

Board Meeting of 9/20/07

1. Discussed Minutes from August's board meeting; no minutes presented
2. Banking and Financials: introduced Mary Harris who will start as Treasurer next year.
3. Pending issues: Dennis Stoddard and Jennifer Mustain
 - a. Chocolate fund raiser – about 110 boxes missing
 - b. Budget is tight and fees will have to go up next season
 - i. Football is \$150 (Pop Warner) or almost \$300 SYFL
 - ii. Cheerleading is even more expensive
 - iii. Last year Sparks 166 registration was \$125
 - iv. Last year our registration was \$95
4. Candy fundraiser: Shane Moore
 - a. Received 500 case (35 for free)
 - b. Have some pictures left to pass out
 - c. Pay candy bill when it comes in; usually 2 bills (toys & candy)
 - d. Toys have not been ordered
 - e. Flyers are out
 - f. Candy guy has been pretty good
 - g. \$10.90 will raise next year
 - h. May want to try a new fund raiser like cake night or a car wash
 - i. Cal Ripken Baseball each team brings a couple of cakes which are auctioned off; last year team logo cakes (i.e. "A's") went for over \$100 when 3 teams were bidding against each other
 - ii. Boy Scouts popcorn did really bad
5. Referees: Jennifer Mustain
 - a. Advance class in Sparks tonight and tomorrow night
 - b. This year there were 4 beginning referee classes
 - i. Have U-6 and U-8 who are really dedicated
 - ii. Going to have angry people at the end of the year when they don't qualify (i.e. lack of referee credits)
 - iii. Jennifer is certified to give a regional referee class
 - iv. Jennifer is going to Sparks tomorrow night to take the Advance test again; explained the difficulty of certifying
 1. Need to pass the test at 90% or better
 2. Needs to pass a physical fitness
 3. Has been assessed as an intermediate instructor, but needs to be assessed at the basic level
 - c. The region needs to look at doing training at the end of the year
 - d. Discussed recent approach to a problem on the field
 - i. Job as a board member is to calm people down

- ii. Remember to identify yourself
 - iii. Get another board member to go with you
 - iv. AYSO trains you to reach out and touch someone in order to take their attention of the matter
 - 1. This approach has typically worked for her
 - 2. In the recent situation it caused it to escalate
 - 3. Touching may constitute battery
 - 4. Self defense courses teach that it is dangerous to touch someone; don't give them a handle

- 6. Need tables for the volunteer dinner

- 7. May dissolve the U-16#3 team
 - a. Only 5 players are showing up for games
 - b. Waiting for the head coach to respond
 - c. All the other coaches are willing to take one or two players

- 8. Safety
 - a. Need a doctor's approval/release for a player to return
 - b. Parents must approve
 - c. Discretion of the referee if a brace is acceptable (Jennifer)
 - i. New guidance from National – braces, such as knee braces, are okay even if there is metal showing so long as there are no sharp edges

- 9. VAD: looking for ideas for the VAD gift
 - a. Raffle
 - i. Used to sell tickets, but people would gain an advantage by out purchasing others
 - ii. Last year gave one to each attendee was received much better
 - iii. Gave away things like spa getaways and bicycles
 - b. Family event
 - c. Looking for someone to get the prizes – raffle and door prize

- 10. Angela is writing a book on how she handled Soccerfest

- 11. U-6/8 Jamboree
 - a. Will post the Jamboree schedule next week on 9/24/07 after it has been reviewed by the U-6 coordinator
 - b. The calendar on the web states the Jamboree is 10/13/07, but games are scheduled that day; confirm the date
 - c. U-6/8 do not want an Awards Ceremony; we will give medallions to coaches when they turn in their equipment
 - i. Norman Mustain is the Equipment Manager
 - d. Last year we had a volunteer sign up
 - i. Most volunteers were U-6/8

- ii. Need to follow-up and use the sign up sheet next year
- e. CVPA Orlyn will prepare a form and collect volunteers, but she needs support; she can't be there all day

12. End of year tournament

- a. Referee credits must be acquired to be eligible
 - i. Need about 1.5 credits per game played
 - ii. Only announced that referee credits were required
 - iii. Not certain, but the goal may have been 12 credits
 - iv. There are 11 weekends of games with some bys so there may be a total of 8 games
 - v. Have to set the number of credits required the review, but we will stick with what was in the minutes
 - vi. A team that doesn't have the referee credits will probably not be disqualified from the Good Sportsmanship Award; Shane will review
- b. Shane/Jennifer are doing a board to show who is qualified and a ranking
- c. Intention is to have a single elimination tournament
 - i. U-12/16 have 1st and 2nd place trophies
 - ii. U-10 have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies
- d. We had discussed night games during the week but it is too dark, particularly with daylight savings time
- e. The tournament would require 12 referees at any one time
- f. Example of impacts
 - i. Banner Contest
 - 1. Giving 5 points on the banners for sponsorship punished teams that didn't have a sponsor
 - 2. Next year may deduct 5 points if a team with a sponsor does not display the sponsor on its banner
 - 3. Want to avoid an unfair advantage
 - ii. As a board we have chosen to penalize teams for not refereeing
 - 1. Unfortunately that means the children are penalized
 - 2. This is the only way to force the parents to get involved
 - 3. If we don't do it now we never will

13. Player evaluations for next year

- a. Don't know how to go forward
- b. Coaches could test and rate, but coaches have different values/standards
- c. Could have a "tryout" where players are judged by a board (rated) – less subjective and more standardized

14. Adjourned 9:05 pm