

Oregon Youth Soccer Association  
Special Conference Call Board Meeting  
April 16, 2008

**1. Meeting called to order by President, Ric Listella, at 7:06 PM**

**2. A quorum was declared by Ric Listella, members announced their presence.**

**Board members attending:**

Ric Listella, President	David Wagner, Secretary/Treasurer
John Thomas, District Director	Steve Meckel, District Director
Dan Dieter, Vice-President	Matt Madeira, District Director
Steve Asakawa, District Director	Rick Puckett, District Director
Dick Matti, District Director	John Cronkrite, Director at Large

**Others attending:**

Chuck Keers, Executive Director

**3. Finance Committee Report:**

Secretary/Treasurer David Wagner reviewed the minutes and recommendations of the April 8, 2008 Finance Committee Meeting. David informed the Board that in the opinion of the Finance Committee we could prudently access approximately \$200,000 of cash reserves to fund strategic initiatives next year. The initial draft of the FY 08/09 budget projected a deficit of approximately \$350,000 – primarily related to enhancements in services to member clubs that were identified as part of the strategic plan.

John Thomas asked for information about the budget impact of the efficiencies that we hoped to achieve through our new online business provider system. Chuck responded by saying the efficiencies included a potential reduction of staff as well as revenue from the sale of licensing agreements for tournament and gaming modules and sponsorships through Affinity. Chuck added that the actual budget impact would be difficult to quantify.

David pointed out that that Finance Committee recommended that a review of the online business solutions contract and office operations be conducted in January, 2009 to determine if and how much our anticipated efficiencies have materialized.

The Finance Committee also recommended that the Association not fund the position of Foundation Executive Director at this time.

The Committee supported the hiring of a Director of Coaching/Technical Director, but suggested the timing of such a hire be left to the discretion of the Association Executive Director and further recommended a review of all staff positions to determine if the hire would create any duplication of services.

The final recommendation by the Finance Committee was to keep the planned new initiatives for funding ODP services to the Southern part of the state, but strongly recommends that ODP costs and program structure be reviewed in the near future. The cost of the program is high for participants, but is still significantly subsidized by the Association.

Rick Puckett asked if the budget included potential lost revenue related to the departure of a number of U11 teams to the new 11v11 league that is being proposed. Chuck responded by

saying he thought this had been taken into account but would review the assumptions made and make further adjustments as necessary.

John Cronkrite requested a plan or overview of how the coaching department, services and program strategies would change with the addition of a Director of Coaching.

Chuck presented an overview of the budget recommendations that were submitted by staff. They incorporated the direction provided by the Finance Committee and resulted in a year-end deficit of \$206,000. He said he would address the programmatic assessments and plans referenced above as well make whatever other budget adjustments were necessary and would provide the Finance Committee with a budget that did not materially exceed the targeted deficit for them to review prior to the Board Meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Keers  
Executive Director