

Area Meeting 8/25/10

Present

Mike Morrissey, John Hart, Gabriel Zepeda, Travis Behn, Ryan Hart, Joaquin Raya, Flora Raya, Cathy Corum

Budget

Discussion about Concord AYSO VIP expense listed on the budget. Area will no longer be handling the expenses/reimbursements for the annual VIP Soccerfest. Therefore, the funds Area was holding were transferred to Concord AYSO Region 305, as they will be managing everything for the soccerfest.

The monies allocated AYSO-Ref Supplies was a donation of supplies given to Mt. House the newest start up region.

A move and second to approve the budget was made and approved.

Minutes

Minutes for the last meeting were not available.

Website

John and Mike discussed the new Area website. It is now up and running. If anyone has ideas/suggestions (good or bad), please let John or Mike know. Area is willing to list successful teams on the website.

Coaches

There are no issues at this time. There has been a lot of new coach certifications, although there are still a number of class rosters missing. Concord AYSO did a good job of announcing their classes, which were very well attended. MDSA needs to give better notification. All the regions need to forward their coach/referee classes to Area to be posted on the Area website.

Referees

John Maltester is still managing the Area referee information. He is still actively looking for his replacement.

American Canyon will be holding a referee class, Saturday and Sunday, 1–6 pm, at 2185 Elliott, American Canyon.

CVPA

Heather was not in attendance, but sent word that the volunteer forms need to be completed and turned in to National. It was suggested that the mailing of the volunteer forms be sent via Certified Mail. American Canyon has a new CVPA who has completed the training and is certified, as does Concord AYSO. Concord AYSO has two people sharing the responsibilities. American Canyon City ordinance stipulates that anyone interacting with children has to be fingerprinted.

Interplay

The U16/U19 schedule is posted on the Area website. It may be updated, so make sure the coaches check back often. The U14 schedule is also posted on the Area website. The boys division is incorrect and will be changed in the near future.

Fall Area Fees

The Area player fee of \$1/player needs to be sent to Area from each region. The monies are used for training. In particular to cover the cost of the Mini Camp, which will be held at DVC this year, December 4 and 5. An intermediate coach class is expected to be offered. Davis will be offering the Advanced Coach clinic again this year. That will be two weeks after the mini camp. The referee track is still being discussed. A number of people are ready to upgrade to National, so that might be offered. Section is willing to help with the fees as someone will need to be hired to teach the National Referee class. There is a gentleman from the Peninsula that could be hired.

Flex Elite

Flex Elite is considered a pilot program this year. It will run through November. It is important that each region participating keep track of the players that show up for games and at the training sessions. MDSA's U16 Flex team took third place in a recent US Club tournament.

A discussion followed about what Flex is and how other regions can get involved. American Canyon is very interested in putting together some Flex teams. If MDSA, Concord AYSO, and PHMSA do well, then the entire Area may be allowed to participate in the Flex Elite program. For now MDSA is administering the program. A report is due to National the end of December. Area should know soon after that about Flex being offered/allowed for next year.

San Bruno will accept Flex teams for their Turkey Tournament.

Select teams are looking outside the standard tournaments for this year. Looking at tournament in Santa Barbara in May, as well as the Come Up for Air held in Tahoe.

American Canyon is offering that if their high school players become certified referees and referee for the region, then the region will donate warm-ups to the team. No adverse comments were made.

Next meeting, Wednesday, September 22, will be hosted by MDSA, at Fair Oaks Church, Room 110, 1925 Risdon Road, Concord, 94518

Meeting adjourned.