



AYSO Executive Board Meeting

November 6 2025 @ 7:15pm PT

I. Call to Order – 7:18pm PDT

- Members in attendance: Patrick Shopbell, Matthew Goldman, , Harry Plotkin, Shanti Rao, Brandi Lane, Dan Jeffries, Bret Nicely, Alberto Estepa, Celina Clewans, Luke Powers, Rolf M, Shant Kamanjian, and Christina Scott
- Alberto Estepa will be the new Winter Stars Coordinator

II. Discussion Topics

A. Season Summary & Financial Health

- Fall season almost complete with minimal disciplinary issues
 - Only one coach suspended (2 weeks) - lowest incidents in years
 - Three ongoing issues from last weekend between players
 - Some overly competitive behavior in 6-8U divisions
- Strong financial position: \$129,000+ year-to-date, comfortable cash balance
- Monthly spending review for \$1,000+ expenses implemented
 - Team pictures cost ~\$11,000 annually (\$8-11 per kid - good value)
 - Earning \$161 per child after all expenses including national fees
- Outstanding PUSD bill discussion: costs jumped from \$25,000 to \$100,000 annually
 - Blair field now \$128/hour plus custodial/gatekeeper fees
 - Michael Corrales (PUSD) willing to work on solutions

B. Referee Points & Sportsmanship Success

- 13-point minimum requirement working effectively
 - Applies only to 10U and 12U for Rose City Cup playoffs
 - Teams with low scores now actively recruiting referees
- Multiple success stories: parents getting certified mid-season
 - One mom drove 3 hours to Colton for regional training
 - Several teams added 1-2 new referees within 4-day spans
- Only 2 teams out of 68 likely won't meet requirements
 - One team: single youth ref with Boy Scout conflict
 - Other team: certified ref won't complete live scan/safe sport
- Sportsmanship scores overall better than last year
- All scores entered except Girls 14 (complex interlock scheduling)

C. Field Access & Lighting Solutions

- Losing key practice fields after Thanksgiving
 - JV field unavailable after Nov 30 (baseball prep)
 - Allendale unavailable after Nov 30
- Area H emergency lighting option available with portable lights from clubhouse
- Investigating mobile light towers: \$40,000 total investment
 - Four lights at ~\$10,000 each (including batteries)
 - Board leaning toward starting with two lights
 - South Pasadena High School currently using similar system
 - Terry and Ralph to evaluate before purchase decision

D. Winter/Spring Program Planning

- All Stars tryouts nearly complete (Boys 14 scheduled Nov 16)
 - Team formation allowed after Nov 15
 - December roster deadline
- Uniform decisions for All Stars
 - Red uniforms (head-to-toe red including shorts)
 - Sequential numbering within divisions for tournament compatibility
 - Selena coordinating orders - urgent timeline due to vendor backlog
- Grad Series registration: 39 boys, 32 girls signed up
 - Planning 6 teams each (12 total uniform sets)
 - 10U coach class needed - scheduled for Jan 7 (evening)

E. Winter Stars Program Launch

- Alberto Volunteering as Winter Stars coordinator
 - Free-play philosophy: kids self-select teams and activities
 - Professional launch trainers hired for supervision
 - 8-session program ending with World Cup ceremony
- All ages welcome, including All Stars/Grad Series players at no extra cost
- Uniform needs: existing t-shirt inventory to be counted
- Alberto and Shanti meeting Wednesday to review detailed procedures

F. Thanksgiving Tournament Status

- Nearly sold out: ~70 teams registered across all divisions
 - Only Girls 10 not full (6 teams, need 10+)
 - Boys 14 oversubscribed with waitlist
- Venue changes due to CIF football championship Friday night
 - Friday: Victory Park, Robinson Turf, Villa Park Turf
 - Saturday/Sunday: Area H (pending car removal from football game)
- Volunteer staffing critical need
 - Board members expected for 2-4 hour shifts
 - Every Region 13 team should provide volunteers

- Sign-up system to be created immediately

G. Equipment & Infrastructure Updates

- Clubhouse renovation by Eagle Scout project nearly complete
 - Golf cart repaired and operational
 - Clean storage space for portable lights
- PVC goal safety discussion
 - One minor injury (girl's lip) from tipping goal
 - Decision: no stakes due to increased injury risk from fixed goals
 - Goals should remain mobile for safety
- Year-end celebration planned Dec 16 at senior center
 - Deposit paid, same format as previous years
 - Board discussion about improving format for future years

H. Action Items

- Terry/Ralph: Evaluate South Pasadena light towers, report back for email vote
- Patrick: Contact other regions about coordinating 10U coach class
- Matthew: Fix sportsmanship points link on website during meeting
- Selena: Submit urgent All Stars uniform order (red, sequential numbering)
- Patrick: Create Thanksgiving tournament volunteer sign-up system
- Alberto/Shanti: Meet Wednesday to review Winter Stars procedures
- Michael Corrales (PUSD): Process winter/spring field permit requests

III. Closing – Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm and the next meeting will be December 4th at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Scott