

**Oklahoma Soccer Association  
Adult Division General Membership Meeting  
Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003  
Oklahoma City OSA Office**

**Attendance:**

**Officers:** Chris Wilson – President OSA Adult Division  
Brian Vierthaler – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, OSA Adult Division  
Jalal Daneshfar – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, OSA Adult Division

**Membership:** Jack Damrill – President, Central Oklahoma Adult Soccer League (COASL)  
Rob Breitenstein – President, North East Oklahoma Adult Soccer Association (NEOASA)  
Larry Love – President, Ponca City Soccer Association (PCSA)  
Billy Williams – Lawton United Soccer Club (LUSC)  
Jalal Daneshfar – President, Oklahoma Collegiate Club Soccer League (OCCSL)

**Guests:** Tek Tsegay – Individual player in COASL and nominee for OSAAD Board  
Mike Sheriff - SRA  
Gordon Wilson - OSA President  
Sid Goodrich - OSA Executive Director  
Dale Watts - OSA Staff  
Kevin Coker - OSA Youth Board

**I.** The Meeting was called to order by Chris Wilson at 12:15 PM

**II.** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last Amateur Division General Membership Meeting from January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003 by Jack Damrill (COASL) and seconded by Rob Breitenstein (NEOASA). The motion was passed unanimously.

**III. Fiscal Report**

Chris Wilson gave an overview of player registrations of the OSA Adult membership. The overall membership is down, but some leagues such as OCCSL and LUSC have increased in size.

**IV. Officer Reports**

**A. Chris Wilson – OSA Adult Division President**

- The “A” form has been translated into Spanish.
- Will not be running for office in the upcoming elections.
- Attending the USSF AGM in August with other President’s from OSA.
- Submitted two grants:
  - OSA International World Cup
  - OSA Club Gold GOALS

**B. Brian Vierthaler – OSA Adult Division 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Mr. Vierthaler had no report. Was asked to give some information about information given to the Adult Board. Mr. Vierthaler reported the median age of the soccer players in OSA is 32 for men and 30 for women (not counting the OSA Hispanic players). The median age for OSA Hispanic players is 25. Brian encouraged active recruitment.

### **C. Jalal Daneshfar – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President OSA Adult Division**

Mr. Daneshfar reported on schedules for the State Championships as being Mary 31 and June 1 at the Indian Springs Soccer Complex in Broken Arrow.

Mr. Daneshfar said communication has improved over last year with our requests for better fields, better game times, etc. Kevin Coker has been very accommodating to our requests. Mr. Coker was invited to the meeting to report on the program. Coker talked about the “finals weekend” State Championship. Host hotel is at 41<sup>st</sup> and Hwy 169. It is a Sheraton property. Rate is \$69. Southern Hills Marriott rate is \$62. Check website – approximately 130-135 teams competing.

### **D. Raymond Daniel - Secretary/Registrar OSA Adult Division**

Report was given by Chris Wilson. Wilson reported that the Tulsa Rangers were playing the in The National Cup in Gulfport, MS. Dallas, Texas will be the host site of the Regional Tournament over the next two years. More information will become available over the next several months.

### **E. Mike Sheriff - OSA State Referee Administrator**

Mr. Sheriff made the announcement that all Senior referees (those grade 7 or above) had to work at least eight (8) adult games to maintain their badge.

## **V. Elections:**

### **President:**

Mr. Wilson opened the nominations to the floor. Jalal Daneshfar was the only candidate nominated prior to the meeting. Jack Damrill (COASL) nominated Rob Breitenstein (NEOASA). Wilson asked if there were any other nominations. A motion to cease nominations was made by Jack Damrill (COASL) and seconded by Bill Williams (LUSC).

Each candidate was given an opportunity to speak. Both nominees answered questions by attendees. Mr. Wilson asked that Dale Watts and Gordon Wilson collect the ballots.

Rob Breitenstein was elected to be the next President to begin on August 1, 2003.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President:**

There was only one nomination for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President - Tek Tsegay. Mr. Wilson asked for a vote by acclimation. The membership voted unanimously by voice vote to accept the election of Tek Tsegay by acclimation. Mr. Tsegay will begin his term on August 1, 2003.

Mr. Wilson congratulated both new board members.

## **VI. General Business**

### **Establish Reserve Funds**

The Adult Board proposed that a Reserve Fund be established. The proposed motion read *"Create a new line item in the FY2004 Budget called "Reserve Funds" in which all budget surpluses from the previous year shall be placed. All funds shall be designated for emergency use to cover budget shortfalls only. However, 20% of each year's Reserve Funds may be made available for special projects, the use to be specified by the Adult membership at an Annual Meeting*

*of the General Membership. The Adult Board shall be responsible for distribution of the special project funds."* The motion as stated was made by Jalal Daneshfar (OCCSL) and seconded by Larry Love (OCCSL). The motion was passed with a unanimous vote of the membership.

## VII. Old Business

### A. Award Recognition

Chris Wilson recognized Harold Thacker, Jr. of Lawton United Soccer Club with a plaque for his work and dedication to the OSA Adult Division. Under his leadership LUSC Adult division was the fastest growing league in the state. Bill Williams accepted the plaque for Mr. Thacker who is being transferred with the Army to North Carolina.

### B. State Championships

Bill Williams (LUSC) said that they did not have a team to play in the State Championships due to the war in Iraq. For that reason, a Men's 4 Division – will not be played.

The Men's Premier Division (Men's I) will be the only division with play-offs.

#### Saturday:

Drawing held:	Game 1	COASL	OCCSL (home)
	Game 2	PCNA	NEOSA (home)

#### Sunday:

Order of Final Games:  
Women's Open Premier  
Men's Open Premier  
Men's II  
Men's III

4<sup>th</sup> Officials will be used during all final games and will be paid the same rate as Assistant Referees.

## VIII. New Business

### A. Summer Season Fees

Chris Wilson reported that even though the membership numbers have not reached the projected goal, there will probably be a surplus at the end of the year. Wilson asked if the membership wanted to approve a Summer Season discount for new players, keeping in mind that we still had bills to pay and that making it too low was no incentive for players to register the rest of the season. The fee of \$20.00 per player was introduced as a motion by Rob Breitenstein (NEOASA) and seconded by Jack Damrill (COASL). The vote to accept the motion was unanimous.

Mr. Wilson also asked that the membership consider a similar motion. Wilson proposed *"Allow the Adult Division Board to annually set the price of registration for the Summer season after the Fall and Spring membership totals have been received, reported and validated by the OSA staff; ensuring that adequate funds are available to make budget while allowing the decision to be made far enough in advance for marketing purposes."* The motion was made by Rob Breitenstein (NEOASA) to accept the motion as stated and Jack Damrill (COASL) seconded the motion. The vote to accept the motion was unanimous.

### **B. Discount for Special Registration Events**

Mr. Wilson presented a motion to allow the Membership to make available special promotions to be used to attract new members. This was in response to a request by NEOASA to hold a special tournament to attract Hispanic players to their league. Mr. Wilson proposed *"Allow the Adult Division Board with the approval of the General Membership at an Annual Meeting of the General Membership to set a special registration discount for one-time registration promotions and events (as long as it does not adversely effect the budget), designed for the recruitment of new players who have not registered in the adult division for the past three consecutive soccer years. The special discount shall be matched dollar-for-dollar by the local league/club to maximize the effectiveness of the discount on the new players. The events shall not be annual tournaments or summer seasons."* The motion was made by Rob Breitenstein (NEOASA) to accept the motion as stated and Jack Damrill (COASL) seconded the motion. The vote to accept the motion was unanimous.

### **C. Establish an Advisory Position**

Jalal Daneshfar (OCCSL) thanked Chris Wilson for his service to the Adult Division and made a motion proposing that *"a new position of Advisor be created on the Adult Division Board for Chris Wilson to serve."* The motion was seconded by Jack Damrill (COASL). The membership asked if Mr. Wilson would consider this and he replied that he was honored with such as request and that he would be happy to serve. However, Mr. Wilson reminded the membership that they are voting on an amendment to the OSA Bylaws and asked for the following friendly amendments:

*"1) The position would be a non-voting position on the board similar to that of the Advisory position on the OSA Executive Board.*

*2) The position would be for the immediate Past President of the Adult Division."*

The friendly amendment was accepted by Mr. Daneshfar (OCCSL) and Mr. Damrill (COASL). The vote to accept the motion was unanimous. Mr. Wilson informed the membership that the new bylaw amendment would be placed on the Annual General Meeting of the Membership in August.

Mr. Wilson asked if there was any other new business. Mr. Breitenstein (COASL) asked if money could be spent on translation for the NEOASA bylaws and registration forms to attract the Hispanic player. Breitenstein said that the cost was more than expected. Mr. Wilson said that State funds could be spent as long as it benefited the entire state not just one league. He did say however, that one of the grants written to USASA Project Build included the translation of documents into several languages. He also said that the membership could look at using the 20% funds in the reserve fund for that type of thing.

## **IX. Adjourn**

A motion by the membership was made by acclamation to adjourn the meeting at 1:59 PM.