



## **SOPAC Board Meeting Agenda/Minutes May 6, 2015**

Lazy Dog Cafe, Orange; 7:00 pm

**In attendance: Kristine Palle, Steve Redding, Mark Cousineau, Casey Greenawalt, Haz Ortega, and Bahram Hojreh . Meeting called to order at 7:24pm.**

### **1. Elections:**

**Elections were held for the Officers of the Zone Board. The following positions were unanimously elected by the members present.**

**Chair- Mark Cousineau  
Vice Chair- Kristine Palle  
Secretary- Bahram  
Treasurer- Haz Ortega**

**The other members of the Zone Board will fill the following positions:**

**At Large 1- Nick Baba  
At Large 2- Casey Greenawalt  
Steve Redding has been appointed by the National Referee Chair**

### **2. Financial Update:**

**Account total is \$153,235.09 YTD. See specific financial handout for line item information and accounting.**

### **3. Junior Olympics Update:**

**JO Quals Update: Kahuna/Set hosting younger Junior Olympics and CHAWP will be hosting older JO Quals. The host is looking to accommodate the scheduling for 10u girls' division AND the 10u co-ed division so there isn't conflict for the girls' who play in both. Steve Redding is requesting some direction in predicting the size of each event for planning in reference to assignments. Casey will contact Nick Baba regarding hosting the 10u girls' (brand new division) on a different weekend so kids are not faced with conflict.**

### **4. General Update**

**A general discussion was held on status of the various action items in the Annual Plan.**

Leagues For Summer Night Leagues:

Worked with USAWP to get the logistics put together for high school who do not have coverage from their district OR those that allow club teams in their night leagues so that there is liability coverage for the individuals playing and the referees.

Referee Development

Referee school has occurred. There was great response with new individuals getting involved. Two clinics have occurred; one at Segerstrom, one at El Toro and one yet to come. So far, 45 new referees have been added to the SOPAC membership. The next clinic will be at El Toro HS. Between 15-25 referees per school will attend. USAWP has allowed existing gold athlete members to upgrade to a referee membership at no additional cost to the member. If you are brand new to a USAWP referee membership, USAWP will only charge \$45 for the year. This will be promoted through mass email, referee referrals AND through allied organizations to gain access to coaches and athletes. Mention was made that John Kulisich made a great pitch at the All-CIF banquet to recruit new officials from the high school ranks; great promotion of the sport and staying involved. Minimum payment is \$19 per game. Adolescents can referee a level two years below their age group (i.e.: an 18 year old can referee 16s).

There is an interest in improving ref pay with a third party helping with the communication and accountability of the bank who distributes funds. For each assignment there is a \$2 fee (per official assigned) to cover auxiliary costs associated with assigning fees and oversight. The third party will be paid out of that fee. Any remaining funds will be used toward referee development (travel, mentoring, evaluating, education, clinics, etc).

5. New Business:

Thank you for Kulisich: Kristine and Steve will do the purchasing. We will try to find something that can be personalized for him. Find something to memorialize his involvement. Around a \$500 limit will be placed on this endeavor.

Outreach to Zone Board Candidates: Mark mentioned there were many interested candidates that ran for the zone who were not elected. We will look for interest from those individuals to get involved on a voluntary basis.

Zone ODP Coaches: We need to solicit the zone for ODP candidates. Girls' and boys' candidates must apply through the process. Information is available on the USAWP site. Head coaches get to suggest their assistant candidates and age group coaches. Applications are due May 22nd to Anne Lawrence at USAWP.

6. Old Business:

**Open Collegiate Club Team Opportunity (perhaps Masters' club teams too) in conjunction with the Convergence Tournament in Pomona for both fall and spring leagues. We're still looking to make this happen (point person Steve Redding).**

7. Open Discussion:

**Bahram Hojreh:** There is a need to look at alleged recruiting by ODP Coaches within the high school and club realm. The zone needs to consider how to monitor and respond to allegations

**Haz Ortega:** 2/3 of the educational clinics for referees have been conducted. There is one more coming up at El Toro High School. Response has been good.

**Steve Redding:** Interested in having a coaches clinic at major events where protocol, philosophy, etc. can be shared in a group forum to bridge the gap between stakeholders.

**Next meeting: Teleconference, Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> 8:30pm**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:36pm**