

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

**Attendees:** Crystal Barlow, Chris Boynton, Jamie Carter, Ken Crowle, Jim Fleckenstein, Cammy Hardy, Concetta Langford, Matt Matter, John Meeker, Alain Missoul, Mary Morrissey, Russell Platamone, Cheryl Platamone, Brian Ring, Karyn Ring, Jayna Rose, John Tone, Roger Weiss.

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

**\*\*Birthdays announcements:**   Jennifer Lang and Leonard Hendricks.

**Meeting called to order by:**   Russell S. Platamone at 7:26pm

**Approval of February minutes:** Brian Ring motioned to approve and Chris Boynton seconded the motion. Minutes approved by board vote.

**Commissioner Update:** Welcome. If you receive email please respond and don't ignore. If you are overwhelmed ask for help from board members. UK Summer Camps are scheduled July 12 to 16 and Aug. 16 to 20. In regard to board training, Kim Pagliarli will be at April meeting to bring everyone up to date on their status. Also if you have not yet taken the Basic Class please do so. Road Shows are coming up. The National 121 RIF, a board list given to national, is complete to this point and everyone has rights assigned to him or her in relation to their position.

We will be putting together a certification sheet on all the coaches to carry over into each year so we have on record their certification and safe haven.

If you can't complete your job please ask for help. If you cannot attend a meeting and it is important in your job description to relate information at that time, it will be required you submit an email with an update a couple of days after the meeting.

All department heads will inventory the items in their department and submit them to Roger and myself so we don't duplicate inventory, which wastes money. In the area of training and office supplies, we need to know what we have before we order more.

Fall registration is beginning and Mary will cover that in a few minutes. We launched our Giving Back To Schools program today with a donation of \$500 of paper goods, (Kleenex, paper towels and toilet paper) to Township Elementary. The principal and supervising custodian was extremely pleased and thankful for the donation. The principal acknowledged this was the first time any athletic organization has given back and said thank you like this. We have an additional eleven schools to complete over the next two weeks. The donation stickers were shown to the board that go on each donated item.

An update on the Berylwood Elementary School improvement project is moving forward with the cooperation of AYSO, Recreation and Park District and the School District to improve the playing surface of the fields for the U8 Division.

Patricia Howard will be presenting the bids she has acquired for picture day at the April meeting.

Russell asked the referee staff to start planning classes for the fall season. Same for the coach training.

**Registrar Update:** Mary Morrissey advised spring is ready to go and we have all our coaches. We have approximately 517 players. Crystal mentioned we have to hand out game cards to the coaches. Concetta asked if we have a cancellation procedure. Russell advised it will be on the website and the Recreation and Park District will make the decision when to close the fields. They will notify use by 7am on Saturday morning and if the rain is heavy on Friday they will notify us of the cancellation.

The fall registration dates are April 21, from 6pm to 9pm, April 24, 9am to 12pm and May 1, 9am to 12pm and Mary asked everyone to be there to help. Advertising consists of flyers for the schools, Recreation and Park Reporter, postcards to the homes. Mary also mentioned this weekend board volunteers could renew their registration for 2010.

**Coach Update:** Crystal Barlow - All coaches are ready for spring.

**Referee Update:** Ken Crowle - Referee classes the past weekends showed 19 attendees. This weekend will be tight for referee's do to Section Play and Downey Tournament.

Russell mentioned the instructors who put on coach/referee classes could accept volunteers by reading and understanding pages 27 and 28 of the Child and Volunteer Protection Advocate manual. All volunteer forms must be filled out completely, signed and a driver's license presented to the designated acceptor. The important areas to be filled out are the name, social security number, and date of birth and drivers license with expiration date. The final area is at the bottom where there are two questions in regard to being arrested that must be checked yes or no and the form signed and dated. We have to make it easier for volunteers to be able to sign up.

Concetta asked with the computer rights if the division directors could have access to the I.D. numbers of the coaches and referees for reference and being able to get the info for those volunteers. Russell will be working on that question.

Jim Fleckenstein asked if Dave Hiatt could return to refereeing. Russell advised Jim to meet with the referee staff of Region 121 and the Area Referee Admin. Steve Cooper to discuss what actions the referee staff would like to do and he would support the decision.

**Financial Report:** Roger Weiss – we are in the red \$3,447. We have spent more this year than in any previous year for many new items and especially for the UK Coaches. We have more bills to pay in regard to spring uniforms, trophies, field permits and national fees. The other two costs are advertising for the fall season and school donations. We could soon be 12,000 in the red but we have plenty in the CD's as backup. It is just the fiscal year that is showing the red. We will be putting together the next year's budget and Roger said he would be sending out an email to ask about each department's idea of spending for 2010. Also we will need an inventory of major items we have in the region.

**Action Shooters Update:** – Brian Ring – We have had action shooters working on our fields for sometime now but we just received the donation check from them from the fall season. Also the amount due for the New Years Tournament has not yet been submitted and they say they are having financial problems. The amount is \$100. The owner said he would pay the amount. Brian is concerned over their financial problems and wanted to bring this information to the attention of the board and ask if everyone would still like to have them at the fields. Chris Boynton asked if they are doing a good job. Brian indicated Danny Sison does not like their quality. Other people have mentioned they were fine and others did not think so. Roger mentioned if he is having problems selling his product that might be an indication that the product is not selling doing to poor quality. He also mentioned two years ago they showed up for two of the three days and did not have any type of banners or advertising showing they were there. Jayna Rose mentioned she has seen pictures from teams that featured only one player with the most pictures and the other players were left out. Brian wanted to mention the video company that was at our tournament did a lot more business than action shooters. Russell mentioned we should look into other companies that

might do a better job. Brian did not want to stop doing business with them because of the long relationship we have but wanted input from the board on a decision. Roger stated the video company might be competing with the still photographers and with money scarce the video company might be taking away from Action Shooters. Brain said he asked both if it was a problem they both were competing and both said there was no problem. Russell asked the board an opinion and not many responded. Russell at that point said the subject would be placed on hold until more info could be gathered and to see if action shooters will survive. Roger mentioned the quality of the product is very important for our tournament reputation and if they do a great job and people remember the NYT has a great photographer than that is more important than getting \$100 back from the vendor.

**Presentation by John Meeker:** John presented a 5 page printed resume on a coach from Simi Valley High School who is 78 yrs, a member of the US International Team in the fifties and sixties, played in 3 world cup teams, founded the Los Angeles Soccer Club and many other accomplishments in the sport of soccer. John proposed a scholarship fund for a high school player in the amount of \$200 to \$1,000 that would be administered by Region 121 each year. The scholarship award would be in the name of this gentleman Al Zerhusesn. John said he is working on a tribute to Al that would take place at the Reagan Library and if this scholarship was approved it could be presented in the program.

The majority of the board thought the idea was good but wanted the scholarship in the name of AYSO or someone who was part of the AYSO team.

Russell advised the board to take the request under consideration and send an email to him in the next week about their feelings and suggestions on the topic.

**New Business:** Russell and Cheryl thanked the board for the appreciation gift to Ojai. They both had a great time.

The flex program was mentioned and Russell said the coaches and staff have been selected and will be having some meetings during the next week and when the program is put in place the information will be presented to the board.

We need volunteers for the opening day of spring around 7 to 7:30am. The field layout is complete and painted by the tournament teams. The goals, trash cans, painters, food and drinks are ready to go.

8:52pm Meeting Adjourned by Russell Platamone