



AYSO Meeting Notes
Meeting Held on 7/24/23

Location: Marengo Library Lower Level at 6:30

Members Present: Chip W., Hannah G., Kelly H., Tim R., Lyndsey S., Melissa K., Laura S., Amber G., Pat M., Jeremy M., Jason M.

Non-returning volunteer and player lists were handed out. Discussion about coupon codes for late fees. Will vote on this matter at end of meeting.

Select Program: Tim R. said Select Program did not get enough coaching volunteers. There is now a new sign up that doesn't charge fee, it will just collect information. **Laura will contact high school coaches to see if there is interest helping coach the Select Team 10U/12U/14U;** practices are once a week with games on Sunday afternoons between 12-3. There is no cost.

Training Schedule: Trainings schedule discussed. Online training must be completed before in person training. Intermediate training cannot be completed online.

EXPO: EXPO is scheduled for next year and is the 3rd weekend in February. They are pushing coach and referee certification programs. Would like as many board members to attend as possible. Not limited to just board members. They request if they invest in people going to conference, they then volunteer for a few years.

Soccer Slam: Discussion on 1 vs. 2 days. Comments were that one day is less stressful. Other comments are that there are a lot of games packed in 1 day. Suggested games could be cut back. Committee will vote on that next spring.

Western Iowa: If anyone is interested in helping out western Iowa; they combined 3 regions into 1 region. Complications with scheduling. August 16th and 17th they are going to do a player clinic that Tim will attend. If there are coaches that would want to help out, he would appreciate the help. Not a lot of trained coaches there.

Inappropriate Actions of a Coach: There was a coach who had complaints against him for talking to his players about his personal beliefs that were not soccer related. He also used inappropriate language on several occasions with players. Committee recommended probation for fall season and would need to take 12U training if he decided to coach again. **It was recommended we review AYSO disciplinary actions towards coaches for future action steps and send to committee. Jeremy will draft a response to the coach and send to committee. He will then send a message to the parents about what actions are being taken.** Chip suggested there be a "Coach Pact" and include a paragraph that addresses how the coaches should

address players, i.e., use names instead of pronouns, etc... **Chip will talk with Tim about adding an additional slide for training for appropriate coaching behavior. Tim will cc: Jason, Hannah and CVPA, Sam and Tim.**

Referee: Pat said they are looking to do a meeting for returning referees and will give away incentives to refs. Will be going through laws changes. End of August for training. Location to be determined. Donation to youth refs. There are a few refs he will be contacting. More refs will be needed.

Divvy card: Chip spoke about Divvy card is the “credit card” and is how expenses are paid.

Cochlear Implant Accessories: Chip said he was approached about players with cochlear implants being secured with a necklace. Since necklaces are not allowed, Chip created a position paper on topic stating necklaces aren’t allowed but headbands are. **Jeremy recommended he would talk to the parents about guidelines. Jason suggested we draft our position and reach out to the parents regarding safety concerns.**

Registrar: Will need to work on contacting non-returning player lists. Jason and Melissa will divide up non-returning players/volunteer lists. Dani contacted Victor. Laura, Lindsey and Melissa and will divide up Williamsburg list. Hannah will take Tiffin list.

Uniforms: Melissa is putting uniforms together. There are quite a few extras. She suggested waiting until after season has started before any more are ordered. Jeremy asked about uniform handout dates. Melissa will get uniforms out to correct people.

Wait Lists: Amber asked about wait lists. We will continue to use that system. It encourages people to register on time.

Late Fee: Board decided to create a \$20 coupon code that is good until July 31st. Jeremy will create coupon code and send to committee. (*code was created and sent out)

Equipment: Previous discussion about new goals for Tiffin. Goals will need to be assessed. Funds may need to be raised.

Scholarships: EPIC VIP so far no interest; Will need EPIC Coordinator.

Soccer Slam Feedback: Discussion around getting feedback from parents about if 1 or 2 days is better. **Jeremy will make Google Form.**

Town: Amana – Jason spoke with acquaintance about paint machine and if it works. **Jason will follow up with Jeff.**

Next Meeting: August 7th virtually at 5:30; next meeting will be Sept 4th or 5th.