

**Oklahoma Soccer Association  
Amateur Division Board Meeting  
7:00 PM, April 30, 2002  
OSA –OKC Office**

**Attendance:**

**Present:** Chris Wilson – President  
Paul Thomas – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Jalal Daneshfar – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
**Absent:** Steve Scott – Secretary/Registrar (Excused)

- I.** The meeting was called to order by Chris Wilson at 7:14 PM.
- II.** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last Amateur Division Board Meeting from October 17, 2001 by Jalal Daneshfar and seconded by Paul Thomas. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Registration**
- A.** Registration numbers for the OSA Amateur Division over the last four soccer years was presented by Chris Wilson. The numbers show very little growth state-wide. Generally if the two largest leagues do not register enough players everyone suffers the consequence.

In light of the lack of statewide growth and the new registration fees that will be implemented in the Fall of 2002 by USASA, the Board approved the following resolution:

A motion was made by Jalal Daneshfar and seconded by Paul Thomas stating “The Amateur Board in conjunction with the OSA office and staff shall encourage and facilitate any teams or organization of teams to apply for membership to the Amateur Division of Oklahoma Soccer Association including, but not limited to Hispanic Leagues, Youth clubs who want to register adults or other combinations and formats, per Rule 211 of the OSA By-laws.” The board set a goal to register 1000 new members in 2002-2003.

- B.** Following a discussion with board members of NEOASA at the October 17, 2001 meeting in Stroud citing the NEOASA constitution and the OSA by-laws that permit NEOASA to register any and all amateur division teams or leagues in Green Country, research was completed by Chris Wilson and presented to the Amateur Board for review. (copies of document are attached) The main focus of the research was OSA By-Law 211 - Admission to Membership, Section I and NEOASA’s Constitution – Article 1 – Members, Section I – Membership.

An interpretation of the two statements was presented by Chris Wilson following research with input provided by the OSA staff and some members of the Executive Board. The board was asked to agree or disagree with the interpretation.

The Board agreed with the interpretation presented stating that the OSA By-Laws grant OSA the only authority to grant membership. A motion was made by Paul Thomas and seconded by Jalal Daneshfar to approve the recommendation defining the use of membership authority per the OSA By-Laws and the NEOASA Constitution and to authorize the President to write a letter to NEOASA clarifying the two following a review by the OSA legal counsel. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Recommended Procedure for use upon application for membership. The procedure provides for three options: Accept as Provisional league or club; accept as a full voting member; or deny the application. A motion was made by Jalal Daneshfar to approve the recommendation to use the guidelines to approve or deny applications to the Amateur Board. The guidelines shall only be used to guide the decisions of the Board when a membership application is forwarded to them by the Executive Committee of OSA. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. Proposed Budget for 2002-2003**

- A. The board passed a preliminary budget to be used for discussion purposes with the membership and new Amateur Division Board following the May 18, 2002 elections. The board was concerned about the rising expense of the OSA administration. A motion was made by Jalal Daneshfar and seconded by Paul Thomas to “recommend to the Executive Board that the offices of OSA be consolidated into one office location to reduce expense and increase customer service. The timeline for this move would take place when the new by-laws are passed by the membership.” The motion passed unanimously.
- B. The board received a budget narrative from Chris Wilson outlining all expenses in the Amateur Division (copies included). Based on 2000 players, the budget was \$53,920.00 or \$26.96 per player. The board proposed to reduced the budget in the following categories:
  - ➔ It was proposed to reduce the budget for attendance at the Fall Regional Meeting to only one person attending, a savings of \$620.00.
  - ➔ It was proposed to reduce the budget for mileage to visit five leagues in the state under In-State Meetings, a savings of \$345.00.
  - ➔ It was proposed that the State Championships charge a \$100.00 entry fee to teams who qualify for the State Championships to defray the cost and to reduce the budget for Championship awards, a savings of \$600.00.
  - ➔ It was proposed to reduce the budget for award recognitions at the OSA Workshop, a savings of \$300.00.

Jalal Daneshfar made a motion and was seconded by Paul Thomas to “recommend to the Membership an increase in the OSA Amateur Division Registration Fee to \$23.50 per player and base that fee on a total registration of 2,250 players in 2002-2003.” The motion passed unanimously.

The fees on a per player basis are as follows:

USASA Registration	\$5.50
USASA Injury Insurance	\$8.00
USASA Liability Insurance	\$2.00
USASA Affiliation Meeting/Tournament Attendance	\$0.93
USASA Affiliation Fees	\$0.08
OSA Office Expense	\$5.82
OSA In-State Meetings	\$0.27
OSA State Championships	\$0.43
<u>OSA Award Recognitions (Workshop)</u>	<u>\$0.08</u>
Total Fee Per Player	\$23.11 (rounded up to
\$23.50 per player)	

## V. Growth

### A. Review the By-Laws of Ponca City Soccer Association and Lawton United Soccer Club.

A motion was made by Jalal Daneshfar and seconded by Paul Thomas to accept the by-laws and rules of play as presented by the Ponca City Soccer, Inc. and recommend to the Executive Committee for approval, per the motion at the January 25, 2002 Membership Meeting.” The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jalal Daneshfar and seconded by Paul Thomas to accept the proposed by-laws and constitution as presented by the Lawton United Soccer Club and recommend to the Executive Committee for approval, per the motion at the January 25, 2002 Membership Meeting.” The motion passed unanimously.

The OSA General Membership shall vote the final approval per the OSA by-laws.

- B. Chris Wilson presented a brief idea for a facilitated session to devise a strategic plan for growth of the amateur division. This would take place after the new board was in place and would include the Amateur Board, Amateur League representatives, potential leagues, Youth Board members and clubs, Executive Board members, OSA staff and Referees. The length the session would be no longer than one day. There would be a cost to be determined. The item was tabled.

## VI. Reports

### A. Select Team Program

Paul Thomas reported that everything is in place for two full teams (men and Women) to participate in the USASA Region III Select Team Tournament. Duanne Cummings will coach the Men’s Team and Zach Taylor will coach the Women’s Team. Hotel rooms from the Dallas venue have been booked and transportation arrangements will be made as the date gets closer. Try-outs will be announced soon. The fee is \$35.00 per player. Young players between the ages of 17 and 24 are encouraged to try-out.

### B. National Cups and Veterans Cups

Chris Wilson reported that one team, Tulsa Pars International, will represent Oklahoma at the 2002 US National Cups in the Men's Over 30 division. The tournament takes place in Gulfport Mississippi over Memorial Day Weekend.

Chris Wilson also reported that two teams from Oklahoma will be attending the US Veterans Cups Tournament in Berkley, West Virginia. One is a Men's Over 40 team is from Tulsa (NEOASA) and the other is an Men's Over 50 team made up of players from NEOASA and COASL. Any other OSA registered players 50 years of age or older who would like to participate are encouraged to join the team.

**C. Collegiate Club League – No Report**

**VII. Election Information**

Chris Wilson reported that the Amateur Division has the strongest amount of candidates ever for the 2002 Elections in May. Two races will be decided: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President between the incumbent Paul Thomas from Oklahoma City and the challenger Brian Vierthaler from Tulsa. The Secretary/Registrar position has four candidates including incumbent Steve Scott from Oklahoma City, Karen Ham from Tulsa, Clarence Wind from Sand Springs and Raymond Daniel from Oklahoma City. Each have their own unique qualifications. Ask questions and choose wisely.

**VIII. A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Thomas and seconded by Jalal Daneshar at 10:30 PM. The motion passed unanimously.**

Attachments: Amateur Division Board Meeting Minutes 10-17-2002  
Registration Numbers for the Past Four Year by League Fall 1999-Spring 2002  
Membership Clarification  
Recommended Procedures for Approval of Memberships  
OSA Amateur Division Budget Narrative