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**Region 572 Board Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2014**

Call to Order: The meeting was held at Sunburst Trout Farm Office, 314 Industrial Park, Waynesville, and was called to order at 7:05 pm by Audra Bowen. Present were Audra Bowen, David Ponder, Joe Reinman, Scott Clontz, David Bober, Kelly Hartzog, Anna Hampton, and Matt Janney.

Review of Previous Months Minutes: The minutes were approved as written by unanimous show-of-hands vote

Regional Commissioner Report: Audra stated that this was a bittersweet meeting because it marked the end of a great season. She was pleased that there were no major "parent drama", and that the groundwork for the new web site was completed. She said that 150 people had RSVP'd for the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation event. She said that by moving most of the weekly games to the Rec Center, we had saved enough money to pay for the event.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report of Expenditures was distributed, and reviewed. It was pointed out that AYSO National receives \$17.50 for each registered player from each Region. The report was accepted by unanimous vote.

Boys and Girls Commissioner Report: Scott Clontz discussed the importance of the Player Rating Form in constructing balanced teams in the following season. David Bober stated that the policy now was that coaches must turn in the completed Player Rating Form and Coach's bag (except for tournament coaches) before the their player pictures and awards were distributed to them.

Audra pointed out that this was the third straight meeting missed by Girl's Commissioner Gerard Ball. She stated that under the League bylaws, this constituted grounds for removal from office by majority action from the Regional Board. She then moved the Mr. Ball be removed from the Board, seconded by David Ponder. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

Regional Coaches Commissioner Report: David Ponder reported that most of the U12 coaches had already turned in their coach bags. He also said that all the coaches will team together to rate the U12 players at the last game. Dave will then submit the player forms. He said that in the rating process, the best player(s) in the division should rate around the 16-17 range, with all other players rated based on this. David reported that a U12 coaches training session is scheduled for October 26, for coaches who were moving up in age group. He also said that he recommended that all coaches take the AYSO CDC Concussion training. Audra pointed out that we were one of the few Regions in our Area where the concussion training was not mandatory. She also stated that by next August this training would likely be mandatory across for all of AYSO.

Regional Referee Administrator Report: Michelle Thacker did not attend, but reported that all of the Youth Refs were performing well.





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Registrar Report: Michelle Smith recommended that a Registration Committee of three to four people be set up to smooth the registration process. She said that a short training session would be held a week or two before registration to help prevent recurring issues common to previous registrations, such as not clicking the Accept field on the On-line Registration, not entering the Payment Type/Scholarship data, or completing the signature page at the end. She said that after August 1, National will only accept On-Line registration forms, and that we will try to comply with this policy in the upcoming spring registration. Michelle suggested a “computer shadow” for each registrant. Kelly Hartzog asked if the AYSO Registrar training would need to be completed to be on the Registration Committee. Michelle said it would be a good idea, and stated that the training was available via Webinar and at the Expo.

Safety Coordinator Report: Aimee Hoyle stated that there was only one incident reported this month. She also reported that she had accumulated gloves, gauze, and other supplies to replenish the first aid kits.

Child Volunteer Protection Advocate (CVPA) Report: Kelly Hartzog stated that there were only small complaints and nothing to report.

Division Commissioners Reports: David Ponder reported that U12 is losing one coach for next season. He also stated that if registration numbers allow it, he would like to split out the girls and boys into separate divisions. Scott Clontz reported that U10 Boys would lose one coach. Joe Reinman said that the U10 Girls were losing two coaches. U14/16 is standing OK, as is U18.

VIP Commissioner Report: Kelly Hartzog reported that the VIP program was “awesome”. There has been a request by Rec Center officials that we consider an indoor VIP winter season, which is under discussion. Kelly also said that the VIP volunteers will meet after the season to refine the program, based on the inaugural experience.

Old Business: End of season award alternatives remain under consideration.

Audra met with Anna Henderson, and completed the Treasurer’s training, and requisite signatures were obtained to add Anna to the accounts.

New Business: Audra discussed policy provisions of the “Concussion Letter” from National, including the request that local officials DO NOT speak officially on this topic, and that all Region player registration documents from 2000 to the present must be kept. Registration forms for all players must be kept until that player turns 21 years old. Aimee said that she has access to professional shredding equipment that can be used to destroy any older documents, if needed. David Bober stated that it is AYSO policy to discourage headers, and the training on the technique. Joe Reinman said that if a player is performing headers, then the proper method must be shown (but not practiced) to help reduce the possibility of injury. David replied that with the pending concussion lawsuits, it is National policy to not allow headers. David Ponder reminded everyone that each player form must have a “wet signature” to authorize medical care of the player if needed.





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Audra requested that all board members take the CDC concussion training now, and that it will almost certainly be mandatory next year.

Section Expo is registration deadline December 24. This event offers many important management training courses, such as Dispute Resolution, and Audra recommended that all board members take advantage of these. She also urged the Board to attend the upcoming Super Camp in Oak Ridge TN (Dec. 5/6) for additional training opportunities.

Audra announced that she is “passing the torch” for Christmas Party planning, and asked for volunteers. Dave Bober accepted this responsibility, and will find the venue and plan the event. The party will be held on December 12. AYSO will pay for Board Member attendance, only. Each member will have to pay their family.

Audra asked that the Board authorize a payment to cover costs to send our Regional Commissioner to the RC training in California, in the amount of \$625.00 (plus airfare, which will be reimbursed by National.) The request was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Because Audra will be at the RC training on November 14, preventing her from attending the next scheduled Board Meeting, she asked that the meeting be postponed until November 21. This change was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Audra reminded all of the Area Administrators that it is required that they have their Administrator Reference Book with them at all AYSO events. She also said that there will be an Administrator meeting scheduled soon.

Audra asked that the Board consider eliminating the concession stand at Allen’s Creek. She said that we are charged \$150.00 a year for use of the space, and that there is little profit returned. In addition, the difficulty in finding volunteers to man the concession stand make this a failing effort. She stated that we could pursue other means of raising additional revenue, such as selling soccer balls, practice T-shirts, or extra socks at registration. We could also sell drinks at games out of a cooler.

Audra introduced Matt Janney to the Board (U8 coach) and nominated him as a Board Member at Large. The motion was seconded by Dave Ponder, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Closing Remarks: Audra thanked everyone for their efforts and commended the Board on a great season. She then handed a pin to each Board Member.

Thought of the Month: Ever since I was a child I have had the instinctive urge for expansion and growth. To me, the function of a quality human being is the sincere and honest development of one’s potential. - Bruce Lee

