

AYSO Board Meeting Minutes – June 7, 2025

8628 Utica Avenue, Suite 800, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 pm

**PRESENT:** Nancy Cooper, Louis Palafox, Mark Cummings, Ivan Monso, Charlie Kinsey, Chris Scott, Jeff Gaines, Ari Ruiz, Lisa Smith, Cynthia Rodriguez, Richard Pietrasz, Kevin Harris, Lisa Owens, Pat Smith, Terri Smith, Rosalind Morton, Dorian Valdez, Arnulfo Vivas, Marilyn Santana, Ismael Gonzalez, Thomas McNabb.

**PRESENTATIONS:** none

**APPROVALS:**

The minutes for the May 2025 board meeting were approved on motion by Ari Ruiz, seconded by Lisa Smith without opposition.

The region financials for the month of May 2025 were approved on motion Cynthia Rodriguez, seconded by Richard Pietrasz without opposition.

Travel teams: Terri Smith has closed all the budgets for the teams except two. All teams are finished for the season except those going to the National Games end of July which should close by August 1.

Adult League: Ari reported the summer league is going well with 40 registered players and 36 steady players attending each week. More referee help is needed due to multiple fields being used.

**REPORTS:**

COACH: Mark gave his final report as Coach Admin. He reports there were less incidents this spring than usual, coaches are staying up to date with their badges. 14B seem to be retaining most of their coaches into Fall. Everyone thanked Mark for all his hard work as Region Coach Admin.

REFEREE: Joey reported he is waiting further guidance from Area/ Section on the new abuse policy. He is expecting lots of Due Process hearing so we should have panels ready to hear them.

REGISTRATION: Kristine reported Fall registration has 1266 players so far, they need to verify birth certificates and are still reaching out to parents to register their child not themselves.

UNIFORMS: Ari reported he has ordered coach shirts in Navy blue from national coach project. He is worried with registration numbers low as of now ordered more uniforms than needed. The region logo and ayso logo on each uniform. Extra uniforms arrive next week, except the U16's that have not yet been ordered. Ari asked we change the uniform delivery time to accommodate the coach field session that same day.

EXTRA: Mike is on vacation so Nancy reported that all teams done except the 3 teams going to the National games. There was a parent incident over the weekend which will be dealt with based on new referee abuse policy.

SELECT: Pat said the season is going well with few issues, most teams are putting less into the Memorial fund this year due to low fundraising and sufficient balance in the account.

SPARKS: Marilyn indicate there are 49 registered so far. Season will run Sept 5<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> for 8 sessions. The Parent meeting will be Aug 20<sup>th</sup>.

EPIC: Cynthia reports she has 48 players registered so far, but will reach out to more past players and will start practices in August, Ari needs the uniform count by July 18<sup>th</sup>.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT: Dorian indicated they are working to coordinate dates for Fall.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Summer camps: Charlie reports we had 60 kids and coaches were late to show up but it all seemed to sort itself out. The Elite camp for Friday had low numbers.

NAGM: Nancy reported on NAGM went okay, the weather was cold and rainy but the Kansas city soccer game was lots of fun. The play soccer was well attended and the kids loved the goodie bags, especially the soccer trading cards. Two new National board members were elected, and long time member Margie Close lost re-election. AYSO hired a lobbyist to try to amend the AED bill by proposing new language. Updates to come and implementation may be delayed to 2027. Will mention this at the sports activity committee meeting so see what other sports are doing. Lights charges are going up to \$10 hour in Sept.

Service pins will no longer come from the Ayso store but from SPI. Please let Nancy know your years of service so she can order pins for those who haven't received them.

GUIDELINE CHANGES: Guideline changes were voted on with the quorum being those present tonight and those who voted via email/ proxy.

Changes suggested and passed were: refund policy to be prorated after deadline; okay for teams to replace a practice with a scrimmage if no additional region resources used; the new Referee abuse policy to apply to all volunteers; increase U6 players to 9 per roster; wording corrected to add U3 and U4 to the section that read U5; setting select practice to start on Jan 1 with only fundraising and bonding before that date allowed; to not allow travel teams to use payment plans; change to require travel teams to help referee and monitor core games; change guidelines to allow for quorum at annual meeting to be by those present or by email vote or proxy.

Changes suggested that did **not** pass were: vote to allow travel teams to do self scholarships; to require “appropriate coach attire” wording be added to coach requirements;

Change to make some board positions non-voting passed for the following positions- assistant safety director, team activities and assistant team activities, sponsors, web systems, due process coordinator, player advocate, light coordinator, assistant player development. Vote on divisional support did not pass so remain voting positions.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

BOARD VOTE: All new members were voted and approved, with two candidates for RCA so the board voted that separate per the guidelines. Pat Smith was elected as the RCA. Other changes Rosalind stepped in as Team Activities; Mark moved to coach trainer, Ismael moved to 14B support.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

We got another lottery pick for National games, congratulations to the 14B Extra.

Appreciation dinner planning, please email Nancy any vacations.

Our AD needs all of our clinic dates for coach and referee to notify all regions of opportunities. Both Jane and Louisa are stepping down next year at the end of their terms, but Louisa may run for SD.

Beginning MY 2026 registration will go back to August 1 birthdates.

Expo will again be hosted by Section 1 and will be in Pasadena for 2026.

Super camp this year will be August 9-10.

Reminder to please upload receipts to Divvy within 7 days.

**OPEN FORUM:**

July board meeting TBD

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:06 pm