



**OKLAHOMA SOCCER ASSOCIATION**  
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September 14, 2010

Call to order at 7pm via conference call

Present: Scott Hughes, Sid Goodrich, Dale Watts, Paul Scott, Tom Wedding, Reza Namavar, Gordon Wilson, Larry Faulkner, Gail Wettstein, Matt Fansher, Tracy

Minutes of previous meeting were accepted after a motion by Tom Wedding with a second by Paul Scott.

#### OFFICER REPORTS

Chairman Scott Hughes - no report

Vice Chairman Gail Wettstein - no report

Secretary Treasurer Larry Fualkner – financials sent out electronically to members. Noted that ODP breaks even and praise for Matt Fansher for that situation. Referee budget was \$15,000 short and was underwritten by the Youth.

Youth President Tom Wedding – no report

Adult President Reza Namavar – no report

SRA Paul Scott– written report

Advisor Gordon Wilson– no report

Risk Management Traci Frederick – no report

#### REPORTS

Office – written report

Coach – written report; 2 assistants submitted report

Publications – written report

#### OLD BUSINESS

VISA cards – Sid discussed situation as to who will be given cards based on recommendations of board

Scott requested Youth, Adult, and SRA return cards, Sid and Matt would retain theirs.

#### NEW BUSINESS

SRA appointment – Tom nominated Ron Poulsen as SRA; Reza second; the board will support that decision of the Youth and Adult Divisions.

Adjourn – 7:30

## September 2010 – Director of Coaching Education & Player Development

*Matt Fansher*

### ODP

- Working on completing staff for upcoming year
- 5 ODP “blackout dates: 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14

### Coaching Education

- Ordered lots of coaching materials from US Youth Soccer and have been making them available for coaches at meetings, courses and Soccer Fun Days. Already have had a great response.
- Kurt has completed the first draft of the Goalkeeping course. Still trying to find time to have “beta” course.
- Looking for a date that Jason/Kurt can attend the Arkansas “F” course to observe and get ideas.
- National Youth License has been confirmed for December 10-12 & 17-19 in Owasso. We will use the High School so we have classroom, indoor and outdoor fields. This course is recommended for ALL coaches, administrators, board members, etc. This is a GREAT course and hope we fill it up!!! ***I encourage the OSA Board members/staff to attend!!!***
- In the middle of the D course in Tulsa.
- Can not say enough about how happy I have been with the job that Kurt and Jason are both doing!! Soccer Fun Days are being booked all over, Coaching courses are being taken care and the meetings with clubs/associations have already shown to be received very well!

### State tournaments

- Sent out proposed dates for next year...has been added to agenda for approval.
- Had planned to attend NOKC coaches meeting with Jason, but due to weather the field sessions were cancelled.
- Attended the ESC Recreational coaches meeting.
- Will be attending the Region III Fall meeting September 30 – October 3 in TN.
- Will be attending the NYL in Frisco, TX. This is an invitation only course that US Youth Soccer offers every couple of years and I am looking forward to the education / additional training.



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Director of Publications Report – September 14, 2010

### **Smoke Signals**

The September/October issue of Smoke Signals was electronically posted on Monday, September 13 to all members. An electronic message to the membership will provide them with a link to the newsletter. The link will lead them to the OSA web site.

General theme for this issue of the Smoke Signals will be the nomination of a variety of offices in OSA. The forms include Hall of Fame, Coaches of the Year, Referees of the Year, Volunteer/Administrator of the Year, Goal of the Year, and Save of the Year.

Letters to the scholarship winners were posted on Monday, September 13 to the selected players.

The first electronic newsletter will be posted the first week of October using a template provided by American Eagle, our web hosting company. The newsletter will provide highlights of the upcoming month's events and features on members participating in activities across the state.

### **Web page**

Preparing video material on the Choctaw Fun Day/TOPSoccer fund raiser as a test of the video posting on the web.

Continuing to update the site with material and locate links that are not functioning or were dropped from the previous site.

KURT LUITWIELER  
ADOC REPORT (EAST SIDE!)

- Finished Catoosa E-Course with 39 coaches! (thanks to Jason for helping on that one). In spite of heat, went very well.
- Finished YMI with Broken Arrow. Low numbers and some communication issues with the club, but it was fine.
- Halfway through Tulsa D-Course with Matt.
- GK Course is written. Need date and facility for a BETA course and looking toward December for first run if we can find a usable indoor facility.
- Mayes CO Fun Day coming up on 9/11. Soccer For Soldiers event to be held simultaneously. **NEED AN OSA MEMBER TO HELP SETUP/TAKE DOWN IF POSSIBLE.** (not necessary, but they would like it. Matt, Kurt, Jason are all doing courses that day).
- Met with Glenpool DOC and Catoosa DOC and President. Glenpool wants to bring some YM's and more to their home.
- Will be meeting with Bartlesville FC DOC in the next week or so.

9/26-10/5 I will be taking our (Holland Hall) Freshmen class out for a camping trip. SO, if we are meeting on 10/5, I will not be able to make it.

## **ADOC Report September 7, 2010**

- Club contacts – Been working with various clubs both by reaching out to them as well as fielding various inquiries as they come in from clubs.
  - North Oklahoma City Soccer Club – Met with Todd Taylor, President, and Gabi Noble, 1<sup>st</sup> VP. Scheduled a preseason coaches clinic for 8/31/10 for myself, Matt Fansher, and Tommy Riley, Academy Director. Unfortunately it was rained out. Also, been working on improved communications between the club and OSA for scheduling issues that will benefit both the club and OSA.
  - Frontier Country Soccer Association – Met with Keith Ward, FCSA President to establish communication and talk about attending the monthly FCSA meetings. He was very open to this concept and indicated that he did not feel there were any major outstanding issues with FCSA and OSA. Also attended the monthly FCSA Presidents Meeting and presented the ADOC position at the meeting. Also, met with Mustang, Shawnee, and El Reno briefly following the meeting. Also met with the competitive commissioner following the meeting to discuss two younger players that a club had petitioned to play up.
  - Hobart Soccer Club – Held Soccer Fun Day on 8/5/10 in conjunction with registration. This is a new club that is just being established. Have spoken with club since that time and they have registered 63 players at this point (3 U-6, 2 U-8, 2 U-10 (1 boys and 1 girls), and 1 U-12. While there was able to work with a couple of the coaches and some of the players as well. Talking with the club about coming back in to work with them again at some point.
  - Stillwater Soccer Club – Held Soccer Fun Day on 8/28/10 in conjunction with registration. Other items at the event included the Elks Lodge National Skills Competition and the OSU Cowgirls Soccer players out to take pictures and sign autographs. Met with several board members including the President while I was there.
  - FCSA Top Soccer – Held Soccer Fun Day on 8/28/10 in Choctaw that was fundraiser for Top Soccer. Presented check to Kristi O’Neill, Top Soccer Coordinator for FCSA. They are hopeful to tie this event to an OSA event at some point to improve attendance and visibility. Special thanks to Carey Cloud and Dale Watts for coming in for the event.
- Soccer Fun Days
  - Yukon Soccer Club – Held 7/31/10
  - Stillwater Soccer Club – Held 8/28/10
  - FCSA Top Soccer – Held 8/28/10
  - Lawton Soccer Club – Scheduled for 10/2/10
- Coaching Education
  - Have been taking the books and videos from US Youth with me to Fun Days and Clinics and selling them for \$5 a piece and they have been well received. Am considering taking a small tv/dvd combo with me to things like Fun Days that are tied to registration events to play some of them as I think it becomes a good addition to show some educational materials from our parent organization.
  - Assisted Kurt with E License in Catoosa 8/20/10 – 8/22/10. Class had around 30-40 candidates.

- Tri City Soccer Club – Director has been down on his health and usually does some pre-season stuff with coaches and so I will be going in on 9/9/10 and 9/11/10 to do some small coaching clinics for their club.
- Lawton Soccer Club – Youth Module I and II scheduled for 9/11/10.
- El Reno Soccer Club – Youth Module I and II scheduled for 9/12/10.
- Edmond Soccer Club – Youth Module I and II scheduled for 9/18/10.



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## **OSA Office Report September 2010**

1. Completed Soccer Across America grant information for US Youth Soccer and have submitted the application.
2. Participated in a phone conference Q & A call with the US Soccer Foundation on August 2 on developing grants for the 2011 year. Will be looking to assemble an urban or rural development application.
3. Attended OSA AGM in Stroud on Saturday, August 21.
4. Will be attending the Region III Meeting in Nashville September 29-October 3.
  - Hotel selection for Southern Regionals
  - Executive Director's Meeting
  - Regional tournament meetings & Region III Fall Meeting.
5. Finalized OPL & PLW registration and scheduling for the fall season which started on August 28.
  - Developed a "preferred list" of hotels for the STX & NTX teams in PLW and a hotel rebate coming back to the association.
  - Attended PLW in Dallas on August 28-29.
  - Attended/state rep for PLW in Edmond September 11-12.
  - Will be attending PLW in Broken Arrow September 25-26 and in Houston October 9-10.
6. Working with Midwest Sporting Goods on setting up on-line sales for the fall session to include OSA general wear, OPL, ODP & Referee logo items.
  - Will be posted on-line this week.
7. AmericanEagle.com – continuing to polish the web page and utilize more of the products/tools that they offer. We have built two new on-line forms – Affiliation and Risk Management which are very easy to complete and have been well received.
8. Participated in a Region III conference call with Executive Directors on developing a state information program book for clubs. Will have a follow up meeting at the Region III fall meeting.
9. Attended the US Youth AGM and Region III meetings in Kansas City July 23-25
  - Included a Roundtable and development session with Gotsoccer on July 23.
10. Attended and supported the OSA Gotsoccer training sessions for clubs & countries on July 16-17 in Tulsa & OKC. Gotsoccer had a training session on July 15 for the office staff.
11. Have made hotel arrangements for the Region III Fall meetings in Tennessee (youth) and Philadelphia (adult).
12. Hotel rooms have been reserved for the US Youth National Workshop in Louisville, February 25-26, 2011.
13. Working with Carey with vendor marketing to the OSA Workshop in Norman, January 28-29, 2011.

# SRA Report

Sept 2010

After combing many minds, a plan for progression for the State Referee Administrator position has been finalized. It is my recommendation that Ron Poulsen become the next SRA. This is an individual that has the experience and the ability to bring the state back together.

From my time in this position, I have made some observations that I am making as recommendations to the next SRA. The Executive Committee may pass these along if they wish.

These are in no particular order of importance.

- If it is required, only the SRA have an OSA credit card
- Receive from OSA financial statements to the SRC.
- Receive from OSA previous year's spending patterns so as to better judge their current pace.
- Post meeting notes and budget on the referee webpage.
- If there are issues with the SRA, have that individual meet with the Exec Com for a corrective action plan.
- Expand the SRC with non-voting positions to include the President of the Youth & Adult boards.
- Ensure that a member of the SRC attend Youth Board meetings if the SYRA cannot.
- Increase referee registration fees by \$3 to cover Arbiter expense or move assigning to a different platform. Or may increase the fees incrementally by grade.
- Select a referee pool for youth regionals in March. Make final selections from these individuals' performance & availability.
- Reorganize the SRC into a Referee Committee with a Chair.
- Use the PLW games to mentor referees since it is set up in a tournament format. Invite senior referees and match them up with more novice refs.
- Other than referee recertification, have a road show for recertification to better meet the needs of assignors, assessors, and instructions.
- Make a career plan with each referee.
- Have a member of the SRC attend Youth Regionals as a member of the OSA delegation.
- At Regionals, the Head of Delegation for the refs should have no other duties so they can provide undivided support to the referees.
- Provide support to send referees to the Academy games & GIT.
- Survey the referee community every two years. What is going well, what could be done better, what they like, what they would like to change, etc...
- Develop local assignors &/or area referees to better train local refs. Send senior refs to do presentations and meetings.
- SRA and SYRA to attend ref meetings at the local clubs.
- Raise the standard of professionalism and accountability within the referees starting at the top.

- Standardize the selection process for SRA to include interviews.
- Put a cap on the number of minutes a referee can work in a day. Such as 300 minutes, a break after 3 back-to-back games. No back-to-back centers. This is to for their own safety and to protect the integrity of the game.
- Require each youth and adult team to provide one person to become certified as a referee.

Again, these are just are just some of my thoughts. Thank you for the trust you have bestowed in me. I have enjoyed this experience.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Scott