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March 11, 2008

Chairman Gordon Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Gordon Wilson, Sid Goodrich, Matt Fansher, Randy Donalson, Rob Breitenstein, and Dale Watts. Lack of a quorum was determined by the Chair but reports and other items were presented.

Minutes of the January 8, 2008 meeting were read but approval was deferred to the next meeting due to lack of a quorum.

REPORTS

Chairman Gordon Wilson: No report

Vice Chairman Gail Wettstein: No report

Secretary/Treasurer Todd Alpers: Submitted financials for distribution

President Youth Division Brandon Story: No report

President Adult Division Rob Breitenstein: Presented information on the AGM in Hawaii.

- State Cup for Adults will be either June 7-8 or June 14-15. No site has been determined yet. Plans are to invite any team in Oklahoma to participate as long as they register to cover insurance cost. Event will stand alone and not be a prerequisite to attend National Cup.
- Select team process being reorganized so roster is not tied to specific state. Players could form a regional team.

State Referee Administrator: Michael Pollock submitted a written report

Advisor Randy Donalson: Complimented the Board and staff on how well the presentations of the grants were handled at the Workshop.

Risk Management Committee Traci Frederick: No report

Executive Director Sid Goodrich: Announced that coaching and referee training in Lawton area was provided and that addition of Lawton will add 1,800 new players to OSA

- Lawton will host the 2008 Mazzio's Italian Eatery Governor's Cup and the Kohl's American Cup Festival
- Ada will join with approximately 350 new players. Awaiting final approval of bylaws.
- Attended the Great Plains Soccer Association meeting at the request of their board. Met with representatives from Elk City and all parties involved are willing to work together in registering players. U12 teams from Elk City will rejoin OSA this spring.

- Sponsorship of Soccer City (indoor facility in Tulsa) is moving forward. Indication is that they wish to affiliate the facility through OSA and utilize sanctioned USSF indoor policies. This will preclude setting up indoor referee training and coach training in the future.

Director of Player Development and Coach Education Matt Fansher: Submitted written report

Assistant Director of Coaching Mark Shannon: Submitted written report

Director of Publications Dale Watts: Submitted written report

DISCUSSION

May Annual General Meeting - possible sites for the meeting were discussed. Enid was determined to be the site for the May 31st AGM.

Members requested that future minutes posted on the website include the written reports.

Placement of FC Dallas promotional materials on the web was discussed as was use of ticket packages for their games.

Selection of a nomination committee was discussed. A committee of three (3) representing Adult and Youth boards as well as a chair will provide officer candidates at the May AGM. Deadline for the nominations is April 30.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Watts for Todd Alpers



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Director of Publications Report – March 11, 2008

Smoke Signals

- March issue is in process of going to membership. I'm including a link to web site for you to view it. This issue has info on upcoming state tournaments and the joining of Lawton Soccer Club.
http://www.oksoccer.com/docs/home/smoke_signals_mar08_web.pdf
- Will begin using a bookmark with risk management concepts on it as prizes for the Smoke Signals' Kids' Page. Ordered the product through Dave Yockel. I will bring examples to the meeting.
- May issue will be online and deadline is April 10. This is the camp issue and will feature links to the numerous soccer camps throughout the state.

Web Site

- Continuing to update and post information as requested. Please check the site for dated material and/or errors. I want the site to be useful and not static. I try to update the front page at least every two weeks.
- Contacted Demosphere and discussed how to use video on the web site. It can be posted through You Tube. May have uses through coaching, officiating, administration, etc.

Miscellaneous

- Will attend the Professional Referee Training class in Dallas this weekend. Jim Brittain, Doug Malfacini, and I will drive and be joined there by Jack Lee and Jacque Damrill.
- In connection with the video mentioned above on the web site, I have personally purchased a Mac laptop with video editing software that will make it easy to create training videos for the web site.

March 2008 – Director of Coaching Education & Player Development Report
Matt Fansher

ODP

- 91, 92 & 93 Boys attended the Houston Blue-Chip Showcase (actually took two 92 Boys teams). The event overall was a success! It was great weather, lots of college coaches and the teams performed well!
- The Houston Sub-Regional event was cancelled due to the large amounts of rain that Houston had received and the forecast of more heavy rains all weekend. It has made for a lot of “administrative” work, but was the right call. Thanks to Sid and Bethann for all of their help getting refunds processed, etc.

Coaching Education

- Mark has been doing an OUTSTANDING job getting courses scheduled! He has been very busy and want to commend him on the job he has been doing lately! We have talked about several things we can do to continue to improve the courses and he has been working hard to get those completed.
- I am gearing up for the D courses this Spring. Will need to send out more announcements as the enrollment at this point is not very high (very typical at this point).
- Trying to set up a D course in Stillwater this Fall.
- Have the National Youth License scheduled and have already received 3 applications! Looking forward to another great National course being held in Oklahoma!
- I was approved from US Soccer to apprentice the “B” course. I will look at doing that this winter. I am very honored and excited about this opportunity!!!
- Working with US Soccer to set up a “C” re-test site for this Fall.

We held the Soccer Tennis State Championships during the Workshop weekend. Unfortunately, due to the hotel’s low ceilings, we had to move them off site. Overall, the soccer tennis tournament was a HUGE success and I am really looking forward to next year’s tournaments as I am confident they will grow!!!

Held the NSCAA Goalkeeping courses (State and Regional) at the Workshop. They were a big success and the enrollments showed that coaches definitely wanted these courses (65 @ the State course and 44 @ the Regional course)

I am also trying to help with State tournament rules, applications, reservations, etc.

Mark and I submitted a quick introduction and poem to the Smoke Signals and we are committing ourselves to getting an article for each of the future issues.

From: Michael Pollock

Date: 03/11/08

To: Executive Board – Oklahoma Soccer Association

Subject: Referee Assigning Software

1. The SRC believes and supports the concept of a single assigning software for use with State sponsored events (leagues, tournaments, PLW weekends, ...) and that can be provided to registered Assignors for their use with OSA sanctioned regular season and tournament assigning.
2. As applicable and desirable, a single assigning software package could also be used by clubs for scheduling, payments, tax purposes, and other related needs.
3. The SRC will evaluate The Arbiter through the Spring 2008 OPL Season, and both The Arbiter (primary) and Got Soccer (shadow) during 2008 State Tournaments. It is anticipated that this review, combined with the use of GameOfficials during 2007 State Tournaments, will yield a recommendation for a single assigning software.
4. Review and evaluation of these software programs will deal with ease of use, functionality, ability to deal with change, monetary costs to referees, assignors and clubs, and other related criteria.
5. In June of 2008, the SRA will meet with the Youth Board and Amateur Board with his recommendation. The Youth Board President will call a meeting of all Club Presidents and the SRA will report his findings.
6. The SRC recognizes that it cannot dictate the use of a single assigning software to clubs or assignors, but does recognize that a joint decision between the SRC, the Youth Board and the Amateur Board can yield a significant practical and functional benefit for referees, assignors and clubs.
7. If concurrence between SRC and the Youth Board is reached, a single assigning software will be targeted for use beginning in Fall 2008. All OSA registered referees will be automatically placed into the selected system.
8. The SCA will act as State Assigning Administrator for the purposes of developing assigning groups, leagues, tournaments, ..., as desired by registered assignors and/or sanctioned clubs.

Oklahoma Soccer Association
State Youth Referee Administrator Report
Adult Annual Membership Meeting
March 11, 2008

The State Referee Committee met on March 5, 2008 in Stroud.

SYRA – Wayne Ewing reviewed OPL Assigning. Wayne discussed the OPL Meeting held the previous week in Stroud.

SDA – Dale Watts reviewed referee workshops. Dale reviewed referee clinics and Recertification clinics.

SCA - David Ooten discussed Assigning for State Tournaments.

I will have a more detailed listing of the Referee Classes and recertification clinics at the next Executive Board.

Respectively Submitted,

Michael Pollock
State Referee Administrator