

Oregon Youth Soccer Association  
Regular Board Meeting  
March 3, 2009  
Beaverton, Oregon

**Meeting called to order by President, Ric Listella, at 6:00 PM**

**A quorum was declared by Ric Listella.**

**Board members attending:**

Ric Listella, President	Dan Dieter, Vice-President
John Thomas, District Director	David Wagner, Treasurer (via phone)
Steve Raye, District Director	John Cronkrite, District Director
Steve Meckel, District Director	Matt Madeira, District Director
Dick Matti, District Director (via phone)	

**Others attending:**

Chuck Keers, Executive Director	Brian Scott, Member Services Coord.
Kelly Ward, Director Admin	Mike Smith, Technical Director (via phone)
Scott Enyart, Director Leagues & Tournaments	

**The following items were accepted as presented:**

- January 5<sup>th</sup> Association Minutes
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> Association Minutes
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> Foundation Minutes
- Vice-President's Report- Attached as Exhibit A
- Executive Director's Report- Attached as Exhibit B
- Member Services Report- Attached as Exhibit C
- Program Services Report- Attached as Exhibit D

**Board Discussion of Strategic Topics:**

- Restructure Considerations
  - Board agreed not to change the core services that OYSA provides, but will look at making some adjustments.
  - Board committed to not bring items that pit recreational clubs and competitive clubs against one another to the full membership at an AGM. These issues will be resolved at a committee level.
  - Committees will be formed to provide input to staff and develop policy to be brought to the Board. Staff was directed to define and establish processes for these committees and bring this to the board at the April Board Meeting.
- Wallowa Valley Soccer Association
  - Staff provided a summary of the proposed club, confirmed that they have met the membership criteria and recommended membership approval.
  - A motion was made to accept their membership request, the motion was seconded and passed.

**The next BOD Meeting will be held on April 6, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in Beaverton at the OYSA Office, conference calling will be available.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ward  
Director of Administrative Services

Date: February 23, 2008

To: All Board Members

From: Dan Dieter  
Vice President, Oregon Youth Soccer Association

Re: Vice President's Report for March 2009 Board Meeting

### **PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

We recently received a grievance that is actually an appeal to a club decision. It has been well documented but after review by Brian Scott and myself, there is no action required by OYSA. The Grievance Protest and Appeal manual is done, thanks to Brian. If anyone wants to see a copy, just check with either of us. As the year proceeds, we will undoubtedly have opportunities to test it out.

### **BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

I am currently communicating with the clubs in the Western District to attempt a gathering to discuss director appointees. I have gotten responses from all but a couple. I will suspend that until after the March 2 Board Meeting, to better communicate exactly what our structure will be.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

At the current time, there are no cases in the hopper.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Executive Director's Report  
March 2, 2009**

**Summary of AGM Presidents Meeting** – I sent a summary of the AGM Presidents Meeting to every club president in the state as well as others who attended. I have also drafted some questions and made some recommendations that should help with the discussion and decisions that will help determine the business strategy and direction of the association.

**Portland Youth Soccer Association** – PYSA appear to be moving forward with their plans to reorganize separate and apart from Oregon Youth Soccer, US Youth Soccer and the US Soccer Federation. In February, their board and many of their member clubs voted to change PYSA's bylaws to provide for this change. A document that was presented to our members clubs in the Portland District to answer questions and inform them of the implications of this transition contained numerous significant errors and misstatements. Staff has developed a clarifying document to correct the misinformation and will be sending it to, as well as meeting with, as many club presidents and/or boards as possible to make sure they are aware of the true consequences of their actions.

**Coach Development** – We have been granted a National Youth License clinic from US Youth Soccer. The dates will be July 13-18, 2009 and will be hosted by Parkrose Soccer Club. These dates are on the website and people have been registering their interest with the Coaching Department.

We have applied for the National 'C' License from US Soccer and are awaiting approval. After consultation with clubs and members at the AGM, the dates applied for are May 9-17, 2009. These dates are on the website and people have been registering their interest with the Coaching Department.

We are hosting a 'D' License the first two weekends of June at Athey Creek School in West Linn.

Mike has organized a club head coach's summit for Wednesday February 25 at the OYSA offices. The purpose of the discussion will be 'player development in Oregon'. The Coaching Department is trying to be proactive to develop strategies for each community and the state as a whole.

**Leagues and Tournaments** – Winter and Spring League are going well. State Cup and President's Cup will begin on April 11, 2009. President's Cup Finals will be April 26<sup>th</sup> and State Cup Finals will be May 9<sup>th</sup>.

We will be submitting a letter of intent to bid on the new US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup National Championships scheduled to be held in mid-July, 2010.

**Referee Development** – Our first referee training class filled to capacity in just two days. The schedule for subsequent classes is posted on our website. Other sponsored classes are planned in underserved areas of the state. Staff will be marketing these classes to boost attendance. The Oregon Adult Soccer Association has agreed to share their league membership data with us in underserved areas so we might market referee classes directly to adults with a soccer background.

**US Youth Soccer Workshop and Coach's Convention** – This annual event is will be in San Jose from March 4<sup>th</sup> through March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**US Soccer AGM** – The Federation AGM will be March 14<sup>th</sup> in Orlando this year. Oregon and nine other State Associations have sponsored a policy proposal which, if passed, would require all US Soccer Federation members to play small-sided soccer beginning in September, 2013.

**New Association Logo and Web Design** – Staff has been working with design consultants and selected a new logo for the Association that will be launched in June, along with the new website design and functionality.

**Washington County Visitor's Association Sports Committee** – I have been selected to serve on the new Sports Committee that has been formed by the Washington County Visitor's Association.

**Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation Department** – Staff and I met with representatives of THPRD about securing fields for our major events for the next 24 months. Their process normally does not confirm access that far in advance, but they are making an exception so that we can plan and market our services more effectively.

**Washington State Youth Soccer Association, District V** – The Director of Washington’s District V met with staff to work on the details of a joint southwest Washington/Portland league this fall. Initial reports are positive.

**Potential Sub-Contracting of Competitive Leagues and Tournaments** – I have met again with “Tournament Services” and staff to discuss the level of league and tournament support they may provide. There are still a few details of next year’s league and tournament schedule that are being worked out, but we feel we can improve our schedules, referee assignments and overall service to our customers by sub-contracting some of these functions to an independent contractor.

**Leagues and Tournament Report**

**February, 2009**

**Submitted by Scott Enyart, Director, Leagues and Tournaments**

**Winter League 2009:**

Winter league is operating smoothly. There has been a rash of red cards that we are dealing with. In some cases, I have extended suspensions on a case by case basis.

**Spring League 2009:**

With the high number of changes to the Spring league schedule, weather issues and conflicts with other sports – teams are having a bit of a struggle meeting their obligations. Staff will review the timing of the Spring league for next season.

**State Cup 2009:**

We have 190 teams entered for U11 through U18 – brackets for all age groups except the U11's were formed based upon either Fall or Winter league

Preliminary rounds will be April 4, 5 (U11 – U14), 11, 18, 19;

Quarterfinals April 25 or 26

Semi finals May 2

Finals May 9

**Fred Meyer President's Cup:**

Only 29 teams entered. Staff is going to have to do some creative scheduling to establish age group champions for the U15 through U17 groups that advance to regionals. Both the National and Regional president's cup sites have very limited information regarding the event. Staff is passing on the information we gather to teams.

**Kohl's American Cup:**

We have been informed by the National office that the event truck will not be making a stop at our event. Staff is working on additional information regarding this event.

**Fall League revamp:**

I have meet with representatives from District 5 in Washington regarding a cooperative league that will operate starting this fall. A league operating committee of reps from both states is being formed to work at the details. Myself and 2 club reps will represent OYSA. Scheduling for the news league will be handling by our office.

**2009/2010 Competitive Calendar:**

Staff is developing our calendar of events for the coming year. A preliminary calendar will be available in early March.

**Referee Development:**

Our 2009 class schedule is available on the website, we are handling registration through Affinity

**Far West Regional League:**

OYSA is hosting games for this league March 28 and 29 – club teams from Eastside United, Tualatin Hills United and Oregon Rush (2) will be playing.

## **Member Services Report**

March 2, 2009

### **Club Development**

Wallowa Valley Soccer Association has applied to be a member club of OYSA. They have provided all of the documentation required by OYSA policies and bylaws. Their application letter is attached. There are no existing OYSA member clubs in Wallowa county at this time. Staff recommends approval of Wallowa Valley Soccer Association's application.

### **Risk Management**

Copies of the recently adopted Policy 801-1 were sent to all club presidents and registrars along with a memo that highlighted the changes affecting clubs and individuals. No appeals have yet been filed under the new policy.

Copies of the recently adopted Policy 701-1, the Grievance, Protests, and Appeals Procedural Manual, and a memorandum highlighting the effect of the new policy and procedures have been mailed to all club presidents and registrars. There has been some recent activity that has been subject to the new procedures.

### **TOPSoccer**

Our Eastside United program has arranged with the Portland Timbers for a TOPSoccer night at the Timbers. This event will take place at the Timbers home game versus Cleveland on September 13, 2009. TOPSoccer players, families, and buddies will be able to get reduced price tickets to the game and there will be a TOPSoccer game at half-time. All Oregon TOPSoccer programs have the opportunity to participate. Additional information is available from Sue Protz- 503-665-9345 or topsoccer@esufc.com.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Member Services Coordinator