

AYSO Region 572  
March 11, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

The AYSO Region 572 Board met on March 11, 2010 at the Jonathan Valley Volunteer Fire Department and was called to order at 7:05pm by Davis Swaim. Those in attendance were: Davis Swaim, Julie Lapkoff, Mike Messer, Kevin Roach, Geoff Chitea, Teresa Allison, Charles Allison, Jake Ferguson, Charles Hudson and Margert Stiles. The October Meeting Minutes were presented, reviewed and with one correction to the spelling of Jonathan Valley, approved by voice vote.

**Regional Commissioners Report:** Davis Swaim reported that all appears to be proceeding well with registration for the Spring Season but the numbers are somewhat behind expectations at this point. He expressed thanks to all the board members who have participated. A meeting is scheduled on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> to review the new players, evaluate who is returning and make decisions on the different divisions.

**Treasurers Report:** Julie Lapkoff presented and reviewed the year to date budget information. One question was asked regarding an expenditure of \$680 for referee training. This was payment for a late invoiced just received for training in Knoxville, Tn. back during the summer attended by 3 referees. A motion was made by Jake Ferguson to accept the budget as presented and seconded by Kevin Roach. Motion passed with a voice vote. Also, Julie presented information regarding the purchase of lighting detectors. This was tabled until the next meeting.

**Registrar Report:** Teresa Allison reported 81 new players registered to date.

**Referee Administrators Report:** Jake Ferguson presented information regarding the cost to purchase tee shirts for referees. These shirts are intended to serve a multiple purposes. First, as a reward to current referees, second to provide advertising to draw in additional referees and third to help spectators and players understand that the referees are trained and are volunteers. March 27<sup>th</sup> is the next Referee Training course at the Annex. There are 10 volunteers signed up presently, primarily youth referees. There are 2 opportunities Advanced Instructor training/certification on the horizon. First is June 13-15 in Henderson, Tn. and again the 3 weekend in July in Knoxville Tn. July 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a Instructor Course Camp offered in the Knoxville, Tn. area.

**Coaching Administrator Report:** Geoff Chitea discussed the purchase of Coaches Kits and also the purchase of additional coaching material from Coach Deck. The cards were well received in Fall '09 and received favorable feedback.

**Boys Coordinators Report:** Charles Allison reported no new developments at this time.

**Girls Coordinators Report:** Kevin Roach reported no new developments at this time.

**Fields and Equipment:** Mike Messer met with Claire from the Haywood County Parks and Recreation Department to discuss field conditions. Several items were discussed including the need to roll the fields at Allen's Creek, the condition of the upper left field and the need for gutters on the concession stand and patio area. It was determined that the upper left hand field will not be used in the Spring '10 season by either AYSO or the adult league and improvements will be made during that time.

**New Business:**

Item #1 Margert Stiles was presented to the Board as a candidate to join the Region Board as the U8 Girls Commissioner. Charles Hudson made a motion to accept Ms Stiles, Mike Messier seconded the motion and the motion passed with all present in favor.

Item #2 A motion was made by Charles Allison to authorize Davis Swaim to negotiate with the Haywood County Parks and Recreation Department in the amount up to \$5000 for field improvements at Allen's Creek Park. In return, field usage fees for Allen's Creek will be adjusted accordingly. Kevin Roach seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-1 vote in favor.

Item #3 A motion was made to approve an additional \$1,900 for use by Geoff Chitea in the purchase of Coaches Kits by Charles Allison and seconded by Kevin Roach. It was added that these kits would be signed out to the coaches with the expectation that if the coaches decided not to continue coaching they would be returned to the Region. With this amendment the motion passed by voice vote,

Item #4 A motion was made to contract with Simplified Alerts for this Spring season to evaluate the effectiveness of using them to communicate with parents, players and coaches regarding weather and other important situations via text and email by Kevin Roach. Charles Hudson seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote.

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm