



Region 254  
Meeting Minutes  
Taken by: Greg Lehman – RCA / Acting Secretary  
February 25, 2021  
Online Videoconference, 6:30pm – 9:00pm



TIME	TOPIC / DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM(S)
6:30 p.m – 7:00 p.m	<p><b>EXECUTIVE SESSION: Not Held, as there were no items of business for the Executive Board.</b></p> <p>Session was converted into a general Board Member session for members to socialize and get reacquainted (since the board had not met for over 6 mos.)</p>	None.

7:00	<p><b>GENERAL SESSION; ATTENDANCE:</b></p> <p><b>Welcome by Regional Commissioner.</b></p> <p>Attendance is per the attached Attendance Log.</p> <p><b>Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.</b></p>	
Traci Wargo-Lehman	<p><b>Registration opening/cost &amp; waitlist:</b></p> <p>Discussion of prospects for a Fall 2021 season as well as whether Region will open a waitlist to begin registration.</p> <p>Board members noted that high school and club soccer play are resuming this week.</p> <p>Discussion re: contacting city council to make soccer a priority for use of fields and facilities.</p> <p>Suggestion is made by Regional Safety Director (RSD) to increase registration fees slightly to accommodate PPE and other Covid-related items.</p> <p><b>MOTION (by R. Chen, second by M. Peek) to:</b>  Increase registration fees by an amount necessary to safely operate a soccer season, taking into account additional costs for PPE, safety and disinfection equipment, instant-read thermometers, AED machines, etc. Discussion of amount of increase is had. Board voted on Motion, and Motion was unanimously approved, in concept. Board did not set an amount of fee increase, pending research by the RSD about the costs of these safety materials.</p>	<p>- RSD to budget out costs of PPE and other materials needed for safe play.</p> <p><b>FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:</b>  Board to approve the actual amount of increase at a future meeting.</p>

<p>Traci Wargo-Lehman</p>	<p><b>Donation to AYSO National:</b></p> <p>Large regions, such as R254, are being asked to donate \$2,000 to AYSO National.</p> <p>RC informed the Board that a \$2,500 donation was made to AYSO National on behalf of R254.</p> <p>Suggestion is made by ARC Meade to increase donation if our registrations are lower than last year.</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Traci Wargo-Lehman</p>	<p><b>Marketing Fall 2021:</b></p> <p>RC is recommending outreach to preschool players to interest them in soccer.</p> <p>Member Peek – this is an Olympic soccer year. Recommends marketing to all ages with a focus on the USA Women’s Olympic team.</p> <p>Member Grigorian – recommends flier distribution to local preschools to market soccer.</p> <p>Member Mullins – inquired about marketing budget. RC will meet with Area Director (AD) to discuss formation of the Region’s budget.</p>	<p>None at Regional level.</p> <p>RC to determine marketing budget after consultation with AD.</p>
<p>Traci Wargo-Lehman</p>	<p><b>Assessment of Players Upon Return to Soccer:</b></p> <p>If we are doing camps, this doesn’t matter. If we are hosting games, this will be necessary.</p>	<p>None.</p>

	<p>Area is scheduling a Fall season on the assumption that games will be played. Therefore, we need to be prepared to do player assessments before a season can begin.</p> <p>Member Elkin – Kids are still in the same boat. Ratings are likely to be the same. Create an objective set of criteria to assess players.</p> <p>Regional Coach Administrator – Need to reevaluate players since it will be two years since players have played.</p> <p>Member Yamarone – Region should utilize assessments from 2019 “with an asterisk.”</p> <p>Member Badalian-Collins – Asked about which divisions an assessment would apply to. She is informed that it would apply to Age Divisions 10U and Above. Has concerns about unbalanced teams. Region should reserve the right to redistribute players during the season.</p> <p>Member Elkin – Recommends a meeting with the coaches at the end of the season and review the ratings among them to determine accuracy and accord.</p> <p>Member Badalian-Collins – Emphasized a need to identify high-ranking players in each Age Division.</p>	
<p>Traci Wargo-Lehman</p>	<p><b>Filling Open Board Positions: Secretary, Extra Coordinator, B8 Coordinator, G10 Coordinator</b></p> <p>Mike Harkins joins the meeting as a prospective board member. Position TBD by RC</p> <p>Member Collins announced his resignation as the 6UB Coordinator.</p>	

Traci Wargo-Lehman	<p><b>Information from Area10V RC meeting:</b></p> <p>R174 Camp is only Region in Area 10V hosting a Spring camp. Attendance will be limited and social distancing guidelines will be observed.</p>	
Greg Lehman	<p><b>Coach and Referee Training Schedule</b></p> <p>Area is hosting an Area Super Camp in late-August. Dates and locations TBD.</p> <p>RCA discussed new coach training requirements for Fall 2021.</p>	
Greg Lehman	<p><b>Golden State Specific District Project</b></p> <p>Discussion about Region 254's interest in the Golden State Specific District. Summary of discussions, to date, provided.</p> <p>Various members make suggestions regarding terms of use and/or financial support for project.</p> <p>Recommendation is made that Region should pursue use of the Fry's Electronics property on Hollywood Way</p> <p>Suggestion is made that Region should explore hiring a planner to advise on putting together a proposal.</p>	

Traci Wargo-Lehman	<p><b>New Sports Connect Interface</b></p> <p>Topic is not discussed.</p>	
Brandon Mullins	<p><b>Summer Camp Partnership with YMCA</b></p> <p>YMCA parking lot is available to host small soccer programs. Suggestion is made that the facility could be used to host a camp, if needed.</p> <p>Finances: 20% off each registrant goes to YMCA for hosting. Insurance is same as normal permits, with YMCA named as secondary insured. If activity is no-charge, different arrangements can be made.</p> <p>YMCA space is unused right now. Surface is asphalt with slight slope (3.7% grade). There are no current plans by YMCA to re-open the space as a parking lot.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RC needs to review insurance coverage options.</li> <li>- RSD may need to review options with respect to safety needs.</li> </ul>
<b>8:58 pm</b>	<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	
	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b>  March 25, 2021  Executive Board – 6:30  General Session – 7:00</p>	

## ATTENDANCE LOG:

Position and Name	Present	Absent
<i>Regional Commissioner (RC)</i> , Traci Wargo-Lehman	XX	
<i>Asst. Regional Commissioner (ARC)</i> , Brett Meade	XX	
<i>Regional Treasurer (RT)</i> , David Thomson	XX	
<i>Referee Administrator (RA)</i> , Kirk Koertgen		XX
<i>Regional Safety Director (RSD)</i> , Matt Peek	XX	
<i>Regional Coach Administrator (RCA) / Acting Secretary</i> , Greg Lehman	XX	
<i>Child &amp; Volunteer Prof. Advocate (CVPA)</i> , Gisela Grigorian	XX	
<i>Girls' Registrar</i> , Karen Thomas	XX	
<i>Boys' Registrar</i> , Nicole Martin		XX
<i>Asst. Commissioner 16U-18U</i> , Matt Ziemer		XX
<i>Equipment Director</i> , Mark Johnson		XX
<i>Field Scheduler</i> , Myles Collins	XX	
<i>Secretary</i> ,	--	
<i>Game Scheduler</i> , Has Badalian-Collins	XX	
<i>Team Manager Coordinator</i> , Lara Black-Sage	XX	
<i>Statistician</i> , Brian Williams	XX	
<i>Volunteer Points Coordinator</i> , Hilary Kippen-Alcantar	XX	
<i>Picture Day Coordinator</i> , Monica Kaufman		XX
<i>Trophy Coordinator</i> , Lea Ford		XX
<i>14U-G Coordinator</i> ,	--	
<i>14U-B Coordinator</i> , Danilo Colon		XX
<i>12U-G Coordinator</i> , Mark Yamarone	XX	
<i>12U-B Coordinator</i> , Richard Chen	XX	
<i>10U-G Coordinator</i> ,	--	
<i>10U-B Coordinator</i> , Kristina Keshishyan		XX
<i>8U-G Coordinator</i> , Matt Peek	XX	
<i>8U-B Coordinator</i> ,	--	
<i>6U-G Coordinator</i> , Alex Alcantar		XX
<i>6U-B Coordinator</i> , Myles Collins	XX	
<i>5U / Schoolyard Coordinator</i> ,	--	
<i>EXTRA Coordinator</i> ,	--	
<i>VIP Coordinator</i> ,	--	
<i>Lead Referee Instructor</i> , Ara Hacobian	XX	
<i>Coach Instructor</i> , Scott Elkin	XX	

<i>Game Day Staffing Coordinator</i> , Mary Lynn Gardenhire		XX
<i>At-Large Member</i> , Julian Olea, Jr.	XX	
<i>Website &amp; Marketing</i> , Brandon Mullins	XX	
<i>Additional Attendees</i> , Michael Harkins	XX	