

**AYSO 177  
Board Meeting  
October 28, 2008 7:30P.M.  
Los Altos United Methodist Church**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order at 7:45P.M.**

**Board Members present:**

B. Minter	W. Worden	T. Ruegg
A. Royle	S. Hoppe	C. Hallock
L. Barker	K.Carnevale	R. Reeves
C. Fieldhouse	S. Anderson	J. DeJong
		T. Bryson

**Division / Ref Coordinators present:**

J. Lang	J. Paz	M. Alvarez
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**Volunteers present:**

M. Wells

**I. Review of Minutes**

Minutes from September 30, 2008 were reviewed and approved as submitted.

**II. Agenda Items**

***Financial Report-*** S. Anderson read financial report. As of August 31, region had 174K in bank. In September, region deposited 63K and wrote checks for 48K. In the beginning of September, region had approximately 190K in bank. During the month, region deposited 14K and wrote checks for 14K. 182K currently in bank. Region made \$600 from Super Mex fundraiser. T. Bryson mentioned that El Dorado Golf Course restaurant would be interested in having an AYSO fundraiser also.

### **III. Board Member Reports**

*B. Minter:* Reported that Julian Murrilo has been picked to be the Boys U12 Silver All Star coach. All All Star coaches have now been voted on and picked by the board (see attached). All Star invite letters will go out to players on November 8. The tournaments that region is considering playing in are: West Torrance, LB Mayor's Cup, Santa Ynez and the Beach Classic. Belmont Cup will start on November 15 with a round robin for U10. It will continue through November 23 for U10, U12 and U14. W. Worden, B. Minter or T. Bryson to hand out medals on the last day to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners. Trophies and yearbooks are being delivered to B. Minter by November 8.

*A. Royle:* Suggested using a different company for Picture Day next year.

*J. DeJong:* Mentioned that region can't get a permit for some of the fields. Rogers has no lights after dusk. The use of portable lights is not permitted. Need to work on finding practice spots with lights for the remainder of the year.

*R. Reeves:* Looking for a new photographer for next year. Cal State Studios did not work out as well as expected. Studio needs to be called from now on with any picture concerns or problems. The Volunteer Dinner will be held on January 23 at The Grand. Assistant coaches will be invited this year. Also considering inviting team parents.

*T. Ruegg:* Received mostly positive feedback about Youth Referee Day at Hill. J. Lang suggested having Youth Referee Day earlier in the season. M. Alvarez suggested changing the name to Youth Volunteer Day to encompass all of the youth volunteers. T. Ruegg mentioned that region still needs referees at Hill and El Dorado. There has been some concern that referee points aren't being tallied correctly. B. Minter to check into. Announced that a couple of U12 Boys coaches are being very negative to referees, very loud on the sidelines and even after games. T. Ruegg to council referees that are scheduled to ref these particular coaches' games. Suggested that division coordinators send out an email to coaches about keeping play positive and to remind them that we are all here to create a safe, fun learning environment for the players. This information should also be added to the website. T. Ruegg also showed concern about U10 referees and pointed out that yellow and red cards are not appropriate at the U10 level. Discussed changing the terms for the U10 level from "red and yellow cards" to "caution and eject" for players that are causing a problem. J. Paz suggested that U8 referees need some sort of training. M. Wells explained that there is currently no set of expectations for U8 referees and there is such a huge variety of referee, parent and coaching styles. T. Ruegg would support some sort of minimal training for U8 referees.

*W. Worden:* Suggested that next year there should be at least one hour of face to face time with referees in U5-U8. The meeting should go over what calls are appropriate at each level and should include one coach or parent from each team. W. Worden in process of putting together a document about coaching behavior. Mentioned that next year he would like to meet with each division separately instead of all together so that it can be stressed that AYSO is a youth development organization. Also to make sure that coaches remember that we should all be working together to make this a safe, positive learning environment for the kids.

**IV. Division Coordinator Reports**

- *J. Lang:* Announced that U10 Girls had a ratings meeting that went very smoothly. Ratings have been posted.

**V. New Business**

*M. Wells:* Reported that he is in the process of finding fields for the Beach Classic Tournament. Cal State Long Beach will not let region use their fields this year due to poor field conditions. M. Wells looking into finding alternate fields. Beach Classic tentatively scheduled for the last weekend in February.

*T. Ruegg:* Reminded board members to forward him any referee concerns so that they can be handled promptly.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Hallock  
Regional Secretary