

AYSO Board Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2025  
8628 Utica Avenue, #800  
Rancho Cucamonga CA

**Call to Order:** 6:32 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Nancy Cooper, Maria Gassner, Mike Gassner, DJ Yoder, Kristine Yoder, Joey Catuara, Patrick Smith, Teresa Smith, Jeff Gaines, Lisa Smith, Mike Cowan, Thomas McNabb, Richard Pietrasz, Kevin Harris, Amanda Kim, Louis Palafox, Lisa Owen, Arnulfo Vivas, Crystal Hernandez, Dorian Valdez, Rosalind Morton, Richard Arnold.

**Presentations:** none

**Approvals:**

Approval of February 2025 meeting minutes-Motion by Joey Catuara, seconded by Luis Palafox. Minutes approved.

Approval of January Region Financials-Motion by Richard Pietrasz, seconded by Joey Catuara. Financials approved

Travel teams financial report-Teresa Smith-She is working on everyone's February budget.

Adult league financial report- Uniform exchanges are underway. Spring registration for the adult league is now open. Games begin March 8.

**REPORTS:**

**Coach** (Mark Cummings)-The final training session was last weekend. Turnout was good. Most coaches got their field training completed. There may be one more makeup session for our region only. Mark will step down as coach administrator after Spring. The position will be available next fall. Kevin Harris will be taking over 14B.

**Referee** (Joey Catuara) There is a referee class this Thursday March 6. There will also be other local ones this week. The U8 division is weak on referees. We need to have discussion on how to recruit more referees for next Fall.

**Registrar** (Kristine Yoder) Coaches have their rosters and have contacted their players. We have exhausted all of the waitlist.

**Uniforms** (Ari Ruiz)-no report

**Extra** (Mike Gassner) Coach applications are closed. We had a record number of applicants. The coach vote is tonight. Tryout dates will be set. He will need many volunteers to help evaluate players.

**Select** (Patrick Smith) use of region paint and nets- He asked if we should paint the fields for scrimmages. Pricing was discussed. He would like input for guideline changes for when select teams can start playing. Most teams are doing well.

**Sparks/'lil sparks** (Mike Gassner/Marilyn Santana)-Practices start this Friday at Beryl East 1. There are 56 lil' sparks registered and 83 Sparks. lil' sparks practice from 5:30-6:15 p.m. Sparks practice from 6:30-7:30.

**EPIC** (Cynthia Rodriguez) EPIC started last week. They are planning to attend the Stryker game on March 23. EPIC plays on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Beryl East 1.

**Player Development** (Dorian Valdez) Spring dates are March 14 and 21 and April 4 and 14. We can set up a clinic on April 11 or April 23 if coaches want to run a session. He wants six per session. Location is Beryl East 2 on Friday nights.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

2025 National games will be at Irvine Great Park the last week of July. We were able to pick two more teams so we selected 14G and 16B. Now there is a total of four teams participating.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Grape Stomp update** (Lisa Smith) There are approximately 124 teams participating in Grape Stomp. She is concerned that there may not be a U19 division because only two girls' teams and one boys' team is registered so far. The tournament is the first weekend in April.

**New Divvy rules-** if you have a divvy region card, you must upload receipts within seven days. If you have to code in QuickBooks for transactions, you must do it within 30 days or we will get locked out. Some regions are abusing divvy cards. Remember, coach admin cannot use a divvy card to take couches out.

**Summer Camps** – Dates for summer camps are June 9-13, 23-27 and July 7-11 and will last three weeks instead of four because schools are revamping fields. Camps are also being offered in Upland and Fontana this summer.

**New Area Director and Section Director for 2025** -Louisa is resigning as area director. Jane Prado is also resigning as section director.

**West Torrance Soccer Academy or Club** warning-Beware of emails from this club out of Torrance or Los Angeles. A former RC has started his own league and is trying to recruit players. He is not affiliated with AYSO.

**Heritage equestrian bridge project** with the city begins in May for one year. The overflow parking area by the equestrian trail will be closed due to major construction and renovation.

**Two teams being recognized** by the Rancho Cucamonga City Council on March 19 at 6 p.m.at City Hall. 10G won area play and 16G EXTRA went undefeated the entire season.

**OPEN FORUM:**

**Section 1 Expo** – March 27-30- 17 people are registered. The National website has the agendas and classes posted.

Opening weekend is this weekend for spring season.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:29 p.m.

**Next meeting dates:** April 8, May 6, June 2