UG went smoothly, though the grass at Robinson Elementary and Clark Field was very high.

Jana Goodstadt reported that 6UB has one extra player. Parking was an issue at Meadows and Jana is working with Nedra Yost on some uniform issues.

Krista reminded Division Commissioners that dogs are not allowed on any of the fields.

Molly Jolls reported that 10UB opened relatively smoothly.

Steve Abrams is working with Russ Allen and the Division Commissioners on playoff formats. Playoff Divisions (10/12/14U) are implementing World Cup style Pool Play instead of Double Elimination. Winners of Pool Play will advance to a Single Elimination bracket.

### 6. Referee Committee Report

Karl Primm noted that Region 15 will be providing a 10U Referee class tomorrow night and Karl will be providing an 8U class on Saturday. 45 people are signed up for the 8U class. El Segundo is also offering classes.

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Karl acknowledged Scott Champagne for his work on the website. Karl noted that Referees should sign up for training earlier, rather than waiting for teams to be formed.

Charlie Abbott reported that there was good coverage this past weekend. There were no complaints from so far Coaches regarding Referees.

Chris Wong asked that Division Commissioners refer potential Referees to the website for basic information.

Mark Hodson pointed that the Women's Referee Guide on the website is outdated and needs to be revised. Scott Champagne will take the guide down from the website.

Michael Hinz reported that Area will be providing three Women's Referee meetings. Krista noted that the Women's Referee Liaison position still needs to be filled.

Molly Jolls noted that Youth Referees should have a senior person attending their games for support.

Charlie Abbott noted that Referees should not try to explain PDI's before the game as it takes too much time.

Chris Wong asked for everyone to refer Referees to him who are good candidates to upgrade.

### 7. Coach Committee

Steve Hershkowitz asked Division Commissioners to let him know if more Coach classes are needed. He is already anticipating another 10U Field Class and an Intermediate Coach class.

Steve requested a list of Coaches from all Division Commissioners.

Mark Hodson reported that 185 kids attended the Friday Night Lights clinic. Goalkeeper sessions will be on Thursdays.

Dan Angress reported that Coach Mentoring workshops will start Thursday. There are 24 volunteer and 30 are needed. Dan asked Division Commissioners to let him know if any Coaches need mentors. Dan encouraged Referees to report good Coaches.

### 8. Field Update

Russ Allen advised that he should be notified if any non-AYSO teams are using practice fields at reserved times.

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Billy Crader asked whether practice field allocations could be provided to show Coaches in the case of disputes. Russ will create a master schedule.

### 9. Safety Director's Report

Andrew Rogerson reported that he placed first aid kits at all fields. A lock is needed on Dorsey field.

Andrew asked Division Commissioners to remind Coaches to take Goal stakes out of the ground.

### 10.. Finance Update

Krista Skinner introduced Anthony Lombardo as the new Treasurer. Anthony requested that everyone use the new expense reports on the website.

Krista noted that vouchers for coach and referee training on AYSOu will still be used through the Spring

### 11. Technology Report

Scott Champagne reported that "How-to's" have been added to the website. Scott plans to bring Natalie Colicutt of Mira Costa on as Digital Media Manager to help him on social media posts.

### 12. Other Business

Rose Rocchio is looking into finding a Community Service Coordinator for Youth Referees.

Scott Champagne and Jana Goodstadt presented versions of the proposed new Region 18 logo. They worked with Derek Billings on various designs. Scott and Jana will consider the feedback received and present another version soon.

### 13. Summary of Motions Approved

- MOTION: Approve Minutes of the July 2018 and August 2018 Meetings. APPROVED, with no opposition.
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APPROVED, with one opposed.

14. Summary of Motions Rejected
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None.