

# REGION 41 AYSO

## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **November 11, 2018**

The monthly Region 41 AYSO Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Regional Commissioner Chris Connelly at 6:05 p.m. The meeting was held at Fratello's Restaurant, located at 31371 Niguel Road, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677.

In absence of objection, Chris Connelly served as Chairman and Secretary of the meeting. Chris Connelly noted that four (4) of seven (7) Executive Board Members were present, including himself, Derek Bartolome, Megan Valles, and Sumer Celaya, which constituted a quorum, so Region business could be discussed. In attendance also was board-members-at-large, Lissette Bartolome, Rick Kovach, Steve Hormuth, Dinny To, Megan Keller, and executive board member Jason Roxby, who arrived at 6:21 p.m.

The minutes from the previous board meeting on October 14, 2018 were reviewed. Upon the motion of Derek Bartolome and seconded by Lissette Bartolome, the minutes were approved.

Chairman Connelly provided the attendees with the October 2018 un-redacted Region 41 financial reports, which had been previously provided via e-mail. Following a review and discussion of the October 2018 financial documents, a motion to approve the financials was made by Steve Hormuth, seconded by Rich Kovach, and approved by unanimous vote.

### **AYSO NATIONAL, AREA & REGIONAL GENERAL ITEMS:**

Chairman Connelly notified the board of directors that a Region 84 parent, Fire Captain Mike Kreza, was intentionally killed by a motorist while he was riding his bike in Mission Viejo and that a GO Fund Me page had been set-up to support his family. Chairman Connelly recommended that the Board approve a donation to be made to the family. Following a lengthy discussion, the matter was tabled for further discussion at a later date.

Chairman Connelly then informed the board that the AYSO Western Expo would take place on March 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup> in San Diego, California. All board members and their families are encouraged to attend.

Chairman Connelly then notified the board that AYSO United is holding open practice tryouts throughout January at Laguna Hills, Rancho Santa Margarita, and the Great Park in Irvine. Specific tryouts TBD.

### **AYSO REGION 41 SPECIFIC ITEMS:**

- **Volunteer Appreciation Party**

The Board of Directors was reminded that the Fall 2018 Volunteer appreciation party will be held at Tapas restaurant on November 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Lissette Bartolome indicated that the current RSVP total was 15 people. In light of gift cards for volunteer youth referees, the board unanimously voted to host a laser tag party for these volunteers at Laser Quest prior to the Volunteer Appreciation Party.

- **10U End of Season Tournament**

Chairman Connelly reminded the board that referee coverage is still needed for this tournament.

- **2018 Tournament of Champions**

Chairman Connelly notified the board that Region 41 would be sending three teams to this Area tournament on December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> at Lake Forest Sports Park. Each team is required to provide 2 referees for their respective division tournament.

- **Season Review for 8U and Under**

Chairman Connelly noted the seasons for the above divisions were completed. Following a short discussion regarding the positives of the season and suggested improvements, the board agreed to adjust the schedule next season so that the teams did not have to play at the same time every week. This was particularly important for the teams that played their games later in the day. Games on Friday nights were also encouraged.

- **2019 Spring Season**

Chairman Connelly noted that 21 players were already registered. The first games will be played on March 2, 2019 and the season will finish in May. End of season tournaments are voluntary and are to be organized and paid for by each team. Chairman Connelly then asked if anyone was interested in becoming the Spring Coordinator. Megan Keller nominated herself. With no other nominations, the board unanimously voted to make Megan Keller the official 2019 Spring Coordinator.

- **2019 AYOS National Games**

Chairman Connelly notified the board that Region 41 had won an invitation for the B12U to play the National AYSO Games in Oahu, Hawaii in June and July 2019. Chairman Connelly indicated noted that up to 12 players could be taken, along with coaches and chaperons. The estimated cost of the trip would be \$25,000, which would have to be raised by the team. The Region would not pay for the trip. Following a lengthy discussion, it was determined that Region 41 would decline the invitation and not send a team.

- **Monthly Reminders**

Chairman Connelly reviewed AYSO six principals, and reminded the board members that they, as well as coaches, should always set a good example and conduct themselves appropriately at all times. Chairman Connelly also reminded the board that we are fiduciaries and must spend the region money wisely. Finally, Chairman Connelly asked that the board members always be kind and smile during AYSO activities.

- **Board Member and Division Reports**

Marketing Director, Lissette Bartolome, indicated she would like to have an assistant for Marketing. No other reports were offered.

- **2019 Season Tickets for OCSC**

Chairman Connelly asked if the board was interested in renewing the season tickets for the Orange County Soccer Club. Following a short discussion, the board voted unanimously to renew the OCSC season tickets.

- **Open Board Positions**

Chairman Connelly indicated he still needs a Secretary, which is an executive board position.

- **Adjournment**

Chairman Connelly asked if there was any other business. There was general discussion regarding Region 41 participating in the Laguna Niguel Holiday parade in 2020, but the matter was tabled to a later date. Derek Bartolome also indicated that a new banner was needed at Chapparosa Park. This mater was taken under advisement by Chairman Connelly. No other business being raised, Steve Hormuth moved that the board meeting be adjourned, seconded by Sumer Celaya, and carried unanimously. Chairman Connelly adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

*Chris Connelly*

Chris Connelly, Regional Commissioner

January 28, 2019

Date