

Director of Publications Report – November 2008

Smoke Signals

- November/December issue will be printed this week with delivery scheduled for the last week of November. Focus of the issue will be the upcoming OSA Workshop February 6-8, 2009 in Tulsa at the Double Tree. A brief overview of the Workshop and its attractions will be provided as well.
- Will publish the next issue of the E-newscast following the Executive Board meeting.

Web Page

- New page layout has drawn several compliments from members. Appearance is much cleaner and easier to navigate and the rotating articles on the home page are useful in allowing us to feature several articles without having to prioritize them.
- Will update the page to include Workshop registration and feature the events.

Miscellaneous

- Numerous deaths in the soccer community have affected all of us. Sharon Hill (wife of Tony Hill), Angie Stacy (Green), Dudley Brunson, and Dallas Peterson, just to mention a few. All have been given space in publications and donations made to their requested charities.
- Traveling to Lawton November 15-16 to teach a Recreational Youth Referee Instructor clinic. Expecting about 7 candidates from the southwest portion of the state. These instructors will enable the SRC to provide local trainers for their events.

November 2008–Director of Coaching Education & Player Development

Matt Fansher

ODP

- We have had 3 teams qualify for the ODP National Championship region playoffs. The 92 & 93 Boys and the 93 Girls will be playing in New Orleans Jan 16-19, 2009. This event will be a huge financial strain for ODP.
- Held our first ODP Fundraising committee meeting and we are trying to be able to raise additional funds to help offset fees, apparel costs, etc. on Wednesday, September 24 in Stroud. The committee is trying to put together some literature to help us move forward. Thanks to Sid for attending and helping gather/give information!

Coaching Education

- D course for Nov 21-23 & Dec 12-14 in Lawton – deadline is this Friday and we still need some candidates signed up.
- Held the National C license re-test.
- D course dates for Spring are set:
 - Tulsa: Jan 30-Feb 1 & Feb 27-Mar 1
 - OKC: May 8-10 & June 12-14
- Approved to host the C license next summer August 1-9, 2009.

Other items

1. Soccer Tennis tournament – looking to get a “title sponsor” to help offset some of the costs of hosting the tournament.
 - Tulsa – Saturday, January 24th @ Bishop Kelley
 - OKC – Sunday, January 25th @ Oklahoma City University
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The tournament finals will be held at the OSA Workshop (and yes, the facility can hold it)
2. 2009 State tournament dates have been set:
 - a. Hosting two Kohl’s American Festival (all paperwork has been submitted and approved)
 - i. Muskogee – Feb 28 & Mar 1
 - ii. Lawton – May 2 & 3
 - b. President’s Cup Prelims – April 24-26 at Norman Soccer Club
 - c. President’s Cup Finals – May 2 & 3 at NOKC
 - d. State Cup Prelims – May 15-17 @ Broken Arrow
 - e. State Cup Finals – May 23 & 24 @ Broken Arrow
3. Apparel – have continued to work with Sid, Mark and Midwest about our apparel.
4. Mark and I had a meeting with Keith Eddy. Trying to reach out to the membership and listen to what they say about soccer in Oklahoma. VERY good

meeting! Have set up a meeting w/Craig Liddel in Enid and already spoke with Justin Elkington and Tama Aondafar about getting together.

5. OSA Workshop – work with Sid on details for the OSA Workshop. New for this year, we are looking at having a meeting with OSA Youth Board, DOC's and President's at one time. Also, very excited that Sam Snow, US Youth Soccer Director of Coaching, will be attending.

On Saturday November 1, I visited two of our new member clubs – the Ada Boys & Girls Soccer Club and the Lawton Soccer Club. Below is a short report on both clubs:

The Ada Boys & Girls Soccer Club

I arrived at approximately 9:00am and was greeted by Stan Nnochirionye and Brian Ford with the Boys and Girls Club; Stan immediately introduced me to several of their board members, coaches and referees. We then toured their fields and watched several Under 6, Under 8 and Under 10 games. Later in the morning I was able to observe an Under 14 girls match and a traveling recreational Under 14 boys game. I was able to visit with several coaches and referees about the fall season and additional needs for their club. Their fields were in good shape & lined, players in uniform with proper equipment and all referees properly attired.

The club currently has approximately 275 players registered for the fall season and their spring season will be their higher registration/participation season due to fall sports. They do expect that their spring season to boost their registration up to the 400-500 player range.

Their plans for the future call for developing additional U10 fields for expected growth in the spring, to install fencing around their complex and to add lights to the fields, which they already have. I directed them to the US Soccer Foundation grant program as a possibility. One area that we can support them in is coaching education and in offering classes for their spring coaches. The club would also like to host Kohl's Soccer Festival in the future.

As I was leaving the fields, a parent tracked me down after finding out who I was and took a minute to share with me how impressed he was with the Ada program and enjoyed the patience that Hamid and Dr. Stan demonstrated in working with his son and their team.

Overall I had a very good visitation and was very impressed with how well organized their program was on Saturday.

The Lawton Soccer Club

I arrived at the Lawton Soccer Club at approximately 1pm to a full parking lot and the majority of their soccer fields in use with fall soccer games. I was greeted by Mike Cummings with the LSC board and the we were joined by Jason Morris and John Wells, additional LSC board members. We were able to visit on their fall season, complex and how well their programs were progressing. We spent some time discussing their new competitive program, tryouts and the Olympic Development Program. On the recreational side, they had moved their Under 6 & Under 8 fields up closer to their club house and main play area. This was a suggestion I had made during the Kohl's/Governor's Tournament to bring those age groups in to a more centralize area with their other playing fields, previously they were located far from the club house and out by the main entrance.

Their plans call for the development of additional larger soccer fields that would enable them to hold recreational and competitive tournaments with more teams and older players participating. Currently they have six large fields. The club has a fall registration of 1550 youth players and 82 adult players; this is an increase of over 1000 new players with additional growth in the spring season. Also, it is wonderful to see the adult program active again after being inactive after many of the military players were re-deployed in the last two years.

Their program appeared to be well organized, fields in great shape; players, referees properly attired, parents and coaches enjoying soccer on a wonderful fall November day. Two area's that I see that we can assist the club would be to continue to offer coaching courses to increase the abilities of current and new coaches. I also noticed many new young referees that need game experience and could benefit from a mentoring program. I feel that this support, encouragement and additional laws application education will help these young referees grow and be retained in the game.

Again, I was impressed with the organization of their league games, field complex, referees and volunteer coaches and board. I believe they have a good foundation developed to grow on.

**OSA RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT
NOVEMBER 11, 2008**

I've been closing out the season for RM. Here is a review of Fall 08:

Rolled out Got Soccer July 25. Multiple eblasts throughout the season from the office.

GotSoccer Training W/Sandy

OKC April 12

Green Country July 15

OKC August 9

Ardmore August 10

Kiamichi Sept 6 (W/ Sid/Bethann)

RM Hearings

Tulsa Sept 8

Tulsa Sept 22

Tulsa Oct 17

OKC Sept 10

OKC Oct 4

OKC Oct 17 (In Tulsa)

Total Approved Checks in GotSoccer Fall 2008: 5,304

We have 8 pending RM hearings pushed to Spring 09 due to late submission.

Sandy and I are going to meet in the next week to put together a preliminary calendar for Spring hearings to present to the East and West Side Committees.

We have welcomed three new RMC members this season.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci D Frederick
Risk Management Chairman
Oklahoma Soccer Association
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Oklahoma Soccer Association
State Referee Administrator Report
November 11, 2008

The State Referee Committee met via conference call on Tuesday November 4, 2008.

The State Referee Committee has scheduled it's Fall Summit to be held on Saturday December 6th in coordination with the USSF Physical Fitness make-up in Stillwater.

The State Referee Committee discussed the upcoming hearings in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

The Final Premier League West Matches for 2008 were held in Edmond on November 8th and 9th.

The (NIRSA) National Intramural Recreational Sports Association held their Soccer Regional in Stillwater October 24th and 25th.

Referee Classes and re-certification clinics are continuing to be held at locations across the State.

There has been a change in the State Referee Committee. Milo Slater has named Larry Morgan his assistant on the East Side of the State.

Respectively Submitted,

Michael Pollock
State Referee Administrator

SYRA REPORT NOVEMBER 2008

PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR PLW-WOMEN OK vs STX

PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR NIRSA OCCL REGIONAL TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

REQUESTED NOMINATION FOR AMATEUR REFEREE OF THE YEAR

LARRY MORGAN WAS SELECTED

REQUESTED NOMINATIONS FOR MALE YOUTH REFEREE OF THE YEAR

ANDREW GASPER, SOUTH LAKE SOCCER CLUB SELECTED, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

REQUESTED NOMINATIONS FOR FEMALE YOUTH REFEREE OF THE YEAR

TAMARA CHERRY, NORTHWEST OPTIMIS SOCCER CLUB WAS SELECTED, BETHANY, OK

PREPARING INTERMEDIATE RETENTION CLINIC FOR REFEREES AGES 14 THROUGH 99

PREPARING FOR DECEMBER 6 SRC RETREAT

SUBMITTED 11/11/2008

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