April 13, 2020 Oklahoma Celtic Board Meeting Minutes

Mark Whitman, Christy Fuentes, Brandon Hopper, Leslie Liddell, Matt Smith, Brad Shipman, Amanda Freeland, Michelle Coffman, Don Rother, Skip Thorp, Steve Gillis, Tyler Hardage and Megan Stanolis were all in attendance at the April meeting. Andy Gunn arrived late.

Matt discussed the by-laws. He discussed the liability of board members. Matt motioned that if it is determined a member of the board is not eligible to serve due to violation of Article VI, Section 11, then such board member shall be immediately disqualified from completing their current term in office.

Alice 2nd the motion.

Yes votes: Matt, Alice, Amanda

No votes: Brandon, Christy, Michelle, Leslie, Brad.

If vote ended in tie Mark would vote yes.

Andy absent.

Michelle motioned that effective April 14, 2020, to make the following changes in board member status for the period of April 14, 2020, until the new board is seated on June 1, 2020.

Leslie Liddell moves to the position of Competitive Representative.  This will be her first time holding this position.

Brad Shipman moves to the position of Incoming President elect.  This will be his first time in said position.

Christy Fuentes moves to the position of Secretary.  This will be her second time in this position.

Making these transitions for the said period of time - April 14, 2020, through May 31, 2020 - should satisfy any bylaw discrepancies and a new board will be placed on June 1, 2020.

Brandon 2nd the motion.

Yes votes:Brandon, Michelle, Leslie, Brad, Christy

No votes:Andy Matt, Amanda, Alice

If had been a tie, Mark vote would be no.

Michelle would like record to show to be clear, that the no votes to the change are saying that if we do not move in the direction of your choice, which is to remove at the very least Brad and Leslie, that you will be filing legal action against the members of the board even though there are only 45 more days left in the their terms? There is a way to have an amicable resolution to this issue other that to do exactly as you have requested, which is to remove people from the board.

Alice answered yes, but Brad could be renominated.

Alice said she knows this is a bad situation. She plans to file the lawsuit Friday April 17, 2020 naming Leslie and Brad in violation of the by-laws.

Board positions discussion has been tabled for now.

Steve gave the complex report. We are having no delays on the current project of fields 1-4. We are ramping up for spring maintenance.

Megan gave the ref report stating we have moved all education online. We sent out fitness and nutrition info to refs that asked. 26 refs have been certified. All college student refs are gone, leaving us 38 short. Looking to fill the gaps with younger refs for rec if we end up having a season.

Rec report by Tyler. We sent out emails to all players, the plan is to start May 8 and will finish the first weekend of June. 2020-2030 players registered for spring. Refunded 15-20 due to the change in dates. Looking for ways to accommodate further date changes due to the virus. Will work with baseball and other spring sports to avoid conflicts.

Skip stated that all academy teams are still doing zoom meetings and sending out workout info. Have had positive feedback with what they have been doing. They will continue to find ways to keep it fresh.

Megan asked when playing might resume.

Skip answered we are at the mercy of the state and other officials and hope to be able to finish the season.

Amanda asked about the possibility of any fee reduction for April or May? Don stated he talked to Mark and they are looking at possible fee reduction but ask players to continue to pay something. Amanda stated she would support that.

Competitive looking for possibly doing some showcases in the future to make up for lost play time.

Don shared that the Celtic Cup went well, he will send the budget to the board.

Oklahoma Celtic made an agreement with Orthodontics Exclusively to be a shirt sponsor.

Michelle stated that marketing will continue to post videos on social media to stay engaged.

Steve shared that there are 2 articles out about the club. B oyd Street and Cleveland County both have articles recognizing the work that NYSA and Oklahoma Celtic have done and are doing in the community.

Don reported that they are finalizing OPC groups and what will happen with tryouts.

Other business:

Skip updated the board on the coaching slate and upcoming parent meeting regarding the non-renewal of one of the coaches.

Michelle would like to discuss how to make the delegate meetings run smoother for the next upcoming meeting.

Brad motioned to adjourn the meeting. Michelle 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned.