

AYSO Board Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2025
8628 Utica Avenue #800
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

CALL TO ORDER: 6:31 p.m.

PRESENT: Richard Arnold, Joey Catuara, Nancy Cooper, Mark Cummings, Jeff Gaines, Maria Gassner, Kevin Harris, Amanda Kim, Charley Kinsey, Thomas McNabb, Ivan Monso, Rosalind Morton, Lisa Owens, Louis Palafox, Shaun Perryman, Alexandra Rivera, Cynthia Rodriguez, Ari Ruiz, Marilyn Santana, Lisa Smith, Terri Smith, Arnulfo Vivas

APPROVALS:

Approval of January 2025 meeting minutes – Motion to approve by Ari Ruiz, seconded by Cynthia Rodriguez. Minutes approved.

Approval of December 2024 Region Financials – Motion to approve by Joey Catuara, seconded by Cynthia Rodriguez. December 2024 Region financials approved.

Travel Teams financial report – Terri Smith – All financials are approved except for one team.

Adult League financial report – Ari Ruiz – Registration recently opened. The new season begins March 8.

REPORTS:

Coach – Mark Cummings – The second training session is complete, but there was not a great turnout. Many coaches still need to get certified. March 1 is the final field session, and the Thursday before is the classroom session. Encourage coaches to attend. Coaches for uppers are all certified, and teams are coached. The incentive program did not work as planned, and it was more difficult than anticipated. The topic for spring at the mandatory coaches' meeting will be balanced teams and getting coaches to turn in ratings on time.

Referee – Joey Catuara – Referee classes will begin March 6.

Registrar – Rosalind Morton – Rosters for U10 girls, U12 boys, and U12 girls will be sent tomorrow to coaches who have completed certifications. Rosters for U10 boys will go out Saturday. Upper division rosters should be ready by Saturday. Remind double-head coaches they may get a roster for one division and not another if they haven't completed certification.

Uniforms – Ari Ruiz – Uniform distribution is March 1. 'lil Sparks and Sparks uniforms will arrive earlier so they can have their parent meeting on time. The parent meeting will be changed to February 26 in the Alta Loma Jr. High amphitheater. Flames uniforms went out to all the teams and look very nice with the patch on the sleeve. Uniform distribution is March 1.

Extra – Mike Gassner (Nancy Cooper reported in Mike's absence) – An email was sent to coaches to announce that applications are being accepted. Mike would like them due March 1 so the committee can meet in early March to review the applications and select the coaches. Tryout dates are to be determined to make sure there are no conflicts with other events. Teams did well in league.

Select – Terri Smith – Payment plan procedures were discussed. It was suggested that we use money from the Sweetland or Memorial Funds to finance players who need assistance. The intent is to repay the borrowed funds. Specific procedures should be included in the region's guidelines.

Sparks/'lil Sparks – Everyone on the waitlist was added. The first field session will be Friday March 7. 'lil Sparks is from 5:30-6:15 p.m. Sparks is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Beryl East 1. Volunteers are needed to help. The program will run seven weeks like the Core program. The Friday during Expo will be blocked out so a session may be added the Friday following Expo.

EPIC – Cynthia Rodriguez – As of February 2, there were 44 youngers and 21 olders registered. There are many new kids. Uniforms are ordered and will include black t-shirts and black shorts. Coaches will get shirts as well. She has pinnies for games. More volunteers are needed. Field sessions are Tuesday/Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at Beryl.

Player Development – Nancy Cooper will reach out to Dorian Valdez for more information and to find out if Challenger will be included.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Coach Vote #3 –Joey Catuara presented the spreadsheet with names for additional coaches in all divisions. There was little discussion. Jeff Gaines motioned to approve the coaches. Cynthia Rodriguez seconded. Coaches were approved.

RC Vote – Nancy Cooper's term as Regional Commissioner has ended. She has agreed to serve another three-year term. The board voted unanimously to allow her to serve another three years.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mandatory parent meetings –Meetings will occur February 11 to go over rules specific to age groups, fields, behavior, volunteering, and coaching. The times will be divided by age as follows:

6:30-7:15 p.m. - U6 and U8

7:15-8:00 p.m. – U10

8:00-8:45 p.m. – U12

Location is to be determined. Let Nancy Cooper know if there are specific topics you would like to be discussed for each age group.

New hoodies – Let Nancy Cooper know if you need a red hoodie or any other board member clothing.

OPEN FORUM:

Section 1 Expo – March 27-30 in San Diego. Approximately 20 people signed up to go. Hotel rooms are booked.

Arnulfo Vivas – Some teams had to switch practice fields and times due to blackouts at school fields.

Area B is having a tournament, and some of our teams are playing. They want to borrow two of our bownets.

Eight gift cards for a 22-ounce lemonade at Canes were distributed – courtesy of the Strykers.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:48 p.m.

Next meeting dates: March 5, April 7, May 6, June 2