

**September 30, 2009 Area meeting Minutes**  
**Area 12 D**  
**6:30 PM at OZ Engineering, Phoenix, AZ**

**Present:**

Area Director – Gary Blanton  
Area Referee of Instruction – Jeannine Brown  
Area Treasurer/VIP – Valerie Hooper  
Area Staff – Stan Miller  
Area Interplay Coordinator – Annette Klein  
RC 508 – Joyce Crissman  
RC 310 – Cindy Brekke  
RC 1046 – Guy Sutton  
RC 225 – Serena Denning  
RC 503 – Melanie Jaskowiak  
RC 1079 – Melissa Poulson  
RC 688 – Rob Sweeney

**Guests:**

Section Director – Bruce Perkins  
Region 1046 Flex Coordinator – Eric Glenn  
Region 225 Assistant RC – Bud Holderbaum

**Tournaments:**

- Red Mountain Tournament has been set for April 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Red Mtn Sports Complex
- Start turning in your tournament paperwork to Annette Klein. The first sheet needs to go to Gary for signatures.

**2010 VIP Tournament:**

- Kevin Brown memorial VIP Tournament will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Rio Vista Park.
- All RC's are urged to have their VIP programs representing their regions at the tournament.
- Valerie Hooper - Tournament Director

**Area Interplay:**

- U-16 boys and the U-19 Boys have been changed please look over the schedule on the Area website. (changes posted as of 9/26)
- Area does not want to hear about any coaches demanding that they will not go to any specific locations. All coaches in interplay must be committed to travel to any area games.
- Need for next year- If there are any chance a region will field a team, let the interplay coordinator know. It is easier to remove a team from a schedule than add them to an existing schedule.

### **Flex program:**

- Regions that are participating with the flex program in the current season are:
  - Region 1079 (with 4 teams) concurrent
  - Region 1046 (with six teams)side by side
  - Region 225 – side by side
- Regions hoping to institute this program next season are:
  - Region 688
  - Region 310
- Guest Speaker: Bruce Perkins from the Flex Play Commission
  - Section wants to start flex program for team U-10 thru U-12 for 2010.
  - Area should have a Flex program coordinator (liaison)
  - Flex programs should be self- funded (separate funds from core program)
    - Funds can pay for trainers and referees
    - Section can bring in Trainers for teams if they desire assistance
  - All flex teams should have a three-referee team for each team.
  - Flex teams will NOT be primary for All Star AYSO tournaments. If a tournament is in need for a team, than the tournament director will contact a flex team to see if they are available.
  - If a player is a concurrent flex player then, they will make the choice to be either a flex team player or an All Star AYSO tournament team player.

### **Training:**

- We had very successful training conducted in Wickenburg and Globe.
- There will be an Intermediate/Advanced referee clinic on January 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Region 688 will be hosting. location – TBA
- Coaching:
  - Intermediate Coaching Clinic - hosted by region 310 – TBA
  - Advanced Coaching Clinic – hosted by region 688 (early December) TBA
  - Advanced Coaching Clinic - hosted by region 225 (early December) TBA
- Area will be hosting a Super Camp in July (two days of training)(Cost will be around \$20) TBA
- Tucson will also be hosting a Super Camp in March.
- There will be travel road shows in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June if any instructors are interested. Please contact Bruce Perkins. They would like to travel to Showlow, Holbrook, NM, and others.

### **Volunteer Forms – needing 100% Compliance:**

- Past season we had an issue with a volunteer coach arrested for child molestation.
  - No AYSO children involved. Charge arose out of his personal relationships.
  - Volunteer form had been submitted and screened by National. No indications of problems in his records.
  - Situation points how vitally important it is to get annual volunteer forms for every volunteer in the Region.
- Area CVPA passed out the national board list and the website board list for each region. All highlighted names did NOT have a current volunteer form on file.
- Per National, Section and Area, the Area CVPA will be also conducting a report to make sure all coaches in our Area have a current volunteer form on file.

### **Budgets and RIF Forms:**

- Forms should have been completed and given to the Area Director.
- A couple of Regions need to be sure that their Board members have been given the proper authorities on E-AYSO.

#### **Area Assessments – The Tax Man Cometh:**

- It is time again. Regions need to provide \$.50 per player to the Area. You can mail or give a check payable to the Area to the Area Director.
- The Guest Tax Man Cometh – Section will be assessing a \$.10 per player fee in the future to pay for its discretionary expenditures.
  - Currently envisioned, this fee will come out of the assessment paid to the Area. There will be no additional expense to the Regions as of this season, or in the foreseeable future.

#### **Expiring Terms – Any interest in Area Director Position?**

- Gary is in his last year of his term as Area Director. Regardless of if he chooses to run again, anyone interested in the position should consider pursuing it and let their interest be known to all.
- Most RC's are new, but those who are not should be looking at their succession planning.

#### **Registration Numbers:**

- Registrations are significantly down this year
- We need to start planning now to reverse this trend for next season.
- No ideas are too outrageous.
- Definitely think about extending the registration period out as long as possible.
- Advertise in every way you can.
  - East side regions are thinking of getting together and purchasing a billboard or newspaper advertise to get people's attention.
  - West side regions were thinking of doing the same.

#### **Unavailability of Area Director:**

- From October 9, 2009 through October 18, 2009, the Area Director will be out of state.
  - Any referee issues should be directed to Bob Thew
  - Any coaching issues should be directed to Bob Borek
  - Any management issues should be directed to Tanya Mendoza
  - Suzanne will take all situations

#### **Open Forum:**

- Region 503 has a new website. – [www.AYSO503.org](http://www.AYSO503.org)
- Jim Frey the new Area 12 A Director has requested to see if our Area will support their tournament in 2010.
- Fundraiser ideas – Bryan Bloom 480-238-6362 [BBloom@americanyouth.com](mailto:BBloom@americanyouth.com) wants to help your region with fundraisers. Cindy Brekke from Region 310 was sharing her experiences.
- Region 503 is selling Terry Wood bracelets to support Terry. Terry has been diagnosed with cancer and these bracelets are to show her how our AYSO family is supporting her. Please contact your RC if you're interesting to purchasing a bracelet for \$5.

Meeting ended at 8:30 PM

next Area Meeting - TBA