

## AYSO Region 21 Board Meeting – October 11, 2023 at 6:00PM at Tony's Restaurant

Attendees: Alex Guerrero, Norma Diaz, Susie Hernandez, Chevy Medrano, Audrey Hiney, Jorge Arroyo, Joe Hiney, Eddie Rayas, Julie Guthrie, Hemant Patel, Mario Olvera, Linda Veliz, Amir Puente, Larci, Isley, Gerard Donarye, Claudia Gonzalez, Raphael Byrne

Regional Commissioner – Alex

U-12 and U14 boys had a couple of incidents.

U12 coach is texting his parents abusive and bullying texts. He is verbally abusive. Parents on the opposing team said he called his player a fat \*\*\* and told his kids to kick some \*\*\*. His next game is October 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM at Holly Glen school.

U14 parents were complaining about the gates being locked 2 U14 teams started fighting. The referee said the coach should remove a player. Regional Commissioner Alex will talk to that coach.

A couple of parents have been suspended for profanity. Another parent who was suspended wants to plead his suspension with the dispute resolution board; Julie and Eddie will be meeting with him.

Chocolate money will be collected on Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm 7:30pm. If board members have teams, please collect their team's money to have ready to turn in to the treasurer before those days.

Treasurer – Joe

The treasurer presented his reports. When turning in reimbursement forms, fill them out according to events. Do one reimbursement form for each event you're being reimbursed. All purchases must be pre-approved by Alex. Everyone must submit all receipts with the reimbursement form to Alex for signature. Alex will submit the signed reimbursement form with receipts to Joe. Joe requested reimbursement receipts from Alex for all the Divy transactions.

Sator and Score have accounts with region 21. You can purchase merchandise from these stores, and the region will be billed for the items. Mario will be training with Joe for the remainder of the season. With board approval, He will be the treasurer next season.

Coach administrator – Alex

Two of the coaches are screaming at their players and are rude. The U19 coach is using illegal players. He was reprimanded last year for such behavior.

U10 has 20 to 25 new certified coaches. U12 needs classes for coaches. U12 coaches are awaiting the field portion of the coaching certification to complete their certification.

Goalkeeper classes will be held on Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>. Both sessions are full. Alex and his son are teaching the class. There may be another class available in November.

Referee administrator – Jorge

Region 21 has a referee issue. Area has been providing refs for the upper divisions. Region 21 needs the tools to teach the ref classes. They want to start a female referee squad. Of 60 referees from last year,

only 10 to 20 are refereeing this year. Referee administrator is working with area to have more classes for referees. He wants to get the parents to be comfortable refereeing U6 and U8 games so when they move to U10 it would be very natural for them to continue to be a referee.

In honor of Betty Aguayo, the region will be starting a mama bear program. We will be having a shirt designed for the mama and papa bears. They will be selling the shirts for \$20 and \$25 and the proceeds will go to the family of Betty Aguayo. The referee administrator wants to start the Mama bear and Papa bear program. This program will incorporate team parents to calm down emotions on the sidelines. That Mama bear and Papa bears will have a shirt designating them as the Mama bear and Papa bear. The mama bear and papa bear will be called Betty Bear and Benny Bear, respectively.

Tournament Director – Susie.

Meeting in October for parents who are interested in coaching tournament teams the date in October is to be decided. Thanksgiving tournaments are coming quickly.

In five weeks time, we will need to chose All-Stars. Who rates the players and coaches to be decided at a later time. All Star meeting with coaches and potential coaches for U10, U12, and U14 will be decided later.

Epic Tournament – Danny

Danny was absent from the meeting but had asked Joe to request 3 boxes of fundraiser candy boxes for Epic. The request was approved.

News from Area Meeting:

Area playoff league

- pool play Sunday January 7th Saturday January 13th and Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>
- live scan on Sunday January 7th 2024 to be confirmed by area
- semifinals Saturday January 20th 2024
- finals Sunday January 21st 2024

Area Allstars

- Saturday and Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, and February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, and February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>
- attempt to complete by Sunday February 11th or Tuesday February 13th
- fields CES village marine Paris Washington Anza and alta Vista.

Ralph offered to hold a U-12 certified class for the coaches but he would need a crew to help him run the class.

Julie presented a soccer fest versus pilot program scenario. The pilot program would provide specialized classes for the older divisions U8 and above. Julie will be presenting a plan to present to the board at the next meeting on the pilot program.

Alex wanted to know who's been using the Galaxy tickets that Darryl purchased last year. Chevy asked Joe if he knew what happened to the tickets. Joe didn't know and volunteered to call Darryl to ask him what happened to the tickets. None of the commissioners wanted to call Darryl to find out what happened to the tickets. Julie was offered the seats twice.

CVPA role is to ensure that all coaches and referees are certified.

Division commissioners

- coaches certified
- referees
- issues
- collect uniforms from coaches who order new ones

update on volunteer roles/positions

- Michael Hiney stepped down as division commissioner for boys U10
- Ralph Byrnes is no longer assistant referee administrator
- Esteban Ramirez BU10 division commissioner assistant
- Abigail Guzman communications director

Ralph wanted to know why he wasn't informed he was removed as the referee administrator. Alex and Chevy said that Jorge wanted to run the referee administrator position alone. Jorge agreed that he wanted to run the position on his own. Julie agreed that Jorge indeed is doing a great job, but that is not a good idea to push out good volunteers.

Field keys-

The commissioners will have keys to the fields. What are the responsibilities of the commissioners? The Wiseburn neighbors are complaining to Julie that the fields are open on a regular basis. Alex dismissed Julie's concern and said the fields have not been left open. If they were left open the school district would have notified him on Monday morning. Tobar doesn't want to be responsible to open and close the fields. Julie will open up the fields on certain days in the week, but she doesn't want to take up the extra days.

Julie brought up practice spots on the field. Practice spots have not been assigned on the online list. Coaches have not been assigned practice spots online. Alex told the coaches he would get back to them but did not call them back. There are no practice spots posted on the website except Alex's practice spots. The practice schedule is not working for the coaches and informing Julie of their unhappiness.

One of the attendees stated that we need committees to help run the region. Whereupon Chevy said that not everyone is made to be a volunteer, and that some volunteers give more than others. If the volunteers are too structured, they will have a difficult time in the organization.

Alex and Joe had a heated discussion regarding opening and closing the fields. Alex told Joe he said something that he did not say. Joe vehemently disagreed. Alex hit the table with his hand in anger and told Joe never to talk to him again in that tone. Chevy tried to be the peacemaker agreeing that all of them work hard as volunteers. It did not end on a positive note.

Joe asked if the meeting was adjourned, Alex responded that it was. Joe added he would get ahold of Darryl for the money counting machines and also ask about the seasoned tickets.

Next board meetings will be held on November 7 at 6:30PM and December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM