



Oregon Soccer Association Board Meeting Minutes  
RCI Commons, July 17, 2008  
7:30 pm

Present: Johnston, Hallinan, Rice, Tolly, Odorico, Roskos, Fanning, Dave Gasner (Tournament committee chair), Bryan Gruchow

Absent: Frankson, Christensen, Neidhart, Johnson, Roemer

1. **Oregon Internationale Soccer Tournament Report** – Dave Gasner reported that despite the wet weather days before the tournament and sloppy field conditions, the tournament was a success. The tournament hosted 190 teams from 4 states, playing 345 games on 20 fields. There were no major injuries but there were poor field conditions due to the recent heavy rains. He provided a written report summarizing the tournament and requesting stipends/gifts for tournament committee members and other volunteers as a thank you for their tremendous efforts.

Dave reported that the baseball association was upset with last minute use of several baseball diamond outfields and he has spoken at length with them and the village board apologizing and said he would do what it takes to make it right. He said he has already spent time raking and seeding Zach fields and that if the others needed it he would take care of it.

There were 150 volunteers and it was reported that some did not get contacted so there were even more willing and able to help out. Efforts to enhance pre-tournament volunteerism planning for next year were acknowledged. Plans to host slightly fewer teams, perhaps 174, next year were cited.

**A motion was made to approve the stipends for volunteer organizers and tournament committee. Vote: 7 yea, 0 nay. Tolly abstained. Approved.**

2. **Meeting Minutes** - A motion was made to approve revised meeting minutes of the May 22, 2008 Board meeting and the June 19, 2008 meeting minutes with minor edits Vote: 7-yea; 0-nay. Approved.
3. **Thank you's for OSA service** – A motion was made to give a \$100 to Jon Fisher and Pete Christofferson for their service to the Board. Vote: 7 yea, 0 nay.
4. **Cheryl Fanning was introduced at the new U7 Commissioner and Bryan Gruchow was introduced as the new Referee Assignor/Coordinator.** Both were warmly welcomed.

5. A motion was made to give a \$1000 donation to the Oregon Sports Booster club. Vote: 7 yea, 0 nay. Approved.
  
6. **Field Maintenance** – Jim presented proposals from both Doug Durien (Lone Oak Corporation) and Messner Landscaping. The proposals were discussed and compared. The Board agreed to move ahead with plans for work including core aeration, seeding, weed and feed application (no spray) on fields #7 and 13 this year. **A motion was made to ask Lone Oak to put a formal plan and schedule together for work as outlined above on fields #13 and 7 for the fall season not to exceed \$3000. Vote- 7 yea, 0 nay. Approved.**  
**Another motion was made to approve payment of \$210 for core aeration this past Spring for the Jaycee Park fields. Vote-7 yea, 0 nay. Approved.**
  
7. **Picture Day** – Jim reported on his efforts to screen and evaluate several possible companies to contract with for the annual picture day. Last year the process did not go smoothly with VIP our normal vendor and therefore there was interest to consider other options. Jim contacted 5 studios, including “Any Event” in Verona, “Todd Olson Photography” in Janesville, “Reflections” in Oregon, VIP in Cedarburg, and “Sport Pictures” in Milwaukee. Major requirements (or optimal wish list) would be: 1) available mid September, 2) photos to be sent by mail, 3) photos available by the end of the Fall season, 4) 10% return to the club, 5) action or collage photos, 6) proofs on line, 7) rain date offered. After Jim reported his initial impressions/recommendations after talking to each of the enterprises and some general discussion with regard to whether the company was accustomed to doing this type of sports photography and to prioritizing the above wish list, **a motion was made to contract with “Any Event” for team and individual photos, which would also include team pictures for the coach. Vote: 7 yea, 0 nay. Approved.**  
**Another motion was made to invite Todd Olson Photography to take action photos during the season at in house and MAYSA Rec and Classic games. Vote: 7 yea, 0 nay. Approved.** This would be at no cost to the club, and parents can view pictures on line which are available to order single or multiple photos, make a poster or collage photo as they desire, but there is no obligation.
  
8. **Registration update** – Registrations for the 2008-2009 season have been open since May 1. Bob gave an update that in general registrations are down. Denise sent out 2 email reminders in the Spring, but with registrations down, we are anticipating some late registrants. Discussions centered around how we could advertise and get the word out. Christine said that she will put a notice in the Oregon Observer Sports Shorts section. Art will send an email contacts for the Rookie League participants to Denise for distribution of an announcement. Christine agreed to make a flyer and Bryan agreed to distribute to Summer School. Bob agreed to prepare a list of last years participants and compare to current registrant list to see who has not signed up this year and the last years

coaches will be encouraged to contact these families directly. It was also decided that increased attention would be made to advertise registration deadlines via cost efficient methods next year. These might include ads in the Oregon Observer, flyers, etc. in the early Spring.

9. **British Challenger Team Camps** – John Rice reported that the Heat and the Phoenix were participating in the team camps. Danny Gildea was coming into town early to run these.
  
10. **Apartment hunting for British Challenger coach** – John Rice reported that he has been doing some apartment hunting in the greater Oregon area for a suitable place for the two BC coaches, Danny and Liam Gildea. He stated that he found a suitable 2 bdrm apt. at Walnut St. and Burr Oak St. managed by Steve Brown Apts. The cost is anticipated to be \$595/month for a 10-11 month lease and ~\$100/mo. for electric, including heat, and ~\$100/mo. for cable internet access. It is not furnished. We will gather furniture from the OSA families willing to donate some and it was agreed to organize a collection and move in day. **A motion was made to contract with Steve Brown Apts to rent this apt for 10-11 months. Vote: 7 yea, 0 nay. Approved.**
  
11. **Uniform Try-on Night** – Bob reported on plans for Uniform Try-on Night which will be at OMS on July 18 and 28 from 5-8 pm. Sports Products will provide uniforms for the MAYSA Rec and Classic teams this year. Players will have an opportunity to order home and alternate jerseys, including shorts and socks, backpack bags, and team bags. No warm up suits will be available this year. Managers will be assigning and negotiating #s for new players.
  
12. **Equipment Manager-** It was reported that Randy Engelberger the current equipment manager has not been active. OSA is therefore looking for a new equipment manager. Immediate needs now are to send out equipment order forms for teams to order equipment for the upcoming season.
  
13. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:50 pm.