

Minutes
AYSO Region 180 Board Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2009

Members Present:

Rob Cantrell	Barbara Haig	Dave Savinsky
Susan Erickson	Laura Healy	Fausto Torres
Julie Everett	Andy Knightly	
Mary Gauthier	Christi Satchwell	

Meeting commenced at 7:20 p.m.

Item 1 Report from Area Meeting

- A) All dropped players must be processed by Oct. 10th to avoid Area fees. Andy to finish processing.
- B) Area tournament dates are set for Dec. 5th in SLO for U14B, U14G & U10B and Dec. 12th at Soto Field AG for U12B, U12G and U10G.
- C) All Stars Area Tournament is set for Feb. 14th and 15th in Paso Robles. Tournament may move to Lompoc due to poor field conditions at Paso.
- D) During the Regional and Area tournaments, coaches and players not participating in the second overtime quarter may watch from the field during "kicks from the mark".
- E) Players may drink their water during stoppages as long as non-players do not go on the field, bottles are not thrown to players, bottles are not in the way of AR's or kept on the field, and players do not leave the field unless they are sub-ing out. Players, coaches and referees should be reminded this causes time delays in the game.
- F) Our region has been asked if we are interested in a non-All Star tournament over Thanksgiving weekend in Nipomo. Team should be an already established team, however if no team is interested, a coach may put together a team as long as the child is registered in AYSO and it is not an All-Star team.
- G) U16B's have to play four (4) U16 games in the Area to qualify for Section. Schedule was already made and approved at the beginning of season and dates will need to be checked for playing against other Area teams to qualify.

Item 2 Regional Coach Administrator's Report

- A) There are 82 teams U6-U14. 85% of the coaches have been trained. U6, U7 and U8 clinic to be held Sept. 30th to complete all remaining needed to be trained. There is one (1) U12b coach still not trained—failed to show.
- B) Barbara Haig is working on the volunteer points and will get these posted on the web site.

Item 3 Regional Referee Administrator's Report

There have been approximately thirty (30) referees per game day. This is still not enough. Training clinic will be held Oct. 2nd and Oct. 4th at 7pm. So far only four (4) have confirmed to be there.

Item 4 Picture Day Report

- A) Christi has seven (7) parents to help out with picture day. Everything else is set up. Fliers have gone out to coaches to distribute to players. Picture day is this Saturday.
- B) Christi brought up that there are still coaches who do not understand why they need 100 points. Reminders to go out.

Item 5 By-Law Change for Refunds

Due to the many kids dropping from soccer this year due to injuries and other commitments, it appears that there is a need for a stricter and more defined policy on refund dates. These dates will have to be clearly outlined on applications, fliers and the website. Andy and Julie to look at other regions policies.

Item 6 Allowing Requests in U6-U8

Allowing requests from parents to have children other than siblings put on the same team has been causing an unbalancing of teams. In the future, teams will be formed based on residency and only request for siblings will be allowed.

Item 7 Player Rankings

- A) There was discussion whether or not there should be a mid season coaches meeting. Some feel this is too soon to know a player for ranking them. It is felt that ranking would be more accurate if done at the end of the season meeting.
- B) Each division meets and ranks those chosen in their division to pick a "top 5".
- C) Request for a simplified ranking for U6 and U7 divisions for better team balancing.
- D) During team forming at the beginning of the year, have division coordinators do a ratification of teams to ensure accurate placement.

Item 8 Keeping U7/U8 Separate or Combined

U7 was put into place as a pilot program and has seemed to work well. There is a need for these two divisions due to the number of players. Other Areas are still questioning this because there is technically not supposed to be a goalie at the U8 level. Due to the large field and goal for our U8 players, some members of this division feel it is necessary to have a goal keeper. Others feel it would be better to not have a goalie which would make players work on their defense and development. Idea suggested making the goal area smaller and using no

goalie. It has been decided at this time to keep the U7 and U8 split at this time with U8 having a goal keeper.

Item 9 Volunteer Banquet

Tentative date is set for November 21st. Members had a great banquet with a band and sit down dinner last year at the Marriott and would like to work on something like that again. Need to look at budget and possible donations of services.

Item 10 All Stars

- A) Need to start looking at coaches and get applications out. Rob to approach coaches he feels are strong and qualified as well. Coaches will be placed in the division they are trained in first. If there is no coach available for a division then coaches may be moved up or down a division.
- B) Coaches and referees need to start looking at players and e-mailing names and positions to Rob.
- C) Rob states there is a need for focused and division specific training for coaches and players. He will be heading that up.
- D) The goal is to get two (2) teams from every division.

Item 11 New Business

- A) UK never came through for the coach training for AYSO. We will request again next season.
- B) On Oct. 29th at 7pm at the Vets Hall, there will be a "College Night". This is a great informational program that talks about the reality of college scholarships. Everyone is invited to attend including students. This is free of charge. More information to come.
- C) Next meeting October 27th 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.