

Oregon Youth Soccer Association
Regular Board Meeting
June 7, 2010
Beaverton, Oregon

Meeting called to order by President, Ric Listella, at 6:30 PM

A quorum was declared by Ric Listella.

Board members attending:

Ric Listella, President	Matt Madeira, Vice President
Steve Meckel, District Director	John Cronkrite, Director at Large
David Wagner, Treasurer & Secretary	John McCafferty, District Director (via phone)
Keith Ericson, District Director	John Thomas, District Director
Don Newell, District Director (via Phone)	

Others attending:

Chuck Keers, Executive Director	Brian Scott, Member Services Coordinator
Scott Enyart, Leagues & Tournaments Director	Larry Adams, Guest (Hillsboro SC)
Serafin Martinez, Guest (CF Pachuca Portland)	

New Club Consideration

- This item was moved up on the agenda. Brian described the application request received by Centro de Formacion Pachuca Portland to become a member club. They are part of 13 similar organizations across the country and currently have 80 players. They are playing in Hillsboro and have field permits. The application was approved with the understanding that all new clubs are on probation for a minimum of two years.
- The Dalles Soccer Club formally disbanded last year but has re-formed and has applied for club membership again. They currently have 76 players and expect to have 200 in three years. Their incorporation paperwork needs to be resubmitted to the state, but their rest of their club membership application is in order. The application was approved contingent on completion of the paperwork.

Minutes & Reports

- Minutes from May 3, 2010 were approved as presented.
- Board Reports accepted as presented
 - Vice President's Report (Exhibit A)
 - ORC/State Referee Administrator Report (Exhibit B)
 - Finance Committee Report (Exhibit C)
 - Executive Director's Report (Exhibit D)
 - Member Services' Report (Exhibit E)
 - Leagues & Tournaments' Report (Exhibit F)

Board Discussion Topics

- Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
 - The committee met on May 7, 2010. It was agreed that we should be cognizant of the division of roles between the board's governance responsibilities and the management responsibilities of staff. It was also agreed that financial stability was a primary objective and that staff should develop a conservative and balanced FY 10/11 budget and should also begin similar, conservative financial plans for FY 11/12 and FY 12/13. Lastly, the committee agreed that consideration needed to be given to alternative organizational and business models consistent with our national responsibilities to USSF/US Youth Soccer and our available revenue.

New Business

- The Newberg Soccer Association submitted a request to have their name changed to the Newberg Soccer Club. They changed their corporate name with the State of Oregon several years ago but had never requested a name change with OYSA until now. Their request was approved.
- Ben Ashley, Candidate for South Metro District. Ric went through the soccer background of Mr. Ashley and his interest in serving as the South Metro District Director on our Board of Directors. Ric announced that he wished to appoint Mr. Ashley to the board, pending board approval. The board unanimously approved Mr. Ashley to fill the vacancy on the board from the South Metro District.
- FY 10/11 Budget. Treasurer Dave Wagner announced that the Finance Committee had met just prior to the board meeting and approved a draft FY 10/11 Association Budget for presentation to the board. Dave requested the board go to Executive Session to discuss the budget as there were personnel issues to consider that should not be part of the public record.

Executive Session – The regular board meeting was temporarily suspended and the board went into Executive Session at 8:15 PM. The Executive Session adjourned and the regular board meeting recommenced at 8:45 PM.

- A motion to approve the FY 10/11 budget was made, seconded and passed. Any significant changes to the budget will be brought back to the board for further consideration.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Keers, Executive Director

EXHIBIT A

To: Oregon Youth Soccer Association Board
From: Matt Madeira
Re: Vice President Report – June 2010

1. One disciplinary hearing involving a coach was held in May..
2. The ORC did not meet in May.
3. Ric and Chuck have interviewed a candidate to fill the vacant board position for the South Metro District. We are working on a nominee for the Willamette District.
4. The nomination form for the 2011 OYSA Lifetime Membership Award was published in the (online) May edition of Goal Lines.

Matt Madeira
Vice President

Oregon Adult Soccer Association State Referee Administrator Report June 2010

The Oregon Referee Committee has been very active since our last meeting in March.

The biggest single event was Big Training Weekend. This is the fourth year we have held a training session that is intended to cover all referees in the state, regardless of their skill level or the level of games they do. We also include college and high school referees. The format allows referees to choose those topics that they feel they most need to hear. Sunday was set aside for Assessors, Instructors and Assignors to meet and discuss problems and solutions, to better serve the teams and players. We also offered the USSF Advanced Referee Clinic for our top officials, taught by Farhad Mansourian, from Cal North. Farhad was very pleased with this event and has been telling people back in Cal North about how great it is. The entry level assignor course was held for a small number of people who need this certification. Over 150 referees participated this year.

Almost 30 referees from Oregon attended the Referee Training Seminar in the Seattle area in late March. Only two of our referees failed the physical fitness test, which had a new testing format this year. (six 40 meter sprints in 6.6 seconds, followed by 24 interval runs of 150 meters in 35 seconds with a 40 second recovery.) Those who passed the test and attended the training were approved by USSF to do the Timbers and Timbers U-23 games this year.

The State Director of Assessment, Steve Brooks, is making excellent progress on our goal of assessing every grade 7 and above referee in the state this year. That means that we will see over 100 of our better referees doing a game. They then receive independent, honest feedback on how they can improve their officiating. All grade 6 and above referees must pass this assessment if they want to retain their badge for 2011. We are not requiring grade 7's to be assessed this year, but we are trying to see all of them. If we succeed, we plan to make an assessment mandatory.

As we did last summer, we are planning to provide mentoring for referees below grade 7, primarily at youth tournaments. Last year, over 300 referees received feedback which will prepare them to do higher level games earlier in their careers.

Referee Ron Lagraff, a former GPSD player and an OPSL board member, is making good progress towards his goal of becoming a National Referee for 2011. The primary requirement is that he perform satisfactorily for about a half dozen National Assessors on games this year. He was assessed several times at Adult Regionals in Sacramento last month. Eduardo Irigoyen has been a National Referee from Oregon for five years. USSF is now preparing him to become a National Assessor for 2011.

Patrick Duffy
State Referee Administrator

EXHIBIT C

Finance Committee Report
June, 2010

Budget for Fiscal Year 2010/2011:

Based on current economic conditions, staff has been tasked with revising the initial draft budget which was initially prepared in March. The Finance Committee is currently waiting on staff to provide a completed revised budget for 2010-2011 for review.

Operating Result as of April 30th, 2010:

December 31 st , operating results reflect a deficit from budgeted amounts in the amount of		
	\$(196,036)	At January
31st, the deficit was	\$(189,600).	At February 28th,
the deficit was	\$(137,661)	
At March 31st, the deficit was	\$(190,000)	
At April 30th, the deficit was	\$(231,000)	

In light of the significant deficit increase in March, staff was requested to look at the projected operating results over the remaining 2.5 months of the fiscal year to gauge whether additional budget cuts were warranted. Operating results have continued to deteriorate during April. I anticipate operating results will continue the current trend for the remainder of the year, absent any corrective action.

Submitted by

David Wagner, Secretary/Treasurer

Executive Director's Report

June 7, 2010

US Youth Soccer Soccer Across America Grant – We received notification that our \$7,500 grant request to US Youth Soccer to strengthen outreach through our Soccer Across America program was approved. The funds are to be used by August 31, 2010. We do not need to submit another proposal for FY 10/11, future funding is pending review of additional applications and the US Youth Soccer Budget.

Mia Hamm Soccer Showcase – We launched this event with an email blast to our membership and a lead story on our website – linked to a co-branded website where people can donate. The early response is encouraging – almost \$2,000 has been raised to date.

Oregon State Cup – There were two issues involving potentially ineligible players that were identified after State Cup Finals in May. The first involved a player who was alleged to have been rostered, and played, on two different teams with two different clubs during our Winter League.

After investigation, it was determined that a player on the OSSA (Lake Oswego) U17 Green, was registered and did play Winter League with both the OSSA club and Santos FC. He was registered under a slightly different name and a slightly different address. In addition, his father's name was different. A duplication of any one of these data-points would have caused a flag in our system, however since all three were different, it required a verbal report and an investigation to confirm.

This is a violation of both our State Cup rules as well as the National Championship Series Polices. Any team that uses an ineligible player cannot advance further in the competition. The State Cup runner-up, the ESU Newcastle were given the opportunity to advance to Far West Regional, but declined. The third place team, the WSM Premier accepted the selection to represent Oregon at Far West Regionals.

The other situation involved a player on the Oregon Rush 93 Girl's team. A day after the State Cup Finals, a question was raised about the residency of one of the Rush's players who apparently lived part of the year in another state. After a through review, it was determined that the player in question did not register nor established residency in another state. She was judged to have properly registered in Oregon and therefore there was no violation.

Club Membership and Tournament Sanctioning – After much research and discussion with US Youth Soccer legal council, we have confirmed that the player passes players of players with clubs that are no longer members of OYSA expire along with their club membership. Similarly, any leagues or tournaments that were previously sanctioned while a club was a member, along with all other benefits of membership, including insurance, also expire.

We have a number of club tournaments that have been sanctioned with clubs that have given us notice that they will not be participating in our leagues next year. The simplest solution is to encourage these clubs to renew their club membership by July 1 so their players may continue to use their player passes and their tournaments can remain sanctioned through August 31st.

The have been sent letters advising them of the situation.

Central Valley Fall League – Two existing leagues in the central valley have expressed concern that our new Central Valley Fall League will have a negative effect on their leagues. They fear that teams that have traditionally played in their recreational leagues will prefer to play in our new regional league. This is not our intent, though some stronger “recreational” teams may, in fact, want a greater challenge and find more evenly matched competition our league. Our goal is to provide an inexpensive and accessible (reduced travel) non-premier playing opportunity for competitive teams with limited access to recreational teams that are interested in playing competitive soccer. We will work closely with both league administrators to help ensure all leagues and teams are well balanced (in terms of skill/ability) and are not adversely affected.

FY 10/11 Budget – We are completing the final draft of the budget for the Finance Committee to review prior to Board consideration. We anticipate a draft to be available for the meeting on June 7, 2010.

Soccer Pacific – Unfortunately we are not in position either organizationally or financially to actively participate in this new venture at this time. We will remain opportunistic with regard to collaborative activities and events and will participate in meetings and discussions as resources allow.

Jimmy Conway Recognition Event (s) – Jimmy is being recognized by friends and family for all he has given to the game. There is a testimonial dinner and silent auction scheduled for the evening of August 25th at the Tiger Woods Center on the Nike Campus. In addition, there is “A Day of Golf” with Jimmy planned earlier that same day at Pumpkin Ridge Gold Club. These are invitational events, but as board members you should be receiving an invitation soon, if you haven’t already. There is also a testimonial soccer game featuring former Portland Timbers and ODP/College players that have played for Jimmy’s teams on August 26th. If you would like more information, or if you would like to donate something for the silent auction, please contact either Mike Smith or Chuck Keers.

Member Services Report

June 7, 2010

Club Development

OYSA member clubs have been submitting their annual club registration forms. This year we have requested that documents be submitted electronically. Clubs have had varying degrees of success in complying with that request. Registration is due June 1st. Clubs not registered by June 30 face the potential of loss of membership in the Association.

I have met with Serafin Martinez of Centro de Formacion Pachuca Portland about becoming a member club. He should have all of his club application materials completed by the board meeting.

OYSA was awarded a US Youth Soccer Soccer Across America grant. Staff is working with the Executive Director to use grant funds in support of actions designed to increase membership in the Association.

Risk Management

Clubs are registering coaches for fall 2010-11 and new board members. OYSA Board and Staff will need to submit new applications for the 2010-11 seasonal year in order to generate a background check for the new year. We will advise everyone by email when the 2010-11 season is open for OYSA board members and staff to register.

TOPSoccer

Staff is preparing for TOPSoccer at the Regional Presidents Cup. (June 17, 2:00pm, Field #5 at US Cellular Community Park in Medford. We are anticipating a good turnout from the programs at Rogue Valley Soccer Club and Ashland Soccer Club.

ESUFC is again presenting a summer camp for TOPSoccer players June 28-July 1. See the TOPSoccer page on the OYSA website for details.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Scott
Member Services Coordinator

**Leagues and Tournament Report
June, 2010
Submitted by Scott Enyart, Director, Leagues and Tournaments**

Region IV President's Cup Regional tournament 2010:

We are making final preparations for the Regional tournament. Revised information from the states show 90 teams are expected to attend. The Region had difficulty filling the Under 17 age group brackets.

OYSA staff will be in Medford handling the operation of the tournament in a cooperative effort with Region IV and the city of Medford. Staff will arrive in Medford on Tuesday June 15 and most will depart on Monday June 21. Except those staff members due in Albuquerque for the Far West tournament June 19 – 27.

2010 Oregon State Cup:

We had 6 teams enter the Under 19 boys state cup. One team withdrew after learning that the venue was Medford for the event. There were no entries for Under 19 girls so we returned that spot at Far West regional tournament back to Region IV.

There were 2 eligibility questions that arose after the State Cup finals had been complete. One resulted in the disqualification of a team and they were not advanced to the Regional tournament, An alternate selection was made and the slot was filled by a team that lost in the semi finals. The second question was handled based upon a rule interpretation that was supported by Region IV and USYS and did not require an appeal hearing at the state level.

2010 Fall league:

A revised Fall league document was prepared and posted on the website. In addition, staff email the document to all club presidents, club registrars and team coaches, assistants and managers.

2010 FWRL:

Oregon will be well represented in the league this fall – as many as 10 teams will be applying for a spot. Entry deadline is early June and state approval is required for all entries.

2013 USYS Coach's workshops and meeting:

Oregon Sports Authority and Portland Visitor's bureau submitted a bid to host the 2013 workshops in Oregon. We have not heard back at this time about the status of the bid other than I know that the national office has the bid.