Oregon Youth Soccer Association
Regular Board Meeting
September 12, 2011
Beaverton, Oregon

Meeting called to order by President, Matt Madeira, at 6:31 PM

A quorum was declared by Matt Madeira.

Board members attending:

Matt Madeira, President	John Thomas, Director at Large
Jodi DeMoe, District Director (via phone)	Steve Hershberger, District Director
Steve Meckel, District Director	John Cronkrite, District Director (via phone)
Ben Ashley, District Director (via phones)	Vicki Pounds, District Director

Others attending:

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

Minutes

- Minutes from the July & August Board Meeting were accepted.

Reports

- Board Reports accepted as presented
  - Executive Director's Report (Exhibit A)
  - Member Services' Report (Exhibit B)
  - Vice President's Reports- Steve Meckel updated the Board. He has been in communication with two potential board candidates.

New Business

- Lifetime Membership Award
  - The Committee would like to present Diane Smith as a candidate for the Lifetime Membership Award. The Board supported the nomination.
- Committee Assignments (Exhibit C).
- Changes to Committee-
  - Chuck asked for the minutes to reflect the unanimous approval via email vote last month to change Policies 303-1 and 303-2 to provide greater flexibility in the composition of the Finance/Budget and Board Development committees.
- Proposed Changes to Policy 802-1 (Exhibit D)
  - A motion was made to approve the proposed changes to Policy 802-1, Section 1-3. Motion was seconded and passed.
  - Staff was directed to develop Operational Manuals to address issues not suitable for Policies.

Old Business

- . Marketing Committee Update
  - Steve Meckel has reached out to key soccer administrators to solicit feedback on what should be included in the new sections on the website.

The Board will hold the next Board Meeting on October 3rd, 2011 at 6:30 pm. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Keers, Executive Director

EXHIBIT A

Oregon Youth Soccer
Executive Director's Report
September 12, 2011

State Fair – We had an area at the Oregon State Fair that was dedicated to OYSA. Volunteers from Cascade FC and Keizer FC distributed OYSA brochures and engaged fair-goers in interactive soccer activities.

Region IV ODP Committee – Matt and I are on a committee that was established to evaluate and make recommendations to Region IV about how the Regional ODP program could be changed to make it more relevant and effective in today's marketplace. I held a conference call with representatives from the two most outspokenly critical states in order to have their concerns included in the discussion. The first committee conference call is Tuesday evening, September 13th.

Twenty-Five Field Complex - I met with a community volunteer who is working on a large field complex between Portland and Salem. After hearing the details I believe the project has a very strong chance of becoming a reality.

Portland Timbers – I am still waiting for the final draft of the agreement for the Boy's ODP program from the Timber's General Manager. They also have a proposal for the Girl's program that we hope can be agreed upon by the first of the year.

Grant Requests – I am in the process of preparing several grant requests in the hopes of adding resources to our Coach Education and TOPSoccer programs.

Oregon Referee Committee – The ORC is seeking a new coordinator to help facilitate all of their many activities. I met with the State Referee Administrator to explore the possibility of OYSA contacting with the ORC to perform the coordination functions.

EXHIBIT B

Member Services Report

September 12, 2011

Club Development

I have received contact from a group in Lebanon that is interested in starting a club in that area. I expect to meet with them sometime in September.

Risk Management

There has been a rather heavy run of adult registrations as clubs complete registering their adults before the beginning of the new season. There are no serious issues at this time.

Leagues and Tournaments

Portland Metro League registrations were finalized with 139 accepted teams. This is an increase of 12% over the number of teams in Fall 2010. There are 71 teams from Oregon and 68 from Washington. We have all age groups and genders represented from U11 Developmental through U14 as well as boys high school teams at U15, U16/U17, and High School open.

Our sanctioned competitive leagues in Keizer (Mid-Valley Soccer League), Eugene (KidSports Klassic - Gold division), and southern Oregon (SOCL) are also about to begin. We have finalized plans for our new League Champions Cup for the top 2 teams in the U12-U14 age groups of each of the regional leagues. The tournament

will be held in Eugene November 12-13.

Kohl's Cup will be held in Salem, October 15-16. Our early registration discount that ended 9/2/11 generated quite a bit of interest. We have already received 16 applications and expect to meet or exceed the number of teams that entered in 2010.

TOPSoccer

TOPSoccer Night at the Timbers will be held September 16th at the Timbers game against the New England Revolution. Carrie Cool arranged with the Timbers for 100 tickets that are available to our TOPSoccer programs at a significant discount. TOPSoccer programs can distribute tickets to family and friends of TOPSoccer players at cost, or sell them for up to face value as a fund-raiser for their program. A flyer with more details is posted on our website.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Scott
Member Services Coordinator

EXHIBIT C

Memo

From: Matt Madeira
To: OYSA Board of Directors
Re: Proposed Finance and Budget and Board Development Committee Membership
Date: August 8, 2011

I would like to propose the following as the membership of the Finance and Budget Committee for the period August 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012:
Dave Wagner – Chair
John Cronkrite
Steve Meckel
Keith Blackerby
Matt Madeira

I would like to propose the following as the membership of the Board Development Committee for the period August 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012:
Steve Meckel – Chair
John Thomas
Ben Ashley
Steve Hershberger
Vicki Pounds
Jodi DeMoe

EXHIBIT D

Memo:
To: Board of Directors
From: Chuck Keers, Executive Director
Date: September 12, 2011
Subject: Proposed Policy Changes (802-1, Section 2, Definitions and Section 3, F, Small Sided Games)

I am requesting the Board approve the policy changes as outlined in the attached documents.
Policy 802-1, Section 2 is a list of definitions.
Most of the changes in the definitions are to make them consistent with US Youth Soccer definitions.
We have added a definition for a "classic or competitive league" that permits, rather than requires, teams that uses tryouts, etc. to participate. This allows more flexibility for leagues and more importantly enables teams to play in competitions that are more commensurate with their ability rather than limiting playing opportunities because of how the team was formed.
Following the same principles, we have changed the definition of a classic or completive team/player as a team/player that plays in a classic or competitive league.
Similarly, we have added a definition of "recreational league" as one in which teams that participate are not formed on the basis of talent or ability and a recreational player as one who plays in recreational league.
These changes/additions are necessary because this is how we have structured our sponsored and sanctioned leagues this year. These changes are important because they remove the ambiguity and inconsistency in "team formation" compliance and related designations and allows teams to play at a competitive level that is consistent with their ability rather than on the process that brought the team together.
Policy 802-2, Section 3, F relates to Small Sided Game standards.
Our Portland Metro League (PML) is 9v9 at U11 and therefore is inconsistent with our current policy that requires U11 teams to play 8v8. Nine vs. nine is the standard that is recommended by US Soccer Federation and also by our Technical Director as well as the Technical Director of Washington State Soccer Association (WSSA). PML is a joint league in partnership with Washington Youth Soccer which has been played 9v9 at U11 for years. To provide consistency in the league, the administrators and technical staff agreed to follow US Soccer's guidelines in the PML. It is therefore necessary to modify and/or suspend our current Small Sided Game Policy.

Proposed to read as:

POLICY 802-1 PLAYERS AND COMPETITION

Section 1. US Youth Soccer Policy

The US Youth Soccer Policy on Players and Playing Rules (USYS Rules) applies to the registration of players, team formation, and competitions conducted by Oregon Youth Soccer and all sanctioned soccer competition conducted by OYSA member clubs.

Section 2. Definitions

(A) The following definitions contained in USYS Rules, Rule 101, Sections 1 and 2, applicable to all State Associations, are repeated here for convenience:

(1) "**Federation**" means the United States Soccer Federation, Inc.

(2) "**FIFA**" means the Federation Internationale de Football Association of which the Federation is the national association member for the United States.

(3) "**region**" means one of those regions established under Bylaw 322.

(4) "**National Counci**l" means the National Council of USYSA as provided under Bylaw 311.

(5) "**Organization Member**" means an organization that is classified as such a member of USYSA as provided by Bylaw 202.

(6) "**State Association**" means the administrative body within a territory determined by the National Council to carry out USYSA's programs for youth players.

(7) "**team**" means a group of soccer players playing on the same side in soccer games.

(8) "**USYSA**" means the United States Youth Soccer Association, Inc.

(9) "**youth player**" means an individual who is an amateur player and who has not reached 19 years of age prior to August 1 immediately before the start of any seasonal year. A player who reaches 19 years of age during a seasonal year is allowed to complete that seasonal year. A player who reaches 19 years of age during August of one seasonal year shall be allowed to complete all of the next seasonal year.

(10) "**add**" means the addition of a player to a team's roster.

(11) "**eligibility to play**" means registered and not under suspension.

(12) "**game roster**" means the list of players who will participate in a particular competition.

(13) "**involuntary release**" means the removal of a player from a team's roster at the request of team authorities.

(14) "**registration**" means the execution of an intent to play the sport of soccer and the paying of fees to become a member of USYSA.

(15) "**rostering**" means assignment of a registered player to a team.

(16) "**select team**" means the official select or all-star team of —

(a) USYSA;

(b) a region;

(c) a State Association;

(d) a district or geographical subdivision of a State Association; or

(e) any league.

(17) "**suspension**" means the temporary withdrawal of rights and privilege, such as the right to play, coach, or otherwise administer or participate (directly or indirectly) in soccer, and the suspension is for the entire term of the suspension

with all rights and privileges withdrawn unless specifically stated otherwise by the suspending authority.

(18) "**team roster**" means a list of registered players eligible to play for a team.

(19) "**uniform**" means a jersey or shirt, shorts, thermal undershorts, stockings, shinguards, footwear, warmup jacket, pants, or suit, and other similar items of wear.

(20) "**voluntary release**" means the removal of a player from a team's roster at the request of the player.

(B)

(C)

(B) The definitions from USYS Rules, Rule 101, Section 3 recommended for use by State Associations are adopted with the modifications .

(1) "**classic or competitive league**" means an interclub league in which the use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting, or any similar process to roster players selectively to any team on the basis of talent or ability, is permitted.

(2) "**classic or competitive team**" means a team that participates in a classic or competitive league.

(3) "**club**"—

(a) means an organization that is a member (directly or indirectly) of a State Association that has an identifiable membership of youth soccer players on whose behalf the organization conducts or engages in youth soccer activities; and

(b) sometimes referred to as a "league" or "local association", is the basic administrative unit of USYSA.

(4) "**district**" means a geographical subdivision of the territory of a State Association.

(5) "**Far West Regional League or FWRL**" means the league operated by the Far West region, Region IV of USYSA, that is open to teams registered through a State Association within Region IV.

(6) "**FWRL team**" means an OYSA registered team that plays in the FWRL and which is thereby eligible to enter the Oregon State Championships, but not the Oregon Presidents Cup.

(7) "**guest player**" means a registered player participating in a competition for a team to which the player is not rostered for purposes of league play.

(8) "**interclub tournament team**" means a tournament team whose roster includes players who are members of more than one club.

(9) "**interclub transfer**" means the removal of a player from a team's roster at the request of the player and the contemporaneous addition of the player to the roster of another team

(10) "**intraclub tournament team**" means a tournament team whose roster includes players who are members of only one club.

(11) "**intraclub transfer**" means the removal of a player from a team's roster at the request of the player and the contemporaneous addition of the player to the roster of another team from the same club.

(12) "**league**"—

(a) means a structured group of 4 or more teams joined for the purpose interteam play under a common set of administrative and competition rules; and

(b) is differentiated from another league by the rules that govern the rostering of players to each league's teams, and the different terms used

to describe each league do not necessarily reflect the level of ability or talent of teams participating in the league.

(13) "**league team**" means a team that participates in regularly scheduled league play.

(14) "**member club**" means a club that has met the requirements for membership prescribed in OYSA bylaws and policies and which has been accepted as a member by the OYSA Board of Directors.

(15) "**participant**" means an individual player, coach, manager, or other team official who is actively involved with a team during practice or other training, plays with a team in a match, is present with a team on a team sideline while wearing the team's uniform, is available to play in a match, or is present on the team sideline assisting the team in a match. All participants are required to be registered with OYSA, US Youth Soccer and the US Soccer Federation.

(16) "**player**" means a youth player registered in accordance with USYSA and State Association rules.

(17) "**player card**" means the official USYSA member pass identifying the registered individual player or adult and including—

(a) the individual's name;
(b) the club name;
(c) the team name;
(d) an official registrar's signature;
(e) a photograph of the individual; and
(f) laminated to prevent alteration

(18) "**qualifying league**" means a classic or competitive league that has been recognized by OYSA as meeting the requirements to qualify teams to enter the Oregon State Championships or the Oregon Presidents Cup. The minimum requirements for being a qualifying league include:

(a) being operated by OYSA or sanctioned by OYSA;
(b) using USSF certified referees assigned by a USSF certified referee assignor;
(c) requiring that each team have a team roster maintained in OYSA's online software;
(d) requiring that each team provide a game roster that shows the name of every rostered player and guest player who is present and able to participate in the match to the referee before each match; and
(e) requiring that each team provide the referee with player cards for each participating player on the game roster before each match.

(19) "**qualified team**" means a team that plays in a qualifying league and is eligible to enter either the Oregon State Championships or the Oregon Presidents Cup

(20) "**recreational all-star team**" means a tournament team whose roster only includes players selected from teams that participate in the same recreational league or recreation plus league.

(21) "**recreational league**" means an intraclub or interclub league in which—

(a) the use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting, or any similar process to roster players to any team on the basis of talent or ability is prohibited;
(b) the club administering the league accepts as participants in the league any eligible youths (subject to reasonable terms on registration);
(c) a system or rostering players is used to establish a fair or balanced distribution of playing talent among all teams participating; and
(d) league rules require that each player must play at least one-half of each game except for reasons of injury, illness, or discipline.

(22) "**recreational team**" means a team that participates in a recreational league.

(23) "**recreational plus league**" means an interclub or intraclub league in which—

(a) the use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any similar process to roster players selectively to any team on the basis of talent or ability is prohibited;

(b) the club or clubs administering the league accept as participants in the league any and all eligible youths (subject to reasonable terms of registration); and

(c) the league does not otherwise meet the definition of a recreational league.

(24) "**recreational plus team**" means a team that participates in a recreational plus league.

(25) "**sanctioned**" (as applied to a league or tournament) means that the competition is hosted and administered by an OYSA member club and has been approved by OYSA.

(26) "**sponsored**" (as applied to a league or tournament) means that the competition is hosted and administered by OYSA.

(27) "**tournament team**" means a team that includes guest players and is put together for the sole purpose of playing in a tournament or other approved non-league competition.

(28) "**transfer**" means the removal of a player from a team's roster on the request of the player, and the contemporaneous addition of the player to the roster of another team.

Section 3. General Policies

A. Member clubs shall establish policies and regulations regarding the formation of teams entering into affiliated leagues.

B. Unregistered players are strictly prohibited from playing in matches or practicing with member club teams.

C. Players and/or their families that have unpaid financial obligations to OYSA or a member club may have their membership privilege suspended until such obligations have been satisfactorily resolved.

D. All leagues must be sanctioned by OYSA. A member club, group of clubs or other affiliated entity must complete OYSA's "Permission to Host" paperwork and pay all appropriate fees.

E. Member clubs shall submit their team formation policy and bylaws to OYSA annually on or before the club registration deadline.

F. Small Sided Games Policy

Teams comprised of players that are U10 or younger are required to play in a small sided game format.G. Clubs may not require a player to play above his/her nominal age group.