



Sopac Zone Board Meeting Minutes July 18, 2017

A telephonic meeting was held beginning at 830 pm. Cousineau, Carrera and Baba were in attendance; there was no quorum.

Mark opened with a request to review the prior minutes for approval.

Bahram was not in attendance; no treasurer's report was available.

Old Business/Topics:

Splashball: A brief discussion was held to discuss our splashball program and the outline generated by Schumacher. The item was tabled to next meeting.

JO Quals: A discussion was held on the recent JO Quals and areas to improve. In general, those on the call felt the events went well, the organization was effective though improvements are needed including:

- Seeding call needs to have a pre-survey to affect a more orderly and productive call;

- The Zone needs to plan for the key dates in advance and potentially advance its process earlier;

- A question was raised whether geographic rotation is relevant to host locations anymore;

- We need to explore ways to get the costs down including zone surcharge and other mechanisms;

- A question was raised as to whether we need to have day 1 of quals mirror day 1 of championships with reduced game time. Tabled to next meeting.

It is noted that Bahram raised concerns and questions in prior emails.

JO Quals 2018 will be on our next agenda!



LA Athletic Club: A discussion was held on the status of LA Athletic Club and the appropriate zone they should represent. Concerns were expressed over potential recruitment issues and number of coastal v sopac players on the team. To be monitored.

Sportsmanship: Mark presented an overview of certain recent sportsmanship complaints in our zone, general status and explained that USAWP is taking the lead. For one recent complaint, the USOC Safe Sports Initiative is leading the investigation into the allegations of the complaint.

New Business

Fall League: Nick is working with Chad on the Fall and Winter League dates and getting them calendared;

Sportsmanship Posters: The members agreed to use zone funds to purchase posters to distribute to pools in our zone encouraging sportsmanship.

Arbiter Fee Accounting: Nick asked that we research the fees involved in arbiter, where those fees go and what they are used for. This is both in terms of keeping costs down but also to evaluate how much funds the zone should spend for referee development.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM