

# REGION 41 AYSO

## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**October 14, 2018**

The monthly Region 41 AYSO Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Regional Commissioner Chris Connelly at 6:06 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 Rod Robinson, which constituted a quorum, so Region business could be discussed. In attendance also was board-members-at-large, Lissette Bartolome, Juan Perez, Don Tarzia, Dinny To, and Nader Kalantari, who arrived at 6:42 p.m. Also in attendance was region guests Steve Hormuth, and Rich Kovach.

The minutes from the previous board meeting on July 14, 2018 were reviewed. Board member, Derek Bartolome, notified the board that the minutes incorrectly indicated that former board member, Chris Bouma was in attendance at the July 14, 2018 board meeting. Chairman Connelly indicated he had meant to identify current board member Chris Bouma in the minutes, rather than Chris Bouma, and that he would change the minutes to reflect this change. Upon the motion of Rod Robinson and seconded by Megan Valles, the minutes were approved with the recommended name changes by unanimous vote.

In absence of Region Treasure, Darryl Ross, Chairman Connelly provided the attendees with the September 2018 un-redacted Region 41 financial reports, which had been previously provided via e-mail. Following a review and discussion of the September 2018 financial documents, a motion to approve the financials was made by Rod Robinson, seconded by Megan Valles, and approved by unanimous vote.

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

Chairman Connelly notified the board of directors that AYSO National would be increasing their membership fee to \$20, up from the current \$17.50., and that the Area 11L Tournament of Champions for 12U & 10U will be played on December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Chairman Connelly also indicated that the Orange County Soccer Club had offered Region 41 tickets for the upcoming play-offs on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, & November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Following a discussion amongst all attendees, board member Derek Bartolome moved that Region 41 move forward with the purchase of the tickets, Rod Robinson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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

- **Open Board Positions**

Chairman Connelly noted that the region needed the following board positions filled: Secretary, Treasurer, Region Referee Administrator, Award/Trophy Coordinator, Scheduler, Volunteer Coordinator, and Field Prep Coordinator. Chairman Connelly indicated that current region coach, Sumer Celaya, had indicated her desire to be named region treasurer, and nominated her as such. Chairman Connelly then asked for additional nominations. Hearing none, Chairman Connelly called for a vote, and Sumer Celaya was elected region Treasurer by unanimous vote.

Juana Perez indicated her desire to be named award/trophy coordinator, Steve Hormuth indicated his desire to be named region scheduler along with his wife Rosalee Hormuth, and Rich Kovach indicate his desire to be

named field prep coordinator. Chairman Connelly accepted these nominations and asked for additional nominations. Hearing none, the board preceded to a vote on these positions and all the aforementioned individuals were unanimously elected to their respective positions.

- **Silent Saturday**

Chairman Connelly asked for feedback regarding Silent Saturday. All in attendance agreed that it was a positive experience and that they had heard from many parents and coaches that they had enjoyed the experience as well. Newly elected field coordinator, Rich Kovach recommended that coaches of the younger kids should be able to verbally coach during the game when the kids start having trouble staying focused. All in attendance agreed and also agreed to clarify and publish this exception at the next Silent Saturday.

- **Opening Day/Picture Day**

Chairman Connelly then asked for feedback regarding Opening/Picture Day. All were in agreement that the Opening Day was a tremendous success and applauded the efforts of board members Lissette & Derek Bartolome. All were also in agreement that the Yary team pictures were fantastic, but that they should be moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the season, given the fluid nature of teams at the beginning of the season.

- **Board Member Responsibilities**

Following a pop-quiz regarding the 6 AYSO principals, Chairman Connelly reminded the board that they, and the coaches, must set the proper example for all Region 41 families and players. Chairman Connelly also reminded the board of its fiduciary responsibility regarding the money it controls for the region, and that we must always act responsibly and with total transparency. To this end, Chairman Connelly reminded the board that it is required to post all board agendas, minutes, and financial reports to the Region 41 website monthly.

- **Recent Region 41 Purchases**

Chairman Connelly then reviewed the recent Region 41 purchases, as follows:

- Fall 2018 Trophies for all Region 41 teams
- Two 10U Bownet Goals
- 11 8U/7U/6U Bownet Goals (one more goal is needed)
- 60 cases of white field paint

Chairman Connelly indicated that these purchases had been approved at a previous board meeting, but asked if anyone objected to these expenditures. Hearing no objections, Chairman Connelly then proposed that the region not renew its US Storage space, the lease for which will conclude in January 2019. Chairman Connelly indicated that the City of Laguna Niguel provided storage bins should be more than enough for the Region equipment and various miscellaneous items. Following a short discussion, the board unanimously directed Chairman Connelly to not renew the storage lease when it expires.

- **Region 41 End of Season Division Tournaments**

The board then discussed end of season tournaments. After a short discussion, the board unanimously agreed to hold such a tournament for only the 10U division on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup>. It was also agreed that should the B12U teams finish the season with similar records, a one game play-off will be played November 10<sup>th</sup>.

- **2018 Spring Season Update**

Board Member Megan Valles notified the board that Spring 2019 season registration is up and running. All were instructed to remind their teams and encourage them to register.

- **Board Member and Division Reports**

Marketing Director, Lissette Bartolome, indicated she had received interest from Jamba Juice and Crispy Crème as potential sponsors, but that talks were still very preliminary. She also indicated the Disney and AYSO National are negotiating a potential national sponsorship agreement. She also indicated that she and Derek needed help at the AYSO Boo Blast tent at Moulton Elementary School on October 27<sup>th</sup>. All in attendance indicated their desire to help.

Chairman Connelly indicated that the 5U Schoolyard Program would conclude on October 27<sup>th</sup> as well, and that board members were needed to acknowledge the kids and their families and pass out trophies. Board member, Nader Kalantari agreed to lead the effort, and will be assisted by Derek Bartolome, Juana Perez, and Rod Robinson.

- **Player Evaluations**

Chairman Connelly indicated that player evaluations need to be completed for all registered players born in 2011 or later. The form and instructions will be the same as the previous year.

- **Fall 2018 All-Stars**

All-Star coordinator and board member Dinny To led the discussion regarding All-stars. Following a prolonged discussion, it was agreed by the board to form All-Star teams for B10U, G10U, and B12U only.

- **Extra Teams**

Extra Teams coordinator, Dinny To, was directed to begin looking creating Extra Play teams for 2011 players. He agreed to do so and report back to the board.

- **Volunteer Appreciation Event**

The board agreed that the Volunteer appreciation event will take place Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> for adult volunteers only. A separate youth appreciation event will be held at a later date. Marketing Director, Lissette Bartolome, was directed to find potential locations.

- **New RC**

Chairman Connelly indicated it is time for him to take a big step back and begin training a new regional commissioner. He will not serve on the board beyond the conclusion of the 2020 Fall season.

- **Other Business**

Safety Director Derek Bartolome reminded the board of upcoming dates:

- AYSO Western EXPO in San Diego on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019;
- VIP Tournament in San Clemente on October 21<sup>st</sup>;
- Referee training on January 11<sup>th</sup> in Laguna Hills

Safety Director Derek Bartolome also indicated he had received a \$500 gift card from the app Band. Chairman Connelly noted that the Region was to be paid for its members registering with the Band app, not individual region members, and

instructed Derek Bartolome not to use the card until Chairman Connelly had had the opportunity to complete an investigation and determined the proper course of action

- **Adjournment**

Chairman Connelly asked if there was any other business. None being raised, Rod Robinson moved that the board meeting be adjourned, seconded by Megan Valles, and carried unanimously. Chairman Connelly adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

*Chris Connelly*  
**Chris Connelly, Regional Commissioner**

October 18, 2018  
**Date**