

LAOUT Board Meeting  
July 26, 2018  
8pm - 10pm

**Attendees:**

Andy Bandit, Chuck Bender, Grant Boyd, Sonja Roden, Remy Schor, Chris Ludwig, Tyler Kotovsky, Joanna Whitney, Lauren Hill

Absent: none

Meeting was called to order at 8:18pm

**Motions**

1. Approve June meeting minutes (passed)
2. Open Newsletter to everyone instead of just members (passed)

**Continuing action items**

GRANT: look into sending a letter to parents of teens that are at Hollywood High - telling them that they can't play - **complete**

REMY: Give a thank you to the election committee for their hard work - **complete**

SPIKE: look into finding the old-old archives for Andy - **complete**

Tyler: think about a way to get players sent faster to the current league on the website - **complete**

REMY: revisit the proposal for Grant to get the LAOUT donation for the LA's best program - **complete**

**Reports**

Secretary (approval of last month's meeting minutes)

- Motion to approve June meeting minutes; **approved**

President's report

- When is the next newsletter meant to be published to the community? About 6 weeks

VP report

- Nothing to report

Update on Fields

- Visited Santa Clarita fields and took photos
- Similar set up to Winter League
- USAU dictates that you can't play if the heat is at or over 100 degrees (heat index)
- We should push for a 7am start to get games in before it gets too hot
- Belmont High (LAUSD) fields to replace Hollywood High
- Applications are being sent out for Winter League including Culver City & Sepulveda
- Joanna has a contact at North Hollywood High school who she can connect Chuck with for use of those fields

### Update on SCYU

- Just finished LA's Best program today!
- Hired 10 coaches (2 were female; 2 college & 1 high school student) this year to go into 64 schools (somewhere in the ballpark of 3,000 kids reached!)
- Heard good feedback so far about coaches experiences and waiting to hear back from school staff to see how it went on their end
- Ran a Friday night youth pick-up game at Lincoln Middle School during the summer and received a \$600 refund at the end
- Turnout was variable with most at 14 and lowest at 2 with a volunteer coach there each time
- Grant attending the Field Sports Advisory Committee (City of Santa Monica) meeting where folks talk about how fields are allocated in that area

### Update on Leagues

- Mini league on 8/20 & 8/27 at Sepulveda Basin to utilize the fields that were booked for Summer League
- Two weeks away from the SL tournament
- Next Friday 8/2 will be a replacement draft at 8pm for captains who need tournament replacement players
- Wednesday 8/8 fields at Rancho for two games and one game at Belmont (one of those games is a make-up game)

### **Business**

#### New co-ed fall beach league proposal (Tyler)

- Tyler and Goat are talking about starting a new beach league in September
- 5 on 5 hat-style for folks to get warmed up for Fall beach league and help people find teams
- Would it make more sense to make this a 4/4 league to precede beach league? And make it gender equal? Discussion on this topic
- What does it mean to make this an official LAOUT league?
  - LAOUT's name would be on the permit; we would deal with all the money; coordination and administration would be run by LAOUT; profit would all go back to LAOUT
  - Goat is spearheading this effort but isn't here to ask questions to
  - What information do we want to go back to Goat?
  - LAOUT Board needs to have a larger conversation with Goat after the 8/12 Board Retreat when we make some budget decisions
- We will set up a face to face meeting with Goat to discuss this league
- There's a larger conversation about starting leagues, how they get started, and why are relevant questions

#### Summer League behavior (Remy)

- There have been several incidents that have happened during league play that were inappropriate conduct-wise

- There needs to be some guidance for captains about how to deal with poor behavior. And what happens if/when the captains aren't there?
- GE Committee is creating a more robust Captain's packet that will include resources for Captains to deal with bad behavior (anecdotes about situations that have happened or recommendations from other captains)
- We should implement the WFDF Dangerous Play Policy (differs from USAU's policy) for LAOUT
- LAOUT Board acts as the Discipline Committee currently that follows a process but there is a proposal by Grant to form a separate committee for this

#### Newsletter (Tyler)

- Time to review the structure and content now that we've been doing the newsletter for a year
- We are now able to do longer articles that can link back to our website so we can have more content if we want
- Newsletter release should coincide with league announcements (between when leagues are announced and when registration closes)
- Ideas for content:
  - LAOUT Hall of Fame
  - Community Player of the Quarter - something that highlights a community member who goes above and beyond either on or off the field
- Tyler will put the template online and we can add sections
- Newsletter only goes to members currently - you can also sign up on the website
- Discussion about whether the newsletter should go out to a wider audience - agreement that yes, it should

#### Website (Tyler)

- Board needs photos and bio (up to 150 characters)
- We can also link our social media profile

#### Planning for the August 12th Board Retreat (Remy)

- 4-8pm at Andy Bandit's house
- 3 main items to discuss: Budget (Grant); League Structure (Grant); Strategic Planning (Lauren); Communications protocol (Tyler)
- We will prepare some advance work for folks to prepare ahead of the meeting

#### **Action Items**

1. Andy will look into insurance at Belmont High School and whether or not minors can participate
2. Andy will contact Dan about a private school field we may be able to use for Winter League
3. Andy will contact Goat via phone about the Fall Beach league proposal
4. Remy will send WFDF Dangerous Play Policy to vote on its approval for LAOUT Leagues in the future
5. Andy will add a Gender Equity Committee report to the Reports section of the agenda

6. Tyler will email the Board with a request for the website bios and photos
7. Lauren will email Board members with pre-work for the 8/12 Retreat
8. Andy will send a pre-tournament email to the community and include a PSA about SL being a beginner-friendly league etiquette
9. Tyler is going to look into the functionality of all [laout.org](mailto:laout.org) email addresses
10. Andy will start the process for the LAOUT Hall of Fame to be associated to the end of year awards event and come up with a date for the even in early February

**Board Retreat:** August 12th

**Next meeting:** August 20th

Meeting adjourned at 9:55pm



