



AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION

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BURLINGAME AYSO BOARD MEETING MINUTES [DRAFT FOR APPROVAL]

Regular Meeting of the Board to administer 2020 Season in the time of COVID

DATE: August 24, 2020, 7:30pm-8:30pm

LOCATION: A Zoom with a view

PREPARED BY: Nick Skelton, Secretary

Attendees:

- Jacquie Haggarty, RC
- Alex Wong, Treasurer
- Duff Beach, Regional Coach Admin
- Niki Armstrong, Regional Ref Admin
- Jean Gordon, Registrar
- Gary Rainville, Uniforms
- Eliot Alfi, Regional Safety Director
- Jim Brogan, CVPA
- Bill Clifford, Webmaster
- Nick Skelton, Secretary
- Adam Glass, Spring Fields Coordinator
- Aleks Kruminis, Winter Select Coordinator
- Andrew Haskell, U16/18 DC
- Neil Chalasini, U14 DC
- Brian Anderson, U12DC
- Adam Glass, U12DC
- Chandra Lund, U7DC
- Jamie Russo, U7DC
- Christina Tsui, U10DC
- Trent Wright
- Rick Sandor, Referee Administration

1. Call to Order - meeting called to order at 7:30pm; attendees as listed above.
2. General Announcements
 - a. Approve Board slate for 2020-2021 season
 - i. First seven positions are core voting members
 - ii. All current board members are voting
 - iii. Duff proposed; Gary second; all present in favor
 - b. Approval of July 29th and August 12th meetings. Motion by Andrew; Niki second; all present approved
 - c. Area received a request from National to donate or provide a loan to the level of 10% of each Region's cash reserves. Alex and Jacqui to work of-line with the Area Commissioner to find out more details and figure out options and bring them back to the Board.
 - d. Anonymous letter sent to Margaret Glomsted (Burlingame City Council) raising issues about BSC the "summer camp program" specifically adherence to COVID-19 safety protocols. BSC has provided a rebuttal. In part due to the non-volunteer nature of BSC. DB: Even though AYSO is volunteer-based, we may not be immune to this type of feedback if we conduct a fall program.
3. Fall program planning

- a. Refining safety protocols
 - i. Need more specific guidelines for execution and training; subgroup needed to finalize procedures
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. Ball disinfection required by state guidelines for “shared equipment” (see [link](#)); AYSO is suggesting parents fo it and each player has their own ball
 - 2. Player - Coach ratio now much smaller. E.g. at U19 20 players, 2 coaches and 1 parent safety monitor. JB: 20 players is too many - too many opportunities for socialization even with 3 adults present. DB: for every activity, player positions will have to be clearly marked-out ahead of time making it easier to enforce distancing. AK: better off with smaller total pod size. GR: cap at 14 players and 2 coaches + 1 parent? JH: Field request will be half a field for each U16/U19 group. JH: proposal: U16/U19 cap at 14 ±2 coaches +1 volunteer; U12/U14: cap at 12 player +2 coaches and 1 parent.
 - 3. Parent participation at practices. Currently request parents to not be present to avoid also having to manage coaches. EA: limit to volunteers involved in practice. GR: they cannot be on the field but may want to be near to observe practice; have sternly worded guidance and ask monitors to remind parents to not gather or stay too close.
- b. Compliance and Enforcement
 - i. to be robustly developed, acknowledged and enforced
 - 1. Discussion of enforcement
 - a. JB: need to have rules clearly defined and consequences of not abiding by protocols. Parents will have to be notified if the protocols are not observed. JB: We should enforce a zero tolerance policy, especially WRT intentional socializing rather than chance lack of distancing during activity.
 - b. RS: If we approve the plan tonight, will the Board have to re-approve the final version or assume the working group will get it right? Final decision: committee to work on it; board to have final approval.
- c. Behavior out of AYSO?
 - i. Can we do anything officially as AYSO volunteers? We are responsible for the players until they are safely in the care of their parents. GR: Include drop off and pick up as part of the conduct agreement. AK “Parents must not “drop” players off at fields or AYSO activity without establishing contact with coaches. No child shall be left unsupervised after a practice or game. AYSO does not recommend that children walk or ride a bicycle home alone. However, when allowed, the Coach should secure a General Release form from the parent/guardian to ensure their approval. This includes allowing a child to carpool with another parent”
 - ii. Allow players from outside Burlingame? DB: no, the number is so small to not be important. EA: what about nearby regions that do not have a program? JH: limit to pre-registered players or families. JH: Priority given to coaches and volunteers then pre-registered participants then lottery
 - iii. Groups of players arriving in a car pool? To be considered by committee.
- d. Eliot Alfi tendered his resignation as Safety Director in light of the Board’s approval to proceed with a program for this Fall.

- e. U10 program?
 - i. largest group of players and not too many volunteers (pre-registration of enough players for 9 boys and 10 girls teams). May work with more volunteers. Program would be severely limited by the number of coach volunteers. AW: run a program of a size dictated by the number of volunteers? RS: success will depend on the coaches; we may need to turn some coaches away. Current plan is 9 players + 2 coaches + 1 parent volunteer. AK: would 7-9 year olds value skill-based training without social aspects and games? DB: 3:1 coach ratio should be able to work well; but make it clear that if distancing proves to be impossible then we are prepared to stop the program. JH field should not be a problem; we will find out tomorrow.

- 4. JH proposal:
 - a. Vote 1 (see [slides](#) for details)

JH move to proposal for U12 and above supported by safety and compliance protocol to be developed by a sub committee (protocol to be approved by Board) AW second.

 - i. yes = 14 voted to proceed
 - ii. no = Jim, Eliot, Chandra
 - b. Vote 2 (see [slides](#) for details)

Continue to explore of U10 program to see if we have enough coaches. AK: proposal to explore coach interest; AW seconded

 - i. yes = 13 others
 - ii. no = Jim
 - iii. abstain = Chandra
 - c. Call for volunteers AK, RS, others?
- 5. AK passes on thanks to EA for 20 years of service; Board echoed thanks to EA for his service.
 - a. Note: We will need a new safety coordinator (need to identify in 2 weeks and do training in 3 months)

MEETING END (at 9:30 PM)