

Oregon Youth Soccer Association
Regular Board Meeting
November 7, 2011
Beaverton, Oregon

Meeting called to order by President, Matt Madeira, at 6:30 PM

A quorum was declared by Matt Madeira.

Board members attending:

Matt Madeira, President	David Wagner, Treasurer
Steve Meckel, Vice President	John Cronkrite, Director at Large (via phone)
Vicki Pounds, District Director (via phone)	Keith Blackerby, Director at Large (via phone)
Steve Hershberger, District Director	Jodie DeMoe, District Director
John Thomas, District Director	Ben Ashley, District Director (via phone)
John Cronkrite, Director at Large (via phone)	

Others attending:

Chuck Keers, Executive Director	Brian Scott, Member Services Coord.
Kelly Ward, Admin Director	Mike Smith, Technical Director

Minutes

- Minutes from the October Board Meeting were accepted.

Reports

- Board Reports accepted as presented
 - President's Report (Exhibit A)
 - Vice President's Report (Exhibit B)
 - Executive Director's Report (Exhibit C)
 - Member Services' Report (Exhibit D)

New Business

- Update on OPL Discussions
 - OYSA received a proposal from the OPL. Chuck responded and discussions will continue.
- Consideration of Board Appointments
 - The Search Committee presented Conrad Peterson for the Columbia District Director
 - The Search Committee presented Derrick deGroot for the Southern District Director
 - Nominations were moved, seconded and approved as Board Members as presented.

The Board will hold the next Board Meeting on December 5, 2011 at 6:30 pm. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Ward, Admin Director

EXHIBIT A

To: Oregon Youth Soccer Association Board
From: Matt Madeira
Re: President Report – October 2011

1. The Executive Board met and completed a review of Chuck's performance. I met with Chuck and discuss the committee's report. Chuck will be given annual reviews as a matter of operation.
2. Keith Blackerby has agreed to seek election for the Treasurer's position on the OYSA Board at the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

OYSA

Board Meeting

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VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

1. Met with and worked on candidates for vacancies on the board. Matt, Chuck, and I will update at meeting.
2. Still working on editing and reviewing the materials for website update. This has gone slowly because I was sick for two weeks and gone to Indy for a week since last board meeting.

(I am modeling my reports from Matt)

Steve Meckel

Oregon Youth Soccer

Executive Director's Report

November 7, 2011

OPL – I received a written proposal from the Oregon Premier Committee that identified the conditions under which they would register their players with OYSA. At this point we are pretty far apart, however it was a beginning of a dialogue that I believe both organizations would like to see result in a reunification. I have submitted a written response to their proposal and have also provided additional information that they requested after the OPC met and considered my response.

Region IV ODP Committee – The committee completed its work (or so we thought) and submitted a report to the Regional Council and Region IV Presidents at the Regional Planning Meeting in Whitefish. I was surprised that the Council approved the committee's recommendations with virtually no changes. It was acknowledged that there was much work still to be done and the committee was asked to continue its work. A separate committee will be formed to focus exclusively on ways that ODP can be made less expensive.

Region IV Planning Meeting – The meeting was in Whitefish, Montana this year. The first day was dedicated to a joint meeting of State Presidents, Executive Directors and State Technical Directors. The Region IV budget was discussed and a lot of time was dedicated to the recommendations made by the ODP Committee (above) and the work that still needs to be done.

Far West Regionals will be in Phoenix, Arizona this June. There will be a split venue and games will not be played during the hottest part of the day. Far West Regionals will be in Hawaii in 2013 and bids for 2014 will be considered from Idaho and Utah at the Region IV Council Meeting in Boston in February, 2012.

There were a variety of program specific meetings on the second day including Risk Management, Technical Directors, Referees, Bylaw/Policies and Soccer Across America. Mike Smith attended the Coaching Meetings and State Youth Referee Administrator, Jim Lakehomer, attended the Referee Meetings. I attended the bylaw and policy meeting in the morning as it focused on new policies relating to Far West Regionals, the club pass and the new roster size limits. Late morning and in the afternoon I attended the Soccer Across America meeting with Evelyn Gill, Vice President of US Youth Soccer who lead a discussion about what the US Youth Soccer National Office can do to provide support for recreational soccer for state associations.

The Regional Council Meeting was the morning of the third day. The US Youth Soccer National Office expects to have a new apparel/equipment sponsor early in 2012, their deficit will be much less than expected and they are actively seeking candidates for the new Independent Director positions on the board that was approved in July in Phoenix.

Regional Presidents Cup will be in Denver, Colorado in 2012 and bids for 2013 will be considered from Idaho and Utah at the Region IV Council Meeting in Boston in February. Roster sizes for Presidents Cup for U14 through U 17 aged teams were increased from 18 to 22 to match the changes made to the National Championship Series this past July. U13 teams in Presidents Cup still have a maximum roster of 18.

The so-called “Stay to Play” policy that has been applied to the past two Far West Regional tournaments was discussed and will likely be adopted on a permanent basis.

The Region IV Planning Meeting will be in Reno, Nevada in 2012 and the 2013 Meeting will probably be in Alaska. The final decision on the location of the 2013 Region IV Planning Meeting will be made in Boston in February.

The Region IV budget was approved without incident. This differs greatly from the previous two budget votes which were hotly contested and almost didn't pass. In many ways this was the most informative, open and productive Region IV Planning Meetings that we have had in several years.

Annual Audit/Review – The annual audit/review was conducted last month and our auditors will be meeting with our Finance Committee later in November. We hope to have the review to share with the board at the December 5th Board Meeting.

Soccer Pacific – I attended an all day meeting of Soccer Pacific partners in Vancouver, British Columbia last month. Representatives from BC Soccer and Washington Youth Soccer were in attendance. You may recall that Soccer Pacific was the alliance we three organizations formed to leverage opportunities resulting from the establishment of our respective MLS franchises. It has changes somewhat and now has goals to 1) develop regional initiatives designed to strengthen programs, resources and services, 2) provide tournaments, competitions and exchanges and 3) to provide marketing , communications and merchandizing in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

The first few initiatives have not been terribly successful and the alliance partners discussed whether there was merit in going forward. We agreed to try some new ventures and I will keep the board informed on what and when these may occur. This alliance has great potential to enhance our profile in the northwest by partnering with two much larger soccer organizations and to add value for our members through services and events we would not be able to offer on our own.

Field Complex – I have had several more conversations with the Project Manager for the possible 25 soccer field complex that may be developed near Salem. I toured the potential site and while it is still too early in the process to be very confident this particular project will become a reality, it may, and the process itself will be educational and useful when considering other possibilities in the future.

Washington County Visitors Association Sports Committee - I attended this advisory committee of the WCVA Board of Directors. It is intended to help bring new sporting events to Washington County to enrich its residents and provide much needed economic impact.

West Coast Bank – Kelly and I met with our Matt Chrisman, our new representative from this valued sponsor and official Bank of Oregon Youth Soccer. We discussed ways to bring new business to the bank and also provide scholarship funds to our member clubs.

I also attended the Eleventh Annual West Coast Bank Economic Forecast Breakfast last month. Economist John W. Mitchell presented an insightful and fascinating summary of current economic trends. Twelve percent of the housing market in Oregon is in foreclosure, 30% of all sales are distressed sales and 22% of homeowners are “underwater” – meaning they owe more than their house is worth. There are signs of stabilization – 42 states had positive job growth this year compared to 2 states last year. He believes the recovery will be very slow – probably taking 10 years or longer.

Oregon Referee Committee – I have heard unofficially that the ORC will acquire their Coordinator services from another source.

Portland Timbers – Still no word on the ODP agreement (s) with the Timbers.

Policy Review – Staff has still not had an opportunity to review the Association Policies yet to recommend what might be moved to a procedures manual. We hope to be able to bring these recommendations to the board in December.

EXHIBIT D

Member Services Report

November 7, 2011

Club Development

I am still trying to arrange a meeting with a group in Lebanon that is interested in getting a club started.

Risk Management

There are no issues at this time.

Leagues and Tournaments

Kohl's Cup was held in Salem, October 15-16. The Kohl's Interactive truck was there for the entire tournament. They seemed to be steadily busy throughout the tournament.

Age group champions and finalists:

Age	Champion	Finalist
U10 Boys	CYSC Boardman Force	Oregon Rush U10 Boys Academy
U11 Boys	LASC Leones Negros	West Hills U11B - Johanson
U12 Boys	CYSC Boardman Barca	Somerset West - BU12 Monsoon
U13 Boys	West Hills U13B - Wild	KSC Barcelona
U14 Boys	MYSA Grizzlies	CYSC Boardman United
U10 Girls	Cascade FC Synergy	MYS -WYSA U10G - Schultz
U12 Girls	Somerset West - Thunderstorm	Milltown CSSC - Dane (Ridgewood)
U13 Girls	West Hills U13G - Collins	
U14 Girls	Silver Falls 97G	West Hills U14G - Lauer

Fall regional competitive leagues are nearly completed. OYSA is finishing arrangements for the inaugural League Champions Cup tournament to be held in Eugene November 12-13. League representatives have been determined for most of the tournament slots. There are still a few slots from the PML that will be determined by results in final league games on 11/5. Tournament details are on the OYSA website at <http://www.oregonyouthsoccer.org/players/tournaments.aspx>.

TOPSoccer

We have had contact from two groups interested in starting new TOPSoccer programs. Roseburg Soccer Association's new director of coaching is interested in starting a program. We have also heard from a group in Milton-Freewater associated with the school that would like to begin a program. We will continue to work with these groups to organize for new programs to begin in 2012.

Brian Scott
Member Services Coordinator