

Oregon Youth Soccer Association
Regular Board Meeting
May 4, 2009
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	Dan Dieter, Vice-President
David Wagner, Treasurer	Al King, Director at Large (via phone)
John Cronkrite, Director at Large	John Thomas, 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
Scott Enyart, Director Leagues & Tournaments	Chris Watts, Clackamas United

The following items were accepted as presented:

- April 6th Association Minutes
- Vice-President's Report- Attached as Exhibit A
- Oregon Referee Committee Report- Attached as Exhibit B
- Executive Director's Report- Attached as Exhibit C
- Member Services Report- Attached as Exhibit D
- Program Services Report- Attached as Exhibit E

Board Discussion of Strategic Topics:

- Staff report on Advisory Committee formation and structure
 - Staff has integrated the 2 items that Board requested into the document and they will move forward implementing the Advisory Committees.
- Principles and Benefits of OYSA Club Membership- Attached as Exhibit F
 - Staff is split on this issue but think it is in the long term interest of the Association to limit most of our services to members as defined in the bylaws, that is, those clubs that register 100% of their members with us. Staff recommends developing a prolonged implementation so that member clubs have time to plan and adjust to the implications of the changes.
 - Board discussed the need to further explore the financial and services provided by our competition as well as examine the service models/restrictions within our structure that frustrate our membership.
 - The Board would like to see a recommended timeline for the implementation related to the Principles and Benefits of OYSA Membership as well as, additional information regarding the financial and services comparison and assessment prepared by staff for further discussion on this topic.
- Letter from WYSA- Attached as Exhibit G
 - Ric formed a committee to discuss this issue addressed in the letter. John Thomas (chair), David Wagner, Dan Dieter and Steve Meckel will serve on the committee.
 - The same committee will address the grievance but Dan Dieter will be the chair.

New Business:

- Proposed Foundation Grant to Wallowa Valley Soccer- Attached as Exhibit H

- The Foundation has \$2,200 of restricted funds from the Meyer Memorial Fund. This is the only grant request for the restricted purpose. Chuck recommends funding this grant request for \$2,200. Motion made to do so, seconded, passed.
- Newberg Soccer Club name change
 - Newberg Soccer Association requested a name change to Newberg Soccer Club. Motion made, seconded and passed.

Ric announced he wanted to go into executive session to discuss some sensitive issues. The Board entered executive session at 8:00pm. The regular board meeting resumed at 9:30pm.

Ric directed the minutes of the regular meeting to reflect that the FY 09/10 budget was approved in executive session.

Unfinished Business:

- Board Member Appointment
 - John McCafferty for Western District Director appointed. Motion made to ratify, passed.
 - Steve Hershberger for Central Valley District Director appointed. Motion made to ratify, passed.

There being no more business, the regular board meeting adjourned at 9:53pm.

The next BOD Meeting will be held on June 1, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in Beaverton at the OYSA Office, conference calling will be available.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ward
Director of Administrative Services

Date: March 27, 2009
To: All Board Members
From: Dan Dieter
Vice President, Oregon Youth Soccer Association

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

PROTESTS AND APPEALS

As I mentioned in my last report, I have been working on scheduling a disciplinary hearing brought by Clackamas United against a member of another club. This hearing has been difficult to schedule for many reasons, and as of this report date, has not been scheduled. The complaint is related to a grievance also filed by Clackamas United against Eastside United. This grievance will require board action. I have attached the portion of the new rules that apply (GPA Manual, Section 5 Grievance Procedures, part(C)) and we as a board will need to decide how to proceed in this case. I am recommending that the board create a committee to hear and decide this case.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Last month I submitted information for two potential board appointees. We did not cover this in our April meeting. I have also asked John Cronkrite and Steve Meckel to call the two candidates. I do not know the status of those calls as of this report.

I have also been looking at the board member matrix, specifically at election terms. There are four positions, including Vice President that will be up for election at the 2010 AGM. I will give a full report on the status of those positions as soon as I have that information. At this time, I can tell you that I will not be running again for the position of Vice President.

RISK MANAGEMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Dieter
Vice President
Oregon Youth Soccer Association

Exhibit B:

To: Oregon Youth Soccer Association Board
From: Matt Madeira
Re: Oregon Referee Committee 04-08-09

The committee met on Wednesday, April 8th. Discussion items included a review of the financials and budget, an updated Conflict of Interest policy, and a conversation with Dick Horner regarding Instruction issues. A request for funds from OYSA in the amount of \$2,000.00 was discussed. Additional documentation on this request was presented and the funds will be issued shortly.

Meetings will be held monthly on the second Wednesday of the month.

Matt Madeira

**Executive Director's Report
May, 2009**

Portland Youth Soccer Association – I have discussed the membership deadline and the insurance coverage questions with our insurance broker and Jim Cosgrove, Executive Director of US Youth Soccer. Our broker informs us that all insurance to clubs and their participants terminate effective with the date the club is no longer a member of Oregon Youth Soccer. Jim's opinion, as well as that of Larry Monaco's, is that we have the authority to designate when a club's membership terminates. After reviewing our bylaws, they believe that a club's membership period ends on June 30 unless they have renewed their membership prior to that date. Our due date for club membership renewal is June 1st of each year.

Leagues and Tournaments – The President's Cup Finals were held on Sunday, April 26th and concluded without serious incident. The Champions of all divisions (U13 to U17) except for the U14 and U17 girls have committed to represent Oregon in the Far West Regional Presidents Cup in Tri-Cities, Washington from June 11th through the 14th. (This is the Regional Tournament that Oregon will host in June, 2010 in Medford.)

State Cup Finals will be May 9th at the Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation Department Recreational Center.

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, 2011.

We will also be submitting a bid to host the Region IV Planning Conference for 2011 or 2012.

Referee Development – We have been very involved in helping to schedule a referee certification class in Newport to support our clubs at the coast who frequently do not have enough local referees to officiate their games. The ORC is waiving their 15 person minimum and reimbursing the cost of the class to all who attend. The Lincoln City Soccer Club and OYSA are also providing financial support to attendees who complete the class and referee a minimum of five sponsored games.

FY 09/10 Budget – Next year's budget was presented to the Finance Committee. The Committee met with each department head and administrative staff to review each cost center in detail and ask questions. It is a balanced budget and will be presented the full board with the Committee's recommendation for approval.

Membership Benefits – Staff has continued to define and clarify the definition and benefits of club membership. We believe it is in the long-term interests of the association to approve the revised membership benefits (and affirm that membership requires 100% of all club participants to be registered with OYSA).

Member Services Report

May 4, 2009

Club Development

I have had several discussions with groups interested in joining the Association. At this point it appears that the groups are primarily involved in information gathering. No actual applications have yet been received.

I have received confirmation from Nike of a donation of 100 pairs of youth soccer cleats that we can distribute to our members. When they have arrived we will announce their availability first to our new clubs, and then to all member clubs. The goal will be to assist players who need financial assistance to be properly equipped to play.

TOPSoccer

I attended the Region IV TOPSoccer Symposium in Boise Idaho, April 3rd - 5th. Also attending from OYSA were John Hanna, State TOPSoccer Chairman and Mike Smith, OYSA Technical Director. Larry Monaco, US Youth Soccer President, attended as a guest.

The symposium covered many topics of interest, including starting programs, operating and financially sustaining programs, incorporating referees, adaptive education strategies, and risk management. There appears to be a growing consensus among programs to include TOPSoccer programs as a regular part of the recreational soccer offerings of the sponsoring clubs. This includes having TOPSoccer players outfitted with the same uniforms as other recreational teams in a club. While there are differences in the way that programs are managing finances, it appears that nearly all programs in the Region are charging the participants for uniforms and State Association dues. This is an area that we will need to consider as budgets are developed for 2010 and beyond.

Region IV is making a commitment to making TOPSoccer more visible through its events. Cal South is presenting a TOPSoccer event at the same time and location as the National Championship Regionals in June. Arizona has committed to having an event in association with the regional ODP championships in January. They would like to have Oregon present an event in association with the President's Cup regional in June 2010. We will work with our TOPSoccer programs in southern Oregon to arrange an appropriate event.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Scott
Member Services Coordinator

**Leagues and Tournament Report
April, 2009
Submitted by Scott Enyart, Director, Leagues and Tournaments**

State Cup 2009:

The finals are set and will be May 9th at the Tualatin Hills Recreation Center in Beaverton. First game time is 10 am and the last kick off of the day will be 3:30.

**Fred Meyer President's Cup:
2009 Fred Meyer President's Cup
Champion Finalist**

Boy's Under 15 PCU Gunners ESUFC Everton
Girl's Under 15 ESU Fulham PCU Heatwave
Boy's Under 16 ESU Portsmouth WSM Red Dragons
Girl's Under 16 PCU Stryka LOSC Rampage
Boy's Under 17 Centennial SC ESU South Hampton
Girl's Under 17 WUSC Fulham (no team)
Boy's Under 19 OSA Strikers LOSC Swoosh
Girl's Under 19 CFC Freedom WSM Select

We have commitments for all age groups except U14 and U17 girls to attend the Regional President's Cup tournament in Tri Cities Washington June 11 – 14.

Fall League revamp:

Information regarding the restructure of the Fall league has gone out. We are fielding many calls from parents unhappy with the changes. The changes being envisioned will not be fully launched until the 2011 season so we will experience continue angst directed at the association for the changes.

Referee Development:

We continue to work this avenue with resources and man hours. We have had some successes as evidenced by the level of assignments Oregon officials attending regionals receive. Our Academy program has lost momentum and will need to be revamped for 2010.

Region IV President's Cup Regional tournament 2010 –

We are waiting for a conformation notice from Region IV so that we can start negotiations surrounding this event. Tentative notification has been provided to the city of Medford and the visitor's bureau. We will be a formal press release once it is official.

Proposed Changes to OYSA Service Model 2009

OYSA Bylaw 202, Section 5 states that, “Every player, coach, assistant coach, team manager, programs administer, club officer, including all board members and club employees, must be registered with a member club and OYSA.”

Staff recommends that the Board provide approval to the steps necessary to fully implement the enforcement of this Bylaw. We have received advice from USYS that this Bylaw can be enforced without violating USSF Bylaw and Policy so long as “non-member” clubs are allowed to enter teams into OYSA leagues and tournaments other than USYS specific events. Doing so will have significant effects on some of the clubs that participate in OYSA programs if they continue their current operations of either registering some of their members with another USSF member organization or not registering some of their members with any USSF member organization.

1. USYS Competition

The most significant impacts would be on the eligibility of clubs to enter teams into USYS competitions. We have received advice that participation in USYS events can be limited to clubs that are full USYS members, which any club that meets OYSA Bylaw 202, Section 5, would be. Competitions limited to full members would include the following events:

- A. National Championship Series (State Cup)
- B. National President’s Cup
- C. Far West Regional League (currently affects only 4 or 5 clubs)

2. Sanctioning

Another major impact would affect sanctioning of leagues and tournaments that a club may wish to host. Bylaw 304 allows member clubs to create a league for playing games and to apply for sanctioning of such a league. Defining member as being in full compliance with Bylaw 202, Section 5, would restrict league sanctioning to clubs that are full members. The same would apply to tournament sanctioning.

3. Insurance

OYSA’s insurance applies when a club is, “... acting on behalf of Oregon Youth Soccer Association.” Club’s not in compliance with Bylaw 202, Section 5, would only be acting on behalf of OYSA when participating in OYSA events. All other activity would be excluded. D&O coverage and general liability would be significantly restricted. Medical coverage would be limited to the OYSA registered participants and there would be significant issues of coverage should a club have scrimmages that involved both OYSA registered and non-registered players.

4. Coaching Department Activities

As member dues are a primary source of funding for the coaching department, coaching department activities should be limited for clubs that have not registered all participants with OYSA. Restrictions to full member clubs only should apply to the free youth modules, player clinics, team practice sessions, and member pricing on coaching clinics that have a fee.

5. Club Services

Advice, consultation, and assistance with club governance, documentation, and dispute resolution should be available only to full member clubs because of the dues support for those activities.

Exhibit G:

To The OYSA Board:

I am writing on behalf of WYSA. We would like to express our concern over the actions of Eastside United toward the service area of our member club Clackamas United. We feel it is inappropriate to attempt to bring a recreational program to an area that already has one. This does not foster good will and cooperation amongst clubs and does not advance the game for the children we are serving.

WYSA as a group would like to request that the OYSA board creates a clear policy regarding service areas. We have no issue with children playing wherever they choose to play, but if a family chooses to play with a club "outside" of their traditional club service area that should not give the club they are playing for rights to access the much needed facilities of another OYSA member club.

Thank you for your time
Kent McCarty- Milwaukie
Cory Moore- Oregon City
Angie Hibbard- Canby
Kim Rista- Estacada
Randy Keller- Gladstone
Deneen Munson – Molalla
John Meighan- North Clackamas
Shannon Mache- North Marion
Peter Bierma- WHK
Ty Rask- Colton

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Wallowa Valley Soccer Association

C/O Anette Christoffersen, 82124 Black Marble Lane, Enterprise, OR. 97828

April 21, 2009

To: Oregon Youth Soccer Foundation

Chuck Keers, Executive Director

Brian Scott, Membership Services Coordinator

RE: New Club Grant for Wallowa Valley Soccer Association

Dear Sirs;

This is a request for funding to assist the Wallowa Valley Soccer Association start up a recreational summer soccer league in Wallowa County.

We joined the Oregon Youth Soccer Association in February of 2009, and all of our players will be registered as members of Oregon Youth Soccer this year. We are a registered corporation in the State of Oregon and are in the process of applying for nonprofit status with the IRS.

Program Summary

Wallowa Valley Soccer Association (WVSA) serves the general area of Wallowa County, Oregon, with a population of 7200 people. We are the only soccer organization in Wallowa County and operate strictly on a volunteer basis. Wallowa County is an economically depressed area, with the lowest average wages in the 8 county region of Eastern Oregon. Unemployment currently exceeds 16%. Many of our players require Scholarships to participate.

Over the last ten years, approximately 210-220 youth aged 6-13 have participated annually in youth soccer activities. Our soccer programming has been limited to a short fall season beginning in mid August and ending in mid October. In 2008, we expanded our programming to include youth aged 14-18. 20 players joined this nascent effort to provide soccer for high school aged players.

As new members of OYSA, we will offer a coed summer league for UI5 and U19 players. We anticipate having two UI5 teams and one U19 team, with approximately a total of 60 players. All games will be played against other OYSA teams in Union County. This was approved by the Union County Youth Soccer Board of Directors earlier this year.

The per player annual OYSA registration fee of \$13, and the Union County charge of \$10 per player to participate in their summer league will have to be charged to the players. In addition to the registration fees, travel expenses to Union County (130 miles round trip)

will be passed on to the players.

The registration and travel expenses are more than most families in our low-income area can afford, so asking them to cover the additional cost of uniforms would discourage many families from participating in the program. Therefore, we are seeking financial assistance from OYSF to assist us in purchasing uniforms for our sununer league players.

The Need for the Program and the Impact

A sununer league would fill a much needed gap in our program by providing sununer sport for players aged 12-18. There is a great need for this age group's involvement in sports, both to be physically fit and stay out of trouble.

Historically we have offered, and will continue to offer, a fall soccer league for players aged 6-13. The fall schedule conflicts with other high school varsity sports limiting continued participation. However, our fall 2008 pilot proved there is an interest and the potential to develop a full County team. We've been approached by many players who would like to continue playing soccer into their high school years. Since soccer is not offered as a school sport in Wallowa County, and probably never will be with the budget cuts our schools are currently facing, we provide the only opportunity for the local youth to play soccer.

Activities

Practices for the sununer league will occur during May and June, with games scheduled July 7-31 in Union County, Oregon. Those interested in continuing to play soccer have the option to play in our regular fall schedule.

Target population

We anticipate a total of 60 players in the sununer league and 240 players in the fall league this year, and expect to develop additional membership in the future. Our leagues are co-ed, split roughly equally between male and female. Wallowa County is economically depressed, with unemployment currently exceeding 16% and average wages below \$25,000.

Program Design and Methodology

The success of the program will be evaluated by the number of players that participate in the league. We believe that if we can keep the cost to play down, and with the help of this grant, we will be able to attract more players.

Budget

The funds from OYSF will be used to pay for player uniforms (jerseys, shorts, socks), shin guards, goalie gloves and jerseys as per the budget below. We are seeking 50% of the total budget from OYSF (\$3,270). The balance will be covered by sponsorships from local businesses, player registration fees and local donations.