



# AYSO Region 177 – 4/22/26 Board Minutes

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## Meeting Minutes

Section 11 | Area E

This document is a record of the board meeting minutes from 4/22/26.

### AYSO Region 177 Board Meeting Summary

#### Overview

The board meeting covered introductions (including welcoming prospective volunteer Andrea and Kevin Johnson), financial updates, Spring Academy progress, Extra program registration, fall programming decisions (particularly a significant discussion on U8 format), calendar planning for the upcoming season, and the transition to Google Workspace.

#### Key Discussion Points

##### Introductions & Transitions

- Matt is stepping down as Assistant Regional Commissioner; Michael is interested in taking on that role
- Andrea and Kevin Johnson attended as prospective volunteers
- Ulani is taking over as Scheduler; Jaime is staying on as Assistant Scheduler to help with the transition

##### Financials (Holly)

- Region is currently cash-rich due to fall registrations
- AYSO National may force a bank switch from U.S. Bank to Chase — Region 177 is one of the last holdouts in Section 11
- Holly is building a new Excel report comparing month-over-month and budget-vs-actual spending

##### Spring Academy

- Going generally well; coaches praised for skill development
- Minor issues with parents/siblings wandering onto fields and aggressive play complaint in U9/10 girls group (resolved)
- Some fields under-supervised when one trainer splits attention between two scrimmage fields

##### Extra Program (Jeff)

- Registration open; most teams close to full except one
- New uniform kit through Equipt: \$160 (2 game jerseys, 2 training jerseys, 2 shorts, 3 socks) in addition to \$525 fee
- Only Lisa and Genevieve have signed up as CDC Safe so far
- Proposal to purchase region-branded pop-up canopies (~\$650 each); quotes being gathered
- U13 girls team likely not happening; U10 may need another tryout

##### U8 Format Discussion (Major Topic)

- Current 6v6 format at El Dorado Central is problematic — poor oversight, wide skill gaps, kids crying vs. aggressive kids
- Proposal: Split U7 (4v4) from U8 (potentially 4v4 with 10-player rosters playing as two pods, OR keep at 5v5/6v6)
- Benefits: more touches, better development, could fit all U8 games at Stanford in one hour
- Concerns: coach recruitment (already hard), parent perception, asking for more volunteers (refs, team managers)
- Decision deferred; will revisit as registration numbers come in

##### Calendar (Eric)

- First practices: August 3rd
- First games: September 19th (late due to Labor Day)
- Picture Day: September 26th; makeup October 10th

- Silent Saturday: October 10th
- Last day of games: November 14th
- Belmont Cup: November 21-22 and 28-29
- Beach Classic may need to move to Feb 27-28 to avoid Section All-Star conflict
- 114 may play upper division games Friday nights

**Area Updates (Catherine)**

- Per-player fee increasing from \$6 to \$7; national may add \$5
- Area proposing an adult league — no one from Region 177 volunteered
- AED requirement (28-29 season) still unresolved
- Coaches now must have certification for the specific division they coach
- RAP (Referee Abuse Prevention) complaints now handled at area level
- Section 11 not approved for SoCal Alliance; hoping for 27-28 season

**Google Workspace Transition (Amanda)**

- Target ready date: next Friday
- All board members getting @ayso177.org emails
- Old emails will auto-forward
- 10GB individual storage + shared drive
- Optional Google Chat spaces available

**Registration (Sam)**

- 19 more kids registered than same point last year
- U16 boys already at 13 — will need to raise cap to ~15
- Promoted Peachjar flyer got 44K deliveries, 1,000 views, 220 clicks — questionable ROI
- Discussion of better marketing via school fit days or in-person events

**World Cup Watch Party**

- June 12th, 3:30–8pm at Sports Basement
- Area 11D event hosted by Region 177 for USA opening match

**Action Items**

#	Action Item	Owner	Due/Notes
1	Send budget to Area	Holly	ASAP (was due April 1 per Area)
2	Build month-over-month and budget-vs-actual financial report	Holly	Before EOY
3	Prepare for bank switch from U.S. Bank to Chase (order new checks, stamps)	Holly	TBD: Area
4	Send reminder to Spring Academy families about field etiquette (scooters, kids on fields, parents off turf)	Catherine/Eric	Before next Saturday
5	Follow up with trainers re: supervising both scrimmage fields, shin guards, corrective feedback	Jeff	Ongoing
6	Approve Extra 0-fee registration and push Equipt uniform link	Jeff	This week (Wed/Thurs)
7	Nudge remaining Extra coaches to complete CDC Safe certification	Jeff	Ongoing
8	Gather additional canopy quotes (Troy's contacts, Expo vendors)	Jeff → Sam	Before purchase decision
9	Confirm final Extra rosters and submit documentation to Area	Jeff	By Friday
10	Hold additional tryout for Jeff's team and follow up with U10 coach Kelly about re-tryout	Jeff	TBD

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11	Communicate U13 girls team likely not forming	Jeff / Juan	ASAP
12	Submit city permit requests for August onward	Holly	Ongoing
13	Follow up monthly on return to Marina Vista field (construction)	Holly	Monthly
14	Recruit combined permit coordinator (city + school)	Catherine	Ongoing
15	Prepare U8 format proposal (4v4 with 10-player rosters vs. split U7/U8) for vote	Jeff	Likely June meeting
16	Begin recruiting U7/U8 coaches early given format change	Catherine / Sam	Now
17	Ask Area if season can start earlier than Sept 19	Eric	Before finalizing calendar
18	Research Stanford field layout options (6v6 vs 4v4 fit)	Eric	Before format vote
19	Provide RAP video for coaching night	Catherine	By coaching night
20	Add RAP reporting QR code pins to referee hats/shirts	Catherine	TBD
21	Complete Google Workspace migration (emails, drives, signatures)	Amanda	Target next Friday
22	Update automated registration email address to new workspace	Amanda + Sam	During migration
23	Raise U16 boys registration cap to 15	Sam	ASAP
24	Reach out to interest-form volunteers not yet registered	Sam	Ongoing
25	Transition scheduling duties from Jaime to Ulani	Ulani (with Jaime's support)	Through season start
26	Work Spring Academy sidelines to promote fall registration	All board members	Saturdays
27	Find Spring Academy backstock (shirts, socks) for World Cup event	Catherine / Eric	Before June 12
28	Fill open board roles: Secretary, U6/U8 Coordinators, Permits/Fields, Sponsorship, Marketing	Catherine	Before season start
29	Identify assistants/backups for each board role	All	Ongoing
30	Promote World Cup watch party (June 12, Sports Basement)	Eric / Catherine	Leading up to June 12
31	Explore alternative marketing (school fit days, in-person events) vs. Peachjar	Open (needs owner)	Before fall push