



Oregon Soccer Club Board Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2013, 7:30 pm

RCI D101 Community Conference Room

Present: Lee Christensen, Mark Bennett, Mike Bjerke, Ranae Krull, Kraig Krause, Pete McCombs, Eric Anderson, and Bryan Gruchow

Absent: Corrie Bjerke, Lynn Roemer, Bob Tolly, Steve Harvancik, Jon Odorico, Danny Gildea, Val Jakusz, and Julie Grutzner

Standing Items	
1.	<p>Review and Approve – Prior Board Meeting Minutes (All) Minutes were approved with no changes.</p>
2.	<p>Presidents Report (Lee) No update.</p>
3.	<p>Financial Report (Corrie) No update.</p>
4.	<p>DOYD Update (Danny) Danny was absent.</p>
5.	<p>U11 & up Classic Commissioner Update (Kraig & Mike) WYSA has approved a new tryout policy for the 2014-2015 season. Details are on WYSA's website under About Us, Policies. Offers can be extended to current players without a tryout 2 weeks before the district tryout period begins on May 12th. Players could receive offers from April 28 – July 31, 2014. Eric volunteered to contact MYSA to get further information on the new policy and the reason for the change. At this time, the club is unsure how</p> <p>Kraig gave an update on the British Challenger contract for the 2014. Fees increased about 6.5% per coach. Contracts run Jan 1 – Dec 31. Challenger shared a coach feedback report with Kraig. The additional hours required to coach Academy U9-U10 did not work as expected. The assistant coaches normally arrived late due to the early start time of practice. The player to BC coach practice time ratio was 35:1 most of the time. This was a problem. Kraig and Mike will create a mock schedule for spring to present to Danny to determine how to move forward. Kraig explored the cost options with Challenger to bring in another coach for Academy and shared these with the board. Challenger presented him with three options with various price points for an adding a coach: the weekly rate if we provide housing for the coach,</p>



	<p>the weekly rate without housing provided, or the hourly rate with a 2h minimum per week. Kraig will analyze the BC costs for the last few years. Kraig and Mike will also explore pricing from other companies for the Academy. Eric suggested contacting Ilir to see if he had any interest.</p> <p>U18 Fusion team. This team does not attend tryouts but registers under our club. The team does not use a BC coach so the Kraig will determine how to adjust the fees for registration.</p>
6.	<p>U9 – U14 Rec Commissioners Update (Bob & Mark)</p> <p>The U9-U10 Academy practices will need to be moved to 5pm or later to make more parent coaching participation possible. Kraig and Mike will review the spring schedule to determine if that is possible. The Academy was designed to use BC coaches to oversee the practice and instruct the parent coaches but not to actually run the practices. BC Coaches are also not obligated to coach at games but did so on a volunteer basis. More communication needs to be sent out to the Academy families to set the appropriate expectations.</p>
7.	<p>U7 – U8 Commissioners Update (Pete & Steve)</p> <p>Off season. No update.</p>
8.	<p>U4 – U6 Commissioners Update Little Rookies (Eric)</p> <p>Eric provided the dates scheduled for Little Rookie sessions.</p> <p>April 13, April 27, May 4, May 11, May 18, June 1, June 8 (rain date)</p>
9.	<p>Referee Update (Bryan)</p> <p>No update</p>

	<p><u>New Business</u></p>
1.	<p>2014 Oregon Internationale Tournament Date (Eric)</p> <p>Eric spoke to Chris Lay regarding the proposed 2014 Oregon tournament date. MAYSA would prefer us to move our date for a number of reasons. Linda Huttenhoff is not available to be our referee assigner. She is also the assignor for the Redden Toe Bash tournament in September. Bryan agreed to be the referee assignor for the Oregon tournament. Fall is very difficult to get referees. Our tournament will be competing for referees with high school, college and league games. Pete rebutted that argument since all fall tournaments including MAYSA's would have the same problem and they have seemed to manage okay. Other than the McFarland tournament there</p>



are no other tournaments in the state that weekend.

MAYSA also informed us that the Sep 13-14 weekend is very full of league play due to the start of the season and if our tournament is that weekend then our teams will not be available for league play causing scheduling games to be more difficult. Kraig rebutted the argument stating that all teams attend tournaments in the fall and have blackout dates and our tournament would replace a tournament that we normally would have attended causing no more blackout dates than before.

MAYSA has also planned a U9-U10 festival will be held in 3 different locations: Waunakee, Redden and Oregon for that same weekend. Teams play 2 games in one day as part of their normal league play. Bryan stated the U9-U10 festival adds about 100 games to normal referee schedule and further compounds the referee shortage problem.

Ranae suggested that we ask MAYSA to move the festival to another weekend not conflicting with our tournament. The festival would also conflict with the McFarland rec tournament. Both of our clubs are member clubs of MAYSA. The tournaments are important fundraisers for our clubs and allow us to reduce fees for our club members making soccer more affordable and accessible to more families. MAYSA has two tournaments in the fall and two in the spring that have impacted the ability of area clubs to host tournaments to raise funds. Many local clubs do not hold tournaments any more due to declining numbers. Oregon's summer tournament has also experienced declining numbers that are impacting our fundraising totals. The decline requires our club to seek a new approach and new date to hold the tournament.

The club felt it was important to not hold our tournament the same weekend as OHS homecoming due to the conflict for high school girls. The 2014 Homecoming date is Sep 20, 2014.

Our club will consider moving our tournament date from Sep 13-14 to the last weekend in September if it proves to be a more suitable date and to regain U9 and U10's due to the festival conflict if it is not changed. Ranae will follow up with Waukesha. Eric and Bob will follow up with MAYSA.

2. 2014 Spring Tournament Blackout Date (Mike)

Competitive teams need to submit blackout dates to WYSA and MAYSA for league schedules soon. Ranae will verify with SC Waukesha about reciprocity. Mike will communicate to team managers the SC Waukesha tournament date and that we would like many of our teams to attend as a



	club. Maysa league starts the 14th of April.
3. Scholarships (Lee)	<p>The 2014 scholarship application needs to be finalized. Jim Neidhart created a document with the criteria for the scholarship. Lee and Pete volunteered to be on the scholarship subcommittee. In January, Lee will present the scholarship details. The scholarship application should be made available in February to allow graduation high school students to apply. OHS's scholarship award ceremony is held in May. Kraig made a motion that OSC will establish a \$500 scholarship boy and \$500 for girl. The board unanimously approved.</p>
4. Huntoon Park Donation (Lee)	<p>Lee provided an update on the Huntoon park redevelopment. The redo of the field is not dependent on the referendum. He also shared that there is a possibility that the school ground off Alpine may be developed before Huntoon. Lee suggested a donation of \$50,000 and a possible vote in January. The club operates on a break even basis. The excess funds have come mainly from good tournament years. Lee would like a decision in the next 3 months. He suggested OCS could earmark the funds for the donation.</p> <p>Bob shared that Jaycee park will be possibly changing some things to move a baseball field.</p> <p>Members suggested the donation should go towards something visible. Ranae suggested buy a brick type fundraiser that the OSC club members can participate in. Members would get names on bricks for donations.</p> <p>Kraig suggested creating a list of questions we would like answered from the school district before voting. He will make this an agenda item for the next meeting.</p>
5. Concessions Fundraising	<p>Selling concessions at festivals and games was discussed in the past. The park board would allow this. A question was raised regarding who should head the concessions fundraising efforts if we were to add concessions fundraising to either games or festivals or both. The group decided that leading concessions fundraising should be the responsibility of our fundraising coordinator.</p>
6. Spring Registration (Bob)	<p>Val will setup the spring registrations. Fees will remain the same as fall. Val and Bob will verify the high school boys teams spring registrations plans.</p>