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**Region 572 Board Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2014**

Call to Order: The meeting was held at Sunburst Trout Farm Office, 314 Industrial Park, Waynesville, and was called to order at 7:03 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: Anna Hampton's name was corrected from Henderson, and the minutes were then approved by unanimous show-of-hands vote.

Regional Commissioner Report: Audra Bowen discussed Region 572's success at the recent Morristown tournament. Our U12 girls team were the U12G tournament champions, while the U12 boys represented the region well with their play. The U10 boys were tournament finalists. Our All-Star team also played well. She also commended the tournament officials for their flexibility in rearranging the schedule to accommodate our teams that were delayed by the weather. She also touched on the recent RC training event she attended in California, and would discuss in-depth under Old Business.

Treasurer's Report: Anna Hampton distributed the Treasurer's Report of Expenditures, which was then discussed. The *Storage 2 months* line item was explained as paying up through the end of the year. The AT&T debit was a payment for two months. The debit amount for a past due uniform bill from the spring season was determined by applying a \$700 credit which reduced the bill to \$607. The report was accepted by unanimous vote.

Boys and Girls Commissioner Report: Scott Clontz had nothing to report

Regional Coaches Commissioner Report: David Ponder discussed the success of our "homegrown" U12 tournament, and the great support that all of the volunteers gave to make this effort a success. He suggested that the Region formalize and expand this to all divisions. It was decided to move this forward for discussion next season. David also plans to hold a coaches meeting to discuss various issues before the start of the next season.

Regional Referee Administrator Report: Michelle Thacker commended the Youth Referees this season. She also discussed the Referee Rewards system, and made available her hand-written point records for the season just ended.

Registrar Report: No report. Michelle Smith was not present.

Safety Coordinator Report: Aimee Hoyle had nothing to report, stating that the only activity she had was processing two old incident reports.

Child Volunteer Protection Advocate (CVPA) Report: Kelly Hartzog had nothing to report.





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Division Commissioners Reports: The Division Commissioners had nothing to report.

VIP Commissioner Report: Kelly Hartzog said that nothing had been finalized about the VIP indoor games at the Rec. Center yet.

Old Business: Audra handed out the minutes of the Region Administrative Meeting held on November 3, and discussed various items:

- A second Assistant Regional Commissioner position was created, and Scott Clontz was appointed to this position, which will focus on Coaching Administration issues. David Bober will focus on Field and Referee issues. This change met with positive feedback from the Board.
- The Administrators decided that Division Commissioners can no longer represent the a division in which they have a child playing, due to conflict of interest appearances. This change will be implemented in the upcoming season.
- The Administrators also decided that they would like for Region 572 to participate in Club Level leagues. This issue is under consideration by National and Section and will be discussed at the Expo.
- All Administrators were encouraged to take leadership courses at Expo, and anyone attending should register at once since rooms were booking up fast.
- The New Parents Meeting will be changed to the Mandatory Parents Meeting, to introduce coaches, identify additional volunteers, and set standards for the season. Scott and David will plan this. Scott suggested that handing out uniforms at this time would encourage participation.
- David Bober will take over Referee Scheduling.
- The Administrators decided that each Board position should have an Assistant. Audra encouraged each Board member to find an assistant. Especially needed is an Assistant Referee Administrator.
- The region still needs a Fields and Equipment Commissioner.
- The new website is up and running. Scott will continue to add to it and refine it. The reaction from the Board: It Rocks!

Scott distributed a screen capture of the new website page that will be used by each ref to enter their game points. Unfortunately, current points cannot be added to the web page. The Ref Scheduling page is the only link to the old system, through CVI Sports.

Audra will provide a list of Areas where concussion training is mandatory later, and requested that all Board Members take this training. She recommended that we pursue making it mandatory for our Region over the next season. Amy stated that she thought that heat stroke training should also be mandatory, and pointed out that this training is available on the National web-site link. Audra expressed doubts that this training needed to be mandatory in our Region.

Audra passed out and discussed a number of handouts from the RC Training in California:

- Kids Zone Parent Pledge - will be distributed for signatures at the Mandatory Parent Meeting





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- Treasurer Report Card
- Registrar Report Card
- Player Development Review Plan - Online and Webinar training available and encouraged
- Referee Report - Numbers not accurate
- VIP Program Report
- Risk Management Handout

Audra also discussed a training video shown at the RC Training that focused on a typical U8 game during which there were 38 minutes of “mindless instruction” from the coaches, and only three minutes of positive comments. The video also pointed out that only one out of 157,000 players ever becomes a professional player, and to keep the focus on fun. Audra also commented about inappropriate behavior of an opposing coach at the tournament, and held this up as an example of how not to behave.

Five board members confirmed that they planned to attend the Winter Super Camp.

David Bober has arranged for the Christmas Party at Mandy Lou’s Cafe in Clyde (Near Mountain Medical on the right), who will provide a buffet, at 6:00 pm. Due to the size of the room, only Board Members will attend. He requested an RSVP by December 3.

There is an issue with the U10 Goals, which belong to the Rec. Center, but the nets belong to AYSO. The goals are not locked, which constitutes a liability issue. David Bober will meet with Donald at the Rec. Center to request that the goals be locked, or to provide AYSO a written ownership statement as a liability release.

The Board approved a motion that we discontinue using the Concession Stand at Allen’s Creek.

New Business: Audra proposed an initiative to reach out to preschools to recruit new players for AYSO.

Closing Remarks: Audra again encouraged everyone to participate in the Winter Super Camp and Expo.

Thought of the Month: Attitude is a reflection of Leadership. - Mark Stewart AYSO President

Adjournment: By motion at 8:45

