

**Oklahoma Soccer Association  
Amateur Membership Meeting  
Minutes  
August 26, 2000  
Shorty Small's Restaurant  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:30pm.

**Attendance:**

General Membership Present: Jack Damrill - COASL President, Jalal Daneshfar - Collegiate League President. Other Board Members Present: Chris Wilson. Guests: Gary McDonald - OSA Appeals and Disciplinary Chairman, Mike Sheriff - SRA, Sid Goodrich, OSA Executive Director. Excused Absence: Paul Thomas and Nick Harris.

**Budget:**

Chris Wilson presented the budget with notations about the changes that were requested by the board and suggested Sid Goodrich at the last Amateur Board Meeting. The total budget 2000-2001 is \$68,625.00.

A motion to approve the budget as presented was made by Jalal Daneshfar of the Collegiate League and seconded by Jack Damrill of COASL. The motion passed unanimously.

**Special Projects:**

Select Teams (Paul Thomas): Paul was out of town, but sent a brief report: He suggested that we try to select the team coaches by the end of October; send a letter to all former youth ODP players telling them about the Amateur Select Team Program, including when the try-outs will be held, where and training sessions; and schedule try-outs for December 16 & 17 and again January 6 & 7 as most college players should be home during that time.

Would like to get together with Sid and talk about sponsorships.

National Cup Program - Chris Wilson asked for volunteers to become the State Commissioner for this event. He described the job duties. This is an appointed position. He will produce a written description for the next meeting.

Wilson also asked Gary McDonald to pass along an invitation to his club youth teams to enter the U20 division. Wilson said that a majority of the teams in the National Finals were youth club teams that had developed amateur teams after leaving the youth ranks. McDonald said he wanted to do just that and would like to discuss how we can grow amateur soccer through the youth divisions.

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National Cups Hosting - Chris Wilson said that the 2001 National Cup was to be held again in Oklahoma. Tulsa may still host, but Oklahoma City area may also try for it. We must have a good plan in place by the October Regional Meeting in San Antonio to keep the event in Oklahoma.

Referee Clinic - Wilson again mentioned that a new Referee Grade for adult games had been created and that they would like to set up dates for the training. Mike Sheriff said that the new rules had not been fully developed, but to contact Dale Watts about the dates and potential course.

### **Reports**

COASL - Jack Damrill reported that the league has signed 24 teams for the Fall season, including 8 Men's Open, 10 Men's Over 30 and 6 Women's Open Teams. His biggest challenges is trying to find people to get involved in the league operations. Too few to run the league.

NEOASA - absent.

Collegiate League - Jalal Daneshfar reported that he had signed 7 teams for the new Collegiate league who were now participating in their own conference as a part of a larger national conference. The winner of the league will participate in the regional finals to be held in Lubbock Texas in November. The Collegiate league will also participate in the League State Championships this year.

### **Referees:**

Mike Sheriff reported that a number of referees had attended the National Cup and Select Team Tournaments and had been selected to be the top performers. Select Tournament Refs for Oklahoma were chosen to do the finals and one was chosen to go to the US Soccer Festival in Rhode Island in August and the other to the Donnelly Cup in Florida over Thanksgiving weekend.

Sheriff also reported that during the recertification course in Stillwater, he asked the referees why there were not doing more amateur games. The primary reasons were because they had not been contacted early enough in advance to plan or they had not been contacted at all. However, Sheriff also asked how many referees had called the assignors for games. He stressed to them that it was a two way street.

OSA - Sid Goodrich distributed the OSA Club Information Packet to all of the league presidents present. He informed everyone that this is a living document that we hope to change and make better with more input. The packet contains all types of forms and information that clubs and the state uses to operate. It is hoped that the leagues will use this to operate their leagues better as well. Goodrich asked for input on the calendar of events and any other forms that should be included.

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#### **Calendar:**

##### State Championships (Oklahoma City, OK):

June 9<sup>th</sup> for the Play-offs

(NEOASA, COASL, Collegiate League, NEOASA Hispanic League)

June 10<sup>th</sup> for the Finals

##### Rain Dates:

June 16<sup>th</sup> for the Play-offs

June 17<sup>th</sup> for the Finals

##### Quarterly Amateur Board Meetings:

Monday - October 30<sup>th</sup> - Stroud, OK

Friday - January 19<sup>th</sup> - Tulsa, OK (OSA Annual Workshop)

Tuesday - April 30<sup>th</sup> - Stroud, OK (Tentative)

Saturday - May 19<sup>th</sup> - Oklahoma City, OK (Tentative)

##### State Amateur Tournaments:

October 21 & 22, 2000 - Sokterfest Soccer Tournament, Tulsa, OK

#### **Marketing Improvements**

##### OSA Web Site - The suggestions that were provided to Sid Goodrich included:

- 1) Listing the Leagues on the left side of the web site with the other Countries
- 2) Under ODP, make a delineation between Youth ODP and Amateur ODP. Provide a link to the Amateur Select Team web site.
- 3) Under State Championships, do the same as number 2 above.
- 4) Under National Championships, do the same as number 2 above.

##### OSA Smoke Signals:

- 1) Create an Amateur page(s) with a masthead across the top that signifies you have arrived.
- 2) Include articles about the Amateur Division (we understand that the board members and leagues will have to contribute articles each issue).
- 3) Reprint articles from the USASA magazines or State Amateur newspapers.
- 4) Give space to advertise events, tournaments, try-outs, etc.
- 5) Let people know on the front page about the new section.

##### OSA - Office

- 1) Allow Amateurs to educate staff better on our needs
- 2) Allow amateurs to use the office for meetings or registration.

#### **Old Business:**

None discussed

#### **New Business:**

None

Adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:10pm