

**AYSO Region 710
Board Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2005**

Attending:

Lisa Morgan	Regional Commissioner
Tammy Bressemer	Assistant R.C.
Lisa LaPier	Safety Director & U-8 Boys Coordinator
Dennis Stoddard	Treasurer
John Morgan	Webmaster
Cathy Goodfellow	Soccerfest Director
Chris White	U-10 Boys Coordinator
Thomas Hatch	U-12 Boys Coordinator
Cherie Grime	U12 Girls Coordinator
Shannon Owen	U-10 Girls Coordinator
Jennifer Mustain	Regional Referee Admin.
Amanda Romano	Girls Coordinator

Craig Goodfellow
Sven Leff

Washoe County Parks & Recreation

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Public comment: none

Washoe County Parks & Recreation Discussion:

Concession Stand/Storage Discussion:

Washoe County will be building a concession stand and storage which will be completed early in 2006. The concession stand/storage will be located between the baseball fields and the upper soccer fields. The county is requesting a commitment from our region to man this concession stand. There is also the option to have storage available to the league at an approximate cost of \$72.00 per square foot. This facility will also have bathroom facilities open to the public.

Cost of concession stand would be appliances (for example: nacho machine, hot dog machine, refrigerator, freezer, etc...) and inventory (food items). On storage, the county would require 25% of the cost up front, by mid-August 2005 and the remainder upon completion of the concession stand/storage by approximately March or April of 2006.

In regards to the storage, the property and the building would be owned by the county. Sven Leff believed that a written agreement between our league and the county could be produced, but if the league violated any county rules/regulations, this contract could be void. Cal-Ripkin baseball has already committed to both the storage and concession stand and currently owns all the equipment necessary to operate a concession stand. There will only be room for one set of equipment; therefore, our league would either have to rent said equipment from Cal-Ripkin or purchase half the equipment at a depreciated value from Cal-Ripkin.

The expense and size of the storage is prohibitive. In order to store everything which this region inventories would require at least a 25' x 25' storage facility, which according to a meeting with Washoe County meeting held a week earlier would cost approximately \$45,000. We currently spend

\$900 per year for a slightly smaller storage facility; a 25' x 25' storage facility would cost approximately \$1300 per year. It would take the league 35 years to begin to recoup the cost of this storage facility. *A vote was taken on whether the league wants to invest in building storage at the North Valley's Regional Sports Complex. A motion was made by Dennis Stoddard to not make this investment, second by Lisa LaPier, all board members in attendance voted unanimously to eliminate discussion about storage at the North Valley's Regional Sports Complex.*

Several issues were brought up by the board concerning committing to the concession stand. The primary issue prohibiting a commitment to the county was the lack of volunteers available to man such an enterprise and the newness of the concept to our region. This region has never operated a concession stand and has no past management experience in operating one. It was felt by all the board members that perhaps the region must take baby steps in accomplishing this goal. This year, the region will sell bottled water and packaged snacks near the referee tent and through the ensuing years perhaps expand to a full blown concession stand. Our volunteer status ultimately is prohibitory since we were barely able to get enough coaches for all the teams this year. We fell 15 coaches short and had to scramble to attempt to fill those spaces in order to not have to issue refunds. There are also many key positions on the board at this time that are not filled, which is creating much work for the other board positions. In the future, when volunteer participation is not at a low, we may be able to approach Cal-Ripkin about the possibility of renting the equipment from them to have a concession stand operable in the future.

A motion was made by Gary Cole to decline the county's offer to commit this league to the full time and proprietary use, in conjunction with Cal-Ripkin, of the concession stand. Jennifer Mustain seconded the motion and all board members present at this meeting unanimously agreed with the motion.

John Morgan brought to Sven Leff's attention that this region would be interested in an outdoor fenced area, primarily designed to contain our goals during off season. The expense of such an area would be significantly less than an enclosed storage and our goals are designed to weather extremely well. Sven stated that he would look into such a proposal, first determining whether the county would allow such storage and the costs involved if they would. *A motion was put forth by Dennis Stoddard to continue discussion and pursuit of fenced in area with county. Motion seconded by Lisa LaPier, all board members present unanimously agreed.*

Anchors & Sandbags: Discussed with Sven Leff the possibility of utilizing anchors on our goals due to safety reasons. The county is still discussing and determining whether anchors will be allowed to be used to hold the goals in place. This discussion began to take place due to preventive measures by this league to make certain that no children are injured by a goal which may fall due to uncontrolled circumstances. The county was initially opposed to utilizing anchors due to maintenance of the fields; however, it is currently under evaluation due to recent events which need to be reviewed. Sven Leff will get back to us shortly on this issue.

A question was put forth to Sven Leff by Tammy Bressemer as to the type of material which may be utilized in the sandbags to weight the goals down. Sven felt that only natural materials may be utilized, such as sand or dirt, which if the bags broke open would be absorbed into the fields. He stated he would check with maintenance on this issue. In the meantime, this issue has been clarified and only material which can be absorbed back into the fields may be utilized.

Parking Issues: Tammy Bressemer asked Sven Leff about parking issues at the North Valley's Regional Sports Complex; requesting that the county specify where people may or may not park during the course of the season and more specifically during our Soccerfest event. Sven stated that the only areas that are off limit to parking are along the shoulder on the main access road into the park.

Soccerfest Report: Cathy Goodfellow

Soccerfest's budgeted amount is \$3,000; \$2300.60 spent so far. There has been another donation of \$500 towards Soccerfest contributed by an unknown source, who will need the IRS form. Cathy still needs volunteers for Friday and Saturday. They will also need more sun shades and ice chests.

Approval of June minutes:

Approval of minutes tabled until next meeting due to absence of the minutes.

Treasurer Report:

Financial report passed out, financials may be view on AYSO web site located at www.ayso710.org under "Regional Info."

Referee Administrator:

Region has certified 12 new referees. Interest in a youth referee clinic will be ascertained during Soccerfest by requesting sign-ups for a new clinic to be put on.

Question brought forward by Craig Goodfellow on the new policy of having U-8 goal keepers. A new AYSO National regulation is showing no goal keepers in the U-8 division. *A motion was made by Dennis Stoddard and seconded by Gary Cole to make an amendment to the "Regional Guidelines" stating a permanent amendment "AYSO Region 710 covering the North Valley's of Reno, NV has voted to include the goal keeper position in our U-8 Division and amend the Standard Regional guidelines to reflect this change." The board voted unanimously to approve this permanent change to the Standard Regional Guidelines.* This amendment would not be put into effect; however, until it was confirmed with National that the absence of goal keepers in the U-8 division was not a requirement, but a recommendation.

Lisa Morgan phoned Steve Close, AYSO National Programs, on July 22, 2005 at 11:45 a.m. and confirmed that the absence of goal keepers in the U-8 division was only a recommendation and that an amendment could be made to our Standard Regional Guideline to include goal keepers in the U-8 division.

Field and Equipment Director:

July 30th, Saturday, will be this regions field painting day. The region has made an agreement with the Adult league which utilizes the upper fields on Sundays and uses a full size field, that we will share these fields with regards to our U-12 and U-14/16 divisions. Both of our division will now use a full size field with regulation full size goals, in order to lessen confusion caused by crossing or confusing lines being drawn by having different size fields from the adult league. The adult league will send representatives on field painting day to help us draw out and paint the full size fields.

It has been decided unanimously by the board that there will be no field painting done on the O'Brien practice fields due to the associated costs, the cost of the paint and the lack of storage on the O'Brien field, since all job boxes have been moved to the NVRSC.

The board agreed to move the U-8 division to the entry area of the lower field, instead of having the U-6 division positioned in this area. It was felt that the U-6 division is safer from traffic by moving it to the back area, as well as the position goal lock up area needed for the U-8 division goals being closer to the upper area, requiring less movement of the goals in order to lock them up.

It was brought forward by the Equipment Director, John Morgan, that he would like to discuss and vote upon utilizing the AYSO Point System for Tournaments in our regional tournaments. *A motion was made by Dennis Stoddard, seconded by Gary Cole to use the AYSO Point System for all of our tournaments this year. The motion was passed unanimously by all board members who were present.*

Fundraising Director:

Linda Pierce, the Fundraising Director, e-mailed a status report on the current distribution of candy throughout the league. This region will be out of chocolate to distribute once final 9 teams' pick up their chocolate. *A motion was made by Dennis Stoddard, seconded by Gary Cole to not order any more chocolate, unanimously agreed to by all board members present.* If we order more, it will have to be 42 cases in order to receive no shipping costs. It was determined that the amount is in excess of what we expect to be able to sell.

Registration:

Registration is currently at 576 players. We expect approximately twenty more registrations from VIP which would bring our total up to last year's numbers. We are falling short 25 registration from the amount calculated in the budget for this year. Registrations continue to trickle in through the mail, so we may yet meet our budgeted goal.

A motion was made by Gary Cole, seconded by Cathy Goodfellow to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm