

AYSO Area 5G Board Meeting
January 21, 2007 9:00 a.m.
Trenton Street Baptist Church, Harriman

Introduction. An AYSO Area 5G Board Meeting was conducted on January 20, 2007 at the Trenton Street Baptist Church in Harriman. Area Meeting attendees included:

Paul Arsenault (612)	Richard Phillips (1277)
Gail Herwehe (727)	Susan Reed (727)
Lori Melroy (325)	Marsha Swain (385)
Mickie Phillips (385)	Mike Swain (385)

Keenan Hethcoat (727) also attended a portion of the meeting.

Overview of Fall 2006 Season. Susan Reed noted that for the Fall 2006 season, the area had achieved an overall 8% growth rate (which came close to achieving the area goal of 10%). Region 612 was the largest region.

During this season, there were several incidents between coaches, refs and players.

Spring Dates. Teams (U14 and above) need to be submitted to Ray Stratton (Area 5B) for inter-area scheduling by February 17, 2007. Teams for inter-regional scheduling (U10 and U12) need to be submitted to Bruce Evans by February 24, 2007.

For the Spring 2007 season, first games for U14 and above teams will be March 10, 2007. For the U12 and below teams, first games will be March 17, 2007. No games will be played the weekend of April 7 (which is Easter).

Training Dates. Susan Reed noted that eASYO has been expanded to include on-line treasurer training, and that the on-line coaches and ref training were coming soon. Susan would like to hold an Intro to Management Class in the Area (a 5-hr class) since we have a lot of new regional board members, and few are going to the Section Meeting in Dallas. Regions are encouraged to suggest dates for the Intro to Management training.

Mike Swain agreed to teach a U12 Coaches class, which was scheduled for March 3, 2007 from 9:30 – 2:30 (at a location to be determined). March 4 would be the rain date for the event.

Susan Reed was going to investigate the Roane State long-distance learning program to see if it could be applicable to our training needs.

Area 5B is planning to run an intermediate Coaching Class (dates & time TBD). The Advanced Coaching Class will be offered at the Maryville Super Camp (July 20-22, 2007).

Section Conference. The Section 5 Conference will be held in Dallas, Texas (February 9-11, 2007). Instructor Classes will be on February 8, 2007. The next section conference was planned for Nashville and tentatively has been moved to Atlanta, although Charlotte is lobbying for the event.

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A discussion was held on what should be the focus of the Section Meeting – either introductory level training for new members or advanced training for upper level members. Paul Arsenault noted that he had attended another organizations coaches meeting, and felt the level of training far superior, and suggested a change to more advanced, technical content and less introductory/philosophical material. Mike Swain noted that their region only sent long-timers to Section Meetings to avoid the expense of sending an unknown level of commitment to the meetings.

Susan Reed noted that Tom Kohntop will be stepping down as the Section Director. Nominations will be held at the Section Meeting and the AD's will vote in the new Section Director. The objective is to have the procedure completed prior to the NAGM so that the Board of Directors can approve the SD at the National Annual General Meeting (NAGM) (May 25-28, 2007).

Tom Kohntop is looking for a volunteer to serve as the eAYSO "go-to" person to provide an additional avenue for eAYSO support.

NAGM. The NAGM will be held from May 25-28, 2007. For those regions not attending, be sure to give their proxy's to Susan Reed or another person attending. Proxy's will be mailed to Regional Commissioners in April.

Section 5 Tournament Games. This year, the Section 5 Tournament Games will be hosted by Area 5B in Knoxville. The Tournament will be June 15-17, 2007. Susan Reed suggested that since the games are so close, she encouraged each Region to send at least 1 team. Games will be played at Pellissippi, Ball Camp, and US Cellular fields (and maybe one other location TBD). Cost will be \$150 for a U10 or U12 team and \$175 for a U14 and above team, with a guarantee of 5 games during the tournament.

Roane County Spring Fling Tournament (Area 5G Tournament). Area 5G will hold a tournament in Kingston June 2-3, 2007 for U10 & U12 teams, to be hosted by Region 727, Roane County. Keenan Hethcoat provided copies of the tournament invitation, rules and application form to the meeting attendees and noted they would be available on-line shortly.

Regional Budget Forms. Susan Reed noted that the 2007-2008 Budget is due to National 30 days before the first fall registration. Please provide a copy to her also.

Susan would also like a copy or minute meetings for the Regional Board meetings.

Coaching Issues. This fall, there were problems in several regions. Susan Reed suggested that RC's need to push the "positive coaching" philosophy and make sure coaches understand and follow those guidelines. Coaches are responsible for keeping their teams in check.

Referee Issues. Regions need to be sure that ref's get the training and mentoring necessary, and are not pushed to ref above their skill level. Most of our regions suffer from a shortage of upper-level referees, but that should not let us push ref's to do games above their comfort-level.

Retention of referee's is critical. Mike Swain suggested recruiting and Area Corporate Sponsor to provide a financial incentive back to the regions for each person attending a training event. Some regions are using gift coupons to reward their ref's.

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Management Issues. Some regions are not submitting their volunteer forms to National (or in some cases, National is not processing them). Susan Reed recommended sending all forms to National with a signature receipt to ensure tracking of the submitted forms.

Financial Issues. A few regions still need to pay their player fees for Fall 2006.

Area dues have remained at \$0.50 per player.

All Regions should check their Board Members and work on ensuring that everyone is appropriately trained. Contact Susan Reed for any training needs.

Susan Reed also suggested that Regions start on the Regional Assessment Forms. Even if the forms are not submitted to National, they are a good way to identify a Region's compliance with ASYO procedures.

Other Business/Information. Kingston noted that they were losing the TVA fields and are working with TVA to find an alternate location.

Susan Reed noted that she was having difficulty contacting Dean Brewer (Region 325), who had been recruited to be the Area Coach Administrator.

Next Area Board Meeting. The next Area 5G Board Meeting has been scheduled for 5:30 pm June 2, 2007 at the Trenton Street Baptist Church, Harriman.

The meeting was adjourned.

AREA 5G Calendar	
February 9 – 11, 2007	Area 5 Section Conference, Dallas, Texas
February 17, 2007	Last date to submit teams (U14 & above) to Inter-area Scheduler- Ray Stratton
February 24, 2007	Last date to submit teams (U10 & U12) to Inter-regional Scheduler - Bruce Evans
March 3, 2007 (9:30 – 2:30)	U12 Coaches Class (Location TBD)
March 4, 2007 (9:30 – 2:30) (Rain Date)	U12 Coaches Class (Location TBD)
March 10, 2007	1 st Week of Games (U14 & above)
March 17, 2007	1 st Week of Games (U12 and below)
April 7, 2007	No Games (Easter weekend)
May 4-6	Area 5B Games
May 25-28, 2007	NAGM, New Orleans
June 2-3, 2007	Roane County Spring Fling Tournament (Area 5G Tournament)
June 15-17, 2007	Section 5 Tournament, Knoxville
July 20-22, 2007	Section 5 Super Camp, Maryville