

Region 121 Board Meeting Agenda
February 2, 2010 / Tuesday
Arroyo Elementary School – 225 Ulysses St.
Commissioner Russell Platamone – 805.791.6333

Attendees: Crystal Barlow, Chris Boynton, Jamie Carter, Ken Crowle, Alison Enos, Jim Fleckenstein, Kambria Fortuna, Leonard Hendricks, Keith Krasnigor, Bob Lang, Concetta Langford, Eric Marnoch, Dan Mason, Matt Matter, Alain Missoul, Mary Morrissey, Russell Platamone, Cheryl Platamone, Brian Ring, Karyn Ring, Jayna Rose, Danny Sison, John Tone, Roger Weiss, Cammi Hardy.

7:00pm Arrival and dinner/dessert prepared and served by Cheryl Platamone

****Birthdays announcements:** Crystal Barlow, Concetta Langford, Annette Morgan, Jamie Carter.

Meeting called to order by: Russell S. Platamone at 7:30pm

Approval of November minutes- Chris Boynton motioned to approve and Alison Enos seconded the motion. Minutes approved by board vote.

Welcome to any new board members/visitors – Cammi Hardy taking over in U14 Boys Division.

Commissioner Update: Welcome. Leonard Hendricks will be running this meeting while Russell talks with different members on their positions. Update by commissioner - AYSO Facebook page launched today for quick information – Herbalife is out as a sponsor and National Headquarters will be moving their offices next year. There could be a \$1 to \$2 increase in national fees depending on the impact of losing Herbalife and having to move. Concern for a possible increase in national fees do we want to stay with our \$10 reduction cost for this fall. Roger's concern was to have enough players in the range of 1,600 to 1,800, which would make up for any increase in national fees. Roger felt if we watch our money we would be fine. The voted on reduction from last month is going to stay in place, which is \$80 per player and \$60 for additional players in the same family. Russell mentioned he would be at a Recreation and Park District meeting to go ahead with a cooperation plan with the park and school district in making Berylwood Elementary part of our permanent playing fields. Russell mentioned he was going for the complete use of the fields and would see what the school district would agree too. Russell is hoping for new fields. Russell wants to get football and baseball off the fields but that is going to be a large battle. If we are going to donate \$60,000 to \$90,000 in improvements we want full use of the fields. In regard to practice fields on the elementary schools, there have been problems with principals wanting to refuse permits because of the treatment they receive from parents, coaches and players. I am going to assure the principals if there are any major problems with members of our organization they will be removed.

Soccerone wants to submit a bid for this falls uniforms, which I informed them, would be completely acceptable and they could speak with Karyn Ring on that subject. Leonard said that the Kickers organization received some incredible prices recently from Soccerone. Russell mentioned Soccerone

could possibly give a better quality but the price might be higher than Score. Jaime Carter mentioned she just threw out her son's jersey for this year because he wasn't going to wear it anymore and the quality from Score was very good. Alison feels the uniforms for fall were okay from Score but would like to have a higher quality for teams that go on to participate beyond the normal fall season. She was not impressed with the quality from Score. Russell mentioned we could go with the company that gave us the most for our money.

Spring Season Meeting: Leonard wanted to know if there are enough members to help out. A show of hands indicated there were enough volunteers. Leonard asked for a secretary to send out emails and Alison volunteered. Leonard asked Mary to send out the list of teams for spring. Mary indicated we have 10 – U6 Boys: 10 – U6 Girls: 8 – U8 Boys: 10 – U8 Girls: 6 – U10 Boys: 8 – U10 Girls: 4 – U12 Boys: 4 – U12 Girls. The U14/U16 divisions will be discussed later. Russell mentioned maybe playing against Simi Youth Teams. Mary indicated a total at this time is 475 players.

In regard to coaches Crystal indicated we have U6 Girls have nine coaches confirmed, the U6 Boys are full. Also U8 Girls are full, U8 Boys is 7 out of 8 teams, U10 Girls 6 out of 8 needed, U10 Boys 4 out of 6, U12 Boys and Girls not confirmed at this time. U16/19 are still up in the air. Mary mentioned we need at least 4 teams in each division to have competition. Crystal advised that many of the coaches have not returned calls or emails in the U12 division. The lack of coaches is a real concern. There is also a lack of coaches in the U14 divisions. Crystal mentioned there is a coach clinic this Saturday.

Field set up by the U14/U16/U19 tournament teams to line the fields prior to games and then half way through line them again. The parents will paint the fields each morning. Roger mentioned the lining of the fields is \$500 donations to each tournament team that accomplishes this assigned. Leonard wanted the dates we are painting the fields for the first time. Chris indicated the Thursday before the opening games. We need to paint by March 4. The times are a struggle as the players are still in school during the week. Keith asked if we had a company come out and paint the fields. Roger said yes but we wanted to donate that money to the tournament teams instead. Crystal said she would work it out with her team, Ken Crowle felt it was better to set down the base paint on the Saturday before the games and then come back out on Thursday to freshen the lines. And after a few weeks the tournament teams will come back and repaint the lines. Keith wanted to know when we disband the teams that do not have coaches. Alison stated we would keep trying to find a coach for the teams that do not have a coach. Chris mentioned we could do a one on one to train a coach when one is found. Roger said we need to call all the parents on the teams without a coach and find out if someone can coach. Leonard asked if we have the equipment to paint the fields. Dan Mason said we have everything. Brian Ring will check on all the dimensions of the fields. Leonard wanted to know the scheduler. It would be Jeff McClure or Shawn McCormick. Ken Crowle is going to be the referee scheduler. Karyn Ring has ordered uniforms. Score gave first aid kits and pumps, us the coach bags for free ball and disc cones were ordered. We also got whistles and lanyards for free.

Crystal confirmed the coach meeting for Feb. 11 at the Boys and Girls Club with a 6:30 set up time and leave by 9pm. Several board members will be there to handle the meeting. Those scheduled are Leonard, Mary, Alison, Alain, Crystal, Russell, Keith, John, Jamie, Concetta, Jayna and Danny.

Coach clinic is scheduled for Feb. 6 at Arroyo Elementary. Alain said he would be there as the CVPA. Russ will open and bring the food and projector. Alison and Leonard will bring the coach manuals and teaching materials. U6, U8 and U10 coach certification can be done on line but you have to attend a field-training course for U10 division. Mary and Alison will supply food.

Bob Lang mentioned Uniroyal Tire contacted him that they still have soccer balls and with a coupon, parents can receive free balls. Bob said he would look into getting coupons for the coach meeting so we could pass them out.

Leonard asked for help to solve the lack of any coaches for the U12 Division. We need eight coaches and all coaches must be adults to coach. Minors can be an assistant coach only. Alison stated we need to contact every parent on each team. Brian Ring suggested if we cannot get the coaches could we do the U12 division as a festival jamboree playing like the U14 and U16 divisions. Leonard stated that would be a great back up instead of disbanding the teams. We should still try to get coaches.

U14/U16/U19 Divisions: Roger said there could be many interpretations on the and we need to get more players signing up because many have work or other engagements and you never know which players are going to attend the game. To do soccer fest play some of the U16 players come out for a couple of games, which include the U19 players, and then they become intimidated and stop coming. Scott Taylor has said to keep the divisions separate and if some of the U16 players ask to play with the older players then they would be allowed too. Roger also mentioned we have to advertise this information and then we probably would have more players signing up. Another idea is to contact all of our U16/U19 fall coaches and give them this information to pass on to their players. Roger advised we have 27 kids signed up right now in both U16/U19. We will get more sign ups once high school soccer ends. Keith mentioned with such a small number maybe it isn't worth having. Crystal stated the U19 players, which are in the minority, usually play easier and take it easy on the U16 players. Chris agreed.

Everyone had suggestions but the final path will be established when we know the number of players and coaches we get in the next few weeks. Chris stated he has never seen a problem with soccer fest playing with the U16/U19 teams during the spring season.

Cheryl stated the trophies have been selected with a small trophy with the soccer dude on top, which is the same top the fall players received. All participants will receive participation trophies.

Leonard also suggested we get warm up suits for the board members for the fall season.

Leonard also acknowledged the birthdays for the month.

New Business: - Keith and Matt mentioned the referee clinics, which are scheduled for Feb. 19, & 20 for the basic referee class and Feb. 27 & 28 for the U6/U8 class. They were making up flyers to be handed out to the coaches at the coaches meeting.

Keith and Alain asked if we could discuss the flex program. Leonard stated we needed to wait to meet with Jim Lyon, commissioner of Region 4, to get more information. Leonard did mention we are going to

keep it on a small scale at the beginning and then increase over the years. There is a fee of about \$450 per player. Leonard said the participating coaches and he are going to a meeting the next day to get more information.

8: 45pm Leonard concluded the spring season meeting

9:00pm Meeting Adjourned by Russell Platamone