

Oahu League

**Notes from the Board of Directors Meeting  
October 3, 2001**

CALL TO ORDER:

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM at the Gentry Pacific Design Center conference room.
- B. Present: Ed Ayson, John Bingham, Sean Richardson, Kenji Hasegawa, Ron Hata, Jeff Hunt, Ingrid Nelson, Craig Sullivan/Ken Perske, Eddie Wong, Richard Wentling, Derek Tomita, and ???
- C. Approval of minutes of last BOD: Moved, seconded and approved.

REPORTS:

Accountant's Report: none

Discipline Report (Ingrid Nelson):

- A. During the present 7AS season there have already been 31 cautions and 6 ejections. One team is already over the limit after three weeks.
- B. One coach received an ejection and the club involved is already taking action. This coach will be called into the next Discipline Committee Hearing.

Competition Enhancement Committee Report: See planning for U8-U12 Season below.

OLD BUSINESS:

7 AS Update:

Referee Assignor (Jeff Hunt):

- A. For the 3 weeks of 7AS games, there were 393 games and 96.9% of these games were assigned.
- B. A lot of referees did multiple games.
- C. Referees are receiving too much abuse from the coaches and sidelines especially off-sides calls. OL has e-mailed a notice to all coaches relating to this issue.
- D. Generally, the center referee needs to be at least two years older than the age group playing and the assistant referees need to be the same age or older. Where the referees are deemed to be qualified, exceptions are made.

Registrar (Ross Shimabuku):

- 1. There were about 2400 players, 220 teams, and 300+ coaches registered for 7AS.
- 2. A major challenge has been teams that send in one or two changes every few days. This causes the registrar to keep changing the roster of these teams and has been very time consuming.
- 3. The official date of registration is September 1.
- 4. When a new double roster player is sent in for registration, provide a Primary/Secondary Declaration form, but do not send in the player pass. A new sticker will be issued to put on his pass.
- 5. The registrar will be on sabbatical for two weeks.

#### Planning for U8-U12 Season:

1. Coaches Meeting: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 7:15 PM at Windward Community College in Room 102
2. A Competition Enhanced format was discussed and representatives will need to get the Club feedback whether to approve or disapprove this format prior to the next OL BOD meeting. This program was proposed by Sean Richardson and based on a pilot season he did last year with the U19 age group. This new format will apply only to U12 and older. A short description is as follows:
  - A. The purpose of this format is to enhance competition by let teams play and determining their competition levels based on performance. Since every game would have meaning, there would be more incentive for the players show up for games and for teams to play to win. Teams that perform well and win would play other similar teams and vice versa.
  - B. Teams will be broken down into their respective age groups and no one will declare Gold, Silver, or Bronze levels. Age groups will be U12, U14, U16, and U19. In between age groups, i.e. U13, U15, etc., will be formed only if there are enough teams in that age group.
  - C. There will be roughly three mini-seasons. The first will be a blind draw into groups that play each other, i.e. like pools in a tournament. Seeding teams in the first mini-season will also be considered. After the first series of mini-season one games, from 3 to 5 games per team, they would be advanced to a winners group or dropped to a losers group for mini-season two. After the mini-season two games, from 3 to 5 games per team, they would again be advanced to a winners group or dropped to a losers group for mini-season three.
  - D. Scheduling will be done from mini-season to mini-season and a new schedule will be developed after every mini-season.
  - E. League age group champions will be the winner of the winner's pool of the final mini-season.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### HYSA BOD meeting summary:

1. Jason Goodson and two of his parents requested clarification of his suspension. HYSA will clarify "participation." Jason and his parents were asked to go to the OL BOD for further clarifications since the suspension was through Oahu League.
2. The change of dates for the U12 Snickers will be a problem for Maui since many of the players will be moving on to baseball at this time. The change was okay for Kauai. The BOD decided to keep the changes as decided at the last HYSA BOD and all age groups will play the Snickers Tournaments on the same dates, April 20&21.
3. The REC League concept was discussed. USSF-Youth Division defines REC League as an intra-club function and REC Plus League as inter-club or inter-club. REC League is participation, i.e. AYSO format with balanced teams and equal playing time. REC Plus League is the recreation league version of the Classic League, without the requirement for balanced teams and equal playing time. MSC presently is the only club officially running a REC League. Other clubs asked if they also could run REC Leagues and they were encouraged to do so. Competition between Club REC Leagues is provided for

through the REC Plus League. There were discussions pro and con about players from other clubs/areas playing in a Club REC League other than their own. HYSAs involvement in REC Leagues will be further discussed at a future meeting.

Jason Goodson suspension: Two parents from Jason Goodson's Soccer Academy (Ho'okalakupua???) asked the BOD for clarifications on the Jason's suspension.

1. HYSAs is developing a letter to define "participation."
2. The two members of the OL Discipline Committee who were present at the Goodson Discipline Committee meeting gave their opinions.
  - A. The punishment was substantially less than the maximum per HYSAs Rules.
  - B. The violations were intentional and very serious in nature.
  - C. Jason Goodson admitted to all of the violations.
  - D. This issue has been appealed to HYSAs as well as the National Office and the appeal in each case was rejected.
3. The parents were asked to send in their request to commute the suspension in writing with substantiation. The OL Discipline Committee would then review the request and respond accordingly.

Motion to adjourn was moved, seconded, and approved about 9:00 PM.

The next Board meeting will be on November 7, 2001 at the Gentry Pacific Design Center Room 216 at 7:15 PM.

By Ed Ayson