

AYSO Region 18 Board Meeting AGENDA  
February 11, 2020  
7:00 Open/Order - 7:30 Start - Hennessey's

Call to Order – Krista Skinner

- Meeting called to order at 7:36pm

Regional Commissioner Vote – Charlie Abbott

- Process for Identification of Regional Commissioner Candidates
  - o RC Search Committee established in January – Charlie agreed to lead the effort
  - o Region 18 Board polled regarding potential candidates
  - o Charlie, Krista, and others contacted several candidates about becoming RC, but each of them declined.
  - o Email sent to all Region 18 volunteers asking for Nominations
    - Krista (3 nominations), Mike McKnight (2 nominations), Chris Wong (1 nomination), Charlie Abbott (1 nomination). Mike, Chris and Charlie declined.
- In August, Andrew Lelchuk contacted Charlie to express potential interest in the role of RC. Charlie and Andrew engaged in several discussions regarding Andrew's interest, the RC election process and other related matters. As a result, Charlie informed the Board of Andrew's desire to be included in the process as a candidate for RC.
- Final Candidates for RC: Krista Skinner, Andrew Lelchuk
- Board discussion regarding RC vote
  - o Charlie Abbott
    - Discussed each candidate. Andrew was previous RC of Region 18 for four years. Andrew was a good RC. The Region grew under Andrew, and children had a lot of fun. Andrew encouraged many new volunteers to join, including some who are currently on the Board. Andrew has an unparalleled passion for AYSO and youth soccer. Andrew would make a good RC.
    - Krista has done an exemplary job of enacting programs which implemented the Six AYSO Philosophies into every aspect of the Region and everything we do. This is what has made her a great RC and candidate for the next two years. Our Region is lucky to have her.
  - o Jana Goodstadt
    - Krista has helped me evolve from an overwhelmed volunteer with no idea what I was doing, to now becoming a capable member of the Board who is running two large divisions.
  - o Dan Angress
    - Having a woman run the Region is a critical benefit for the Region, with our goal of increasing our participation of women in Coaching and Refereeing.
  - o Krista Skinner
    - "I will be here for as long as the Region and Board need me. I'm not going anywhere. But I don't want to stand in the way of anyone else taking the helm. I would be happy to let someone else take the lead."
    - There are 2-year terms, but there is no term limit. Krista believes it is healthy and essential for the Region to have new voices and perspectives.
  - o Chris Wong
    - I have worked directly with Andrew and then Krista for years in Referee Administration for the Region. Andrew was and is a great volunteer, with passion and dedication. He inspired many volunteers to join and contribute to the Region.
    - Krista has been amazing as RC. She works incredibly hard, leads by example, and has inspired many to volunteer for the Region.
    - Krista has also brought an increased emphasis on women in positions of leadership and has shown a commitment to focusing on the AYSO core philosophies, in particular with respect to good sportsmanship and balanced teams.
  - o Michael McKnight
    - Krista is a special person. Region 18 is the biggest and best region in the country. We need to be cautious about abusing or taking advantage of her grace. We should not take her for granted. We each need to step up and assist her in what she's doing. I ask that we help her take care of herself.
  - o Lou Figueroa
    - My players love Krista and appreciate her. She comes out to games and cheers on the team. She always makes herself available. She helps to calm down the kids who get too worked up.
  - o Nedra Yost
    - We have been making efforts to bring in more women. Krista is succeeding. We had new women refereeing at a high level.
  - o Andrew could not appear tonight because he had a business conflict, which arose on Friday.
- Vote by voice. Unanimous vote for Krista. No opposition.

- Steve Hershkowitz, Jimmy Orland, Chris Otey and Daniel Shabani, and Myron Mitchell gave Charlie Abbott their proxies. All voted for Krista.
- Charlie: Krista puts in an inordinate amount of time every week. To support her, as well as to improve how the Region operates and to enhance our ability to find a successor RC, we should consider possible structural changes.
  - For example, we could have 3 new Assistant RC positions for:
    - General Administration (pictures, uniforms, etc.)
    - Management of 10U-19U divisions
    - Management of 5U-8U divisions
  - We could have more people who are in charge of specific functions, like the Draft, Playoffs, etc., so that the RC is not personally conducting all or so many functions.
  - The plan would be that the next RC comes out of the pool of ARCs.
  - This new structure would hopefully make the RC role less formidable for future candidates.
  - If you have any ideas, please email, call, let's meet up. Feel free to recommend candidates for the new ARC positions.
  - The goal is to have this structure in place soon, no specific timeframe.

#### Regional Commissioner's Report – Krista

- Area Update
  - Area League Play (10U-14U)
    - Pool Play Results
      - 10UG Shamaly 1<sup>st</sup>, 12UG Jeppson 1<sup>st</sup>, 12UG Vaughan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12UB Koch 1<sup>st</sup>, 12UB Dagilis 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10UB Bridwell WD
        - 10UB does not have enough players due to families being out of the country. Spot was offered to the next team, but they were not able to field a team either. We may have another team who can fill in.
      - Sectionals Feb 22-23 – Riverside, CA
      - Western States March 14 – Bullhead City, AZ
    - Area All Star Play (10U-14U)
      - 10UG Venning 1<sup>st</sup>, 12UG Mundell 1<sup>st</sup>, 12UB Boughton 1<sup>st</sup>, 14UB Tinker 2<sup>nd</sup> (WC)
      - Team forfeited game in 12UB – loss of WC for Area League play next year
        - We do not know which division this will impact.
      - Post AS meeting TBD – revision of AS team formation guidelines – Sean
        - We need to review the selection process to make sure we do not overload teams with too many club players from the same team. Clubs formed new teams after our AS team was created.
      - Sectionals Feb 29 - March 1 – Riverside, CA
      - Western States March 15 – Bullhead City, AZ
    - Discussion: Is there any talk about the make-up of Select, Premier, etc? It seems like there are Select teams who should be playing in Premier. There is not enough competition in Select.
      - We put 2 teams into 10UG Premier this year. They finished 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> out of 6 teams. All others had 1 in Premier and 1-2 in Select. If we do 2 teams in a division, those teams need to be balanced.
      - We need to make sure that our AS Teams are not blowing out opponents. Other regions could decide not to participate in All Stars.
      - There is a lot of history about how AS is structured. Our goal is to allow a lot of kids, who may not have the opportunity to play club, to play a more elite level of competition.
- Costa boys are playing Wednesday night at 5pm and Costa girls on Thursday at 3pm – first rounds of CIF Playoffs.
- Volunteer Appreciation Event – Saturday 1/25 – recap
  - Fun event. 60-75 people attended. Raffles & drawings.
- EXPO is coming up March 20-22
  - Krista will send out details
  - Great opportunity to take all classes you need.
- SportsConnect
  - There is going to be a \$2.75 transaction fee for next season – per order – not per player.

#### Finance Update – Anthony

- Start working on the budget soon for next year

#### Tournaments

- We will put together a How To for teams participating in tournaments

#### Registration Update – Byron

- Spring Registration Opened 11/15 (“Closes” 2/15)

- Spring registration is plugging along fine. No issues.
- 5 Divisions are currently on Waitlist. DCs please check your numbers.
- Drop dead for any uniform team orders 1.5 weeks before the season. For 1-off issues the deadline would be the Monday before the season.
- Season Dates – open March 7 – May 17 - Discuss bye weekends/days.
  - Russ will be starting to look at Schedules soon. Let him know about any issues or weekends we need off.
- DCs scheduling draft dates – try for no more than 2/night
  - 12UG 2/24
  - 8UG 2/25
  - 10UB 2/25
  - 16/19UG 2/26
- Area Coach Meeting, Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, Burnett Elementary, 7pm – 14U+ coaches

#### DCs

- Division Updates
- Need ship to addresses for uniforms – review order

#### Scholarship Committee – Nedra

- MCHS/RUHS Submissions, dates
  - Finished the documents today. Posted at both MCHS and RUHS. It gives them the policies for the scholarship and outline what the kids need to do to participate.
  - Goal is to document our procedures this year.
  - April 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline

#### Coach Committee Report – Steve H.

- Spring Coach Classes – will update – Area is holding several classes

#### Coach Mentor Update – Dan

- Not much going on for Spring, but if DCs have any coaches who need to be observed, please let us know. We can arrange a mentor or observation.

#### Ref Committee Report – Charlie

- Spring Referee Classes
- Need to publicize the March 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Referee class. Only a few people signed up currently.

#### Women's Volunteer Initiative – Kim

#### Field Update – Russ

- We should remind all of the Coaches and Teams of whose responsibility it is to clear the goals and the fields after their games. If our teams do not clear the fields, then other people who may not be taking care of the equipment properly may damage goals.

#### Safety Update – Andrew/Mars

#### Preschool/Kinder Outreach – Scott

- Do we order more AYSO18 soccer balls to give to the Pre-Schools and Kindergartens in the region? Yes, the schools were receptive.
- Was it effective in driving registration? Hard to know what caused registration numbers, but our younger divisions did have strong registration in the Fall.
- Scott will follow up on ordering balls and either coordinate or find a coordinator for the outreach.

#### Uniforms

- Need to tell Nedra who will receive uniform orders – list was passed around and collected by Nedra.
- Coaches will not receive a coach bag for Spring. If there is a new coach, contact Nedra to see if she can put together a coach bag.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, March 10th