



**AYSO National Board of Directors Meeting  
In Person and via Webinar  
April 27, 2019  
AYSO National Office – Ken Aston Learning Center  
19750 S. Vermont Avenue, Suite 200, Torrance, CA 90502  
ADOPTED MINUTES**

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**National Board of Director (NBOD) Members**

Present: Matt Winegar (President), Dan Howald (Vice President), Maurice Miranda (Vice President), Eileen Tabert (Vice President), Michael Karon (Treasurer), Donna Nelson (Secretary), Yvette Barrett, Margie Close, Cathy Farless, Randy Pittman, Doug Ryan

**Section Directors (SDs)**

Present: Frances Stronks, (Section 1), Mike Morrissey (Section 2), Mark Schmaltz (Section 3), Jeff Ransom (Section 6), Clyde Asato (Section 7), Rick Buiteweg (Section 8), Kris Graff (Section 9), Rich Pagliarli (Section 10) Audrey Castreje (Section 11), Tom Simons (Section 12), Bob Lasagna (Section 13) Michael Hartley (Section 14)

Excused Absences: Michael Mays (Section 5)

**National Office Staff**

Present: Patty Mallan (Executive Administrative Specialist), Jill Meshekow (Director of Human Resources), Annette Natri (Director of Finance), Al Prado (Senior Business Systems Analyst), Scott Snyder (Director of Programs & Education)

**Other**

Present: Jan Buddingh (Chair, Legal Commission)

**Call to Order**

*The meeting of the American Youth Soccer Organization (“AYSO”) National Board of Directors (“NBOD” or “Board”) was called to order by National President Matt Winegar at 9:00am PST on Saturday, April 27, 2019.*

*The NBOD met in Executive Session from 8am-5:30pm, Friday, April 26 and from 3pm – 4:45pm on Saturday, April 27, 2019.*

Matt Winegar announced the resignation of Mike Hoyer, National Executive Director, effective April 26, 2019.

**Approval of Minutes**

- The minutes of the NBOD Meeting on March 11, 2019<sup>i</sup> were approved by unanimous consent.

**I. Action Items**

- a. Motion to amend National Rules & Regulation I.L (3)<sup>ii</sup>
  - Doug Ryan presented the motion to change the rules of the Goal Kick (9U and 10U) so that the ball is in play the moment it is kicked, instead of until it leaves the penalty area.

- There was concern about this change and it was decided that there needs to be more conversation about the specific language.
  - **Doug rescinded the Motion, Donna Nelson seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.**
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Doug Ryan will submit a revised motion for the June NBOD meeting regarding the Laws of the Game changes and their impact to the games with the build out lines to properly amend National Rules & Regulation I.L.(3).
- b. Insurance Renewal
- Maurice Miranda explained the new insurance deal, and that money will be saved and there will be no change in benefits for the players and parents.
  - Change will happen in Membership Year 19 (MY19)
  - **Maurice Miranda made the Motion to accept the new policy, Doug Ryan seconded. MOTION CARRIES. Approved by unanimous consent.**
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Yvette Barrett asked that information about the new insurance be sent out in the Insider with a link to the forms.
- c. Formation of Tournament Handbook Task Force
- Matt Winegar suggested the task force be formed with Donna Nelson as NBOD liaison and Alex Grossman (RC 76) as chair.
  - The objective of the task force is to update the handbook for tournaments.
  - It was asked that the fee structure and where tournament fees go be reviewed.
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Donna Nelson asked the Section Directors to send her, Alex and Matt recommendations of members for the task force.
- d. National Office Naming
- Matt discussed how the word “national” has unfortunately become a pejorative and that re-naming the office should be considered.
  - After much discussion on an appropriate name for the office, **Matt Winegar made the Motion that it should be the policy of the NBOD and AYSO Staff to refer to the office containing the national headquarters of AYSO as “AYSO” and that title be used in all official AYSO business, publications, and printed materials. For the purposes of regulatory and governing documents, the term “national office” may be used. Maurice Miranda seconded. MOTION CARRIES: 9 in favor, 2 abstentions (Margie Close, Dan Howald), and 0 opposed.**
- e. Primary Program Uniform Agreement
- **Matt Winegar made the Motion to move forward with the agreement with Augusta Sportswear and Soccer.com for the Primary Program Uniform Partnership. Michael Karon Seconded. MOTION CARRIES: 11 in favor, 0 opposed.**
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Follow up on a possible In Kind donation by Augusta to the National Games 2019 is needed.

## II. Discussion Items

- a. NAGM 2019
- Matt Winegar reported that everything is underway and there is hope to have a couple of workshops for the Sunday morning of the NAGM: Risk Management and RAP 3.0.
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Matt asked the Section Directors to please send Jan Buddingh any ideas they would like him to discuss in the Risk Management Workshop.
  - There was concern raised about the June dates of the NAGM.
  - Because there has been discussion on changing the fiscal year, it was decided that NAGM 2021 planning should be postponed until that is decided.

- Matt acknowledged that a broader discussion on Executive Member term dates and the timing of the NAGM is needed.
- b. Hawaii National Games & Financials<sup>iii</sup>
  - Donna Nelson reported. Financials and report is attached (and posted to Directorpoint)
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Clyde Asato asked the Section Directors to let him know who among them is attending the National Games and explained there is a need for referees and to please send interested volunteers to the National Games website to sign up.
- c. National Open Cup
  - Scott Snyder reported that the cup is now called “The Sigi Schmid Cup.”
  - Scott explained referees will be used from AYSO Services and they can donate their pay back to the Regions.
  - There was concern raised about having the Open Cup the same year as the National Games.
- d. Success Audit Update
  - Michael Karon reviewed the status of the current success audit. He explained that a working group has been formed and their main objective is to decide what a minimum viable registration system looks like and come up with an approach with Singer Lewak on implementation.
  - Rick Buiteweg continued by presenting a power point covering the success audit progress thus far<sup>iv</sup>.
- e. Outside Director Positions
  - Matt Winegar explained there are 2 open “outside director” positions available as allowed in the bylaws. He added that these positions add value to the Board and they should consider filling them.
  - It was discussed that the NBOD look to identify what area of expertise might be needed to assist with filling these positions.
  - There was concern raised about the voting rights of the outside directors.
  - It was decided that additional discussion is needed and a job description formed that can be used to approach possible appointees.
- f. Player Growth
  - Dan Howald & Rick Buiteweg reviewed the status of the Player Growth Initiative<sup>v</sup>.
  - Dan asked the NBOD and SDs to go over areas of achievable growth, and AYSO’s weaknesses and strengths in relation to these areas.
  - It was directed that Regions should be encouraged to think outside the box, and if some exercises are deemed outside of policy, to approach this in the positive (how to allow them to continue) instead of the punitive.
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Dan Howald will go over the list developed at the meeting with the office program staff and curate it down to 3 or 4 areas of focus.
- g. EXPO Reports
  - Matt Winegar reported that all EXPOs were financially successful and that Sections should continue to own the operation and execution of their EXPOs.
  - **ACTION ITEMS:** Matt asked that a group of Section Directors work with AYSO office staff to come up with a template for a list of policies and create a baseline for office support for the EXPOs.
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Eileen Tabert asked the Section Directors to give her feedback on what specific workshops were not successful at their EXPOs.

*Matt Winegar adjourned the Business Session at 3pm. NBOD went into Executive Session until 4:45pm.*

*NBOD entered back into Business Session at 4:45pm.*

#### Executive Member Terms

- **Eileen Tabert made the Motion to extend the term dates for Executive Members to June 30, 2019, whose terms expire close to the 2019 NAGM. Yvette Barrett seconds. MOTION CARRIES. 11 in favor, 0 abstentions, and 0 oppose.**

*Yvette Barrett made the Motion to adjourn the meeting. Margie Close seconded. Approved by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 4:47pm.*

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- **Yvette Barrett** asked that information about the new insurance be sent out in the *Insider* with a link to the forms.
- **Doug Ryan** will submit a revised motion for the June NBOD meeting regarding the Laws of the Game changes and their impact to the games with the build out lines to properly amend National Rules & Regulation I.L.(3).
- **Donna Nelson** asked the **Section Directors** to send her, Alex and Matt recommendations of members for the task force.
- **Matt Winegar** asked the **Section Directors** to please send Jan Buddingh any ideas they would like him to discuss in the Risk Management Workshop.
- **Clyde Asato** asked the **Section Directors** to let him know who among them is attending the National Games and explained there is a need for referees and to please send interested volunteers to the National Games website to sign up.
- **Dan Howald** will go over the list developed at the meeting on achievable areas of growth with the **office program staff** and curate it down to 3 or 4 areas of focus.
- **Matt Winegar** asked that a group of **Section Directors** work with AYSO office staff to come up with a template for a list of policies and create a baseline for office support for the EXPOs.
- **Eileen Tabert** asked the **Section Directors** to give her feedback on what specific workshops were not successful at their EXPOs.
- Follow up on a possible In Kind donation by Augusta to the National Games 2019 is needed.

#### **Files found on Directorpoint**

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<sup>i</sup> March 11, 2019 Minutes

<sup>ii</sup> Motion to Amend National Rules & Regulations I.L(3)

<sup>iii</sup> National Games Report and Financials

<sup>iv</sup> Success Audit Update power point

<sup>v</sup> Player Growth Presentation