



## AYSO Executive Board Meeting

November 10, 2024 @ 7pm PST

### I. Call to Order – 7:03pm PST

- Members in attendance: Terry Takahashi, Matthew Goldman, Shant Kamanjian, Dan Jeffries, and Christina Scott

### II. Board Minutes

- No Board Minutes were prepared for this meeting, if Christina serves as secretary, this should shift to her responsibility. (Note: Could we please bring her up to speed on this at another time, so she knows what to do?)

### III. Discussion Topics

- FIS will not have lights available after dark, so that practice space will not be available after 5pm PDT.
- Taj is heading the RC search committee. Please contact Taj [taj@aysol3.org](mailto:taj@aysol3.org) if you would like to serve on the search committee. Send nominations to Taj
- Awards sub-committee for Volunteer dinner. Proposal for UD player award (“Regional Commissioner's List”)
  - Nomination for Taj for the Bill Carroll “lifetime service” volunteer; need to invite her and make sure she comes.
  - Need to have someone step up to organize “best of the...” awards. Need someone to organize the dinner.
  - Shanti will handle “volunteer of the year”, and Brandi and Matthew will help to identify award coach and referee awards respectively.
  - Terry suggested the “dean’s list” or something to recognize the top athletes in the upper division (16U – approximately 80 athletes). Players would submit their GPA and a statement as to how soccer has impacted their life. The goal here would be that they could put this on their resumes for college.
    - It was suggested that athletes who are “triple threats” who play, referee, and serve as coaches could apply to be recognized by Region 13.
    - Also suggested that upper division players might wear a sash or some designation at graduation for their time in Region 13.

- Discussion was tabled for further consideration, but Patrick, Susan, and Christina will form a subcommittee to discuss this further.
- Tournament (Patrick)
  - Friday, Saturday, Sunday schedule (see PowerPoint slides)
  - Each team needs three referees, however any referee “affiliated” with the team will count. They do not need to be parents of players.
  - Would like to ask each team to submit a volunteer to staff the tents or contribute one hour of volunteer work each day.
  - Might want to sell t-shirts if players or families are interested. Would need a credit card option or allow people to purchase in advance on the website. Mentioned that ordering additional smaller sized t-shirts with no date would be advisable.
  - We may want to welcome 2-3 food trucks that would be available during the tournament. AYSO could come off a spot for them and we might get a portion of the proceeds.
- Playoffs – still searching for a Rose City Playoff coordinator.
- Spring Soccer – no decision has been made about spring soccer. Need to decide which ages and how many teams and then we can find fields.
  - Last year it was 10U-14U with approximately three hundred players.
  - Spring soccer keeps kids involved in soccer, so they are not switching to other sports. If there are not enough 14U players, then we might use the “interlock” option where they can play with South Pasadena.
  - Opening registration soon will allow current coaches to invite their 10U-14U players to sign up.
- Solar light tower purchases will be tabled for now.
- The next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2024.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm PST.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Scott