



## AYSO Executive Board Meeting

January 8, 2026 @ 7:15pm PST

### I. Call to Order – 7:18pm PDT

Members in attendance: Patrick Shopbell, Shant Kamanjian, Brandi Lane, Dan Jeffries, Rolf Mauermann, Neil Harrington, Shanti Rao, Jeffrey Lawler, Jonathan Gardner, Luke Powers, Harry Plotkin, and Christina Scott

### II. Discussion Topics

- Limited attendance tonight due to 10U Coach training tonight. Will have a shorter meeting under the circumstances.
- All Stars games will start this weekend. We had a referee meeting last night in Alhambra. Bruce Hancock is the referee scheduler for our region.
- Grad Series is ready to start on Saturday morning with five games scheduled. Games will be at Marshall as well as in South Pasadena (Region 214). There is a 35-minute practice followed by a standard 10U game.
  - Will grab goals and popups from the clubhouse and move them to Marshall.
  - Jose will be painting the 10U fields in blue.
  - Harry has emailed all new referees to get them uniforms.
  - Extra game cards will be left outside of the clubhouse for coaches.
- Winter Stars will be held on Sundays from 3:30pm-5pm at Marshall.
  - Additional Winter Stars t-shirts have been ordered.
  - Launch coaches will be brought to mentor the players.
  - Shanti and Albert are taking the lead on all of this.
  - Approximately 120 players are signed up for Winter Stars (6U-12U).
  - Will have at least three “coaches’ meetings” to help calibrate player evaluations and discuss what worked and what didn’t.
- Spring Soccer
  - This is the soccer season that starts in March and continues into May.
  - Probably will not have formal games for 6U-8U, will focus more on playing and learning about soccer.
  - Last year we had approximately 70 kids. Currently we have about 20 players. Most kids will sign up in March.

- Need to update the webpage and mention spring soccer signups in the newsletter.
- Fall Season Recap
  - Epic program went very well in the fall. We only had 2-3 people who came consistently. Should try to promote the program further. Threshold for Epic is that the players need someone on the field with them.
  - There were several coach concerns about the “balancing” of teams. Several of the emails that were sent had some constructive ideas. May want to form an ad hoc committee to review those suggestions.
- Finances
  - \$100,000 ahead this year, but it could disappear depending on what we owe for fields.
  - Overall in good financial shape.
  - Earned about \$40,000 from the Turkey Tournament this year, which is a \$1,000 more than last year. This resulted in a \$15,000 net income overall.
  - Victory Park costs us 13% of our registration fees because they have to clean up the park afterwards.
  - Would like to continue with the Bill Owen tournament, but we don’t have space at Area H, so we are still trying to figure out where and when it could be held.
- Facilities will be discussed next time.
- Field Issues
  - We have seven diesel lights at Muir which we need to get rid of. Several parties are interested in purchasing the lights. Terry is opposed to selling the lights to a club team, but there is also an Area Director at San Gabriel Mission School, which is a girls’ private school, but there is a concern that they can’t pay very much.
  - Discussion suggests that donating them to the San Gabriel Mission School, provided they can move them, would be the best option to keep with our mission.
  - Shanti moved to donate the lights, and Dan seconded the motion, which received unanimous support from the board.
  - \$7,100 per light tower and we need to see if the City of Pasadena will let us store them in the Block House, but there are concerns that we can’t really use them for Area H in January and February, which limits when we can use them. Might want to see if it makes more sense to rent fields that have permanent lights, so we can wait until August/September before making a well informed decision. Need about six weeks lead time to have them for November.
  - Rolf and Patrick will draft and email to the City of Pasadena.
- Regional Policies
  - Last updated in 2020, so it’s time to revisit some of the rules.
  - Need to have all of our policies listed in the document; need some updates. Harry, Brandi and Matthew will review the current document and edit it accordingly.

- The updated document would be presented at the March meeting and hopefully it can be approved by the start of April as registration is beginning for the fall.
- The updated copy can then be sent to the AYSO national office.
- May want to get tournament coaches together to discuss policies and guidelines to keep everyone unified and in agreement.
- Palisades Region is interested in having a shared Sunday event with AYSO 13, which might include LA Galaxy or Angel City to give the players a chance to come together. There was support across the board for this event!
- LAFC season tickets were renewed. Will send out spreadsheet to the board. LA Galaxy season tickets were also purchased.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm. The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Scott