

**Oklahoma Soccer Association
Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Stroud, Oklahoma
May 7, 2002**

Chairman Gordon Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Present were Gordon Wilson, Mike Sheriff, Albert Opitz, Gary McDonald, Randy Donalson, Chris Wilson, Dale Watts, Sid Goodrich, Peter McGahey, and Martin Dozier.

Corrected minutes of the April 9, 2002 meeting were approved on a motion by Chris Wilson and second by Mike Sheriff.

REPORTS

Chairman Gordon Wilson: Busy month with State tournaments and high school games.

- Complimented Tulsa Thunder for their CyberRay vs. Arsenal match to take place on June 11 in Tulsa.

Vice Chairman Gary McDonald: Announced that he has received several abuse cases during the past month.

- Appeal from Rick Marchant concerning his suspension will be heard at a future date

Secretary/Treasurer Martin Dozier: Distributed financial information as of April 2002. Made board aware of possible deficits in the coaching and ODP programs.

President Youth Division Albert Opitz:

- Attended soccer summit in Dallas
- Youth Board will meet with Green Country on Thursday, May 9
- USYS visited OKC as a possible site for Youth Workshop
- Chevrolet Cup and Tide American Cup were successfully completed and sponsors were great in providing OSA players with product information and entertainment. Office staff and Sid are to be complimented for their work. Referee Committee to be thanked for their helping to make the games run smoothly.
- South Texas will bid for the 2004 Region III tourney to be held in Austin
- Youth Board wishes to organize a golf tournament to benefit TOPSoccer and Soccer Start
- ODP players just returned from their Kansas City trip

- Attended Great Plains meeting last night

President Senior Division Chris Wilson: Board meeting was held last week and several items were discussed under headings of Registration, Membership, and Budget

- Resolved to have all teams apply to OSA
- Set goal to register 1000 new players
- Discussed challenges of registering teams under NEOASA constitution and asked for review of the situation by the OSA Executive Board. Discussed creating a procedure for applying for membership
- Recommended one location for OSA office
- Reviewed fees and decided to set registration at \$23.00
- Recommended acceptance of Ponca City and Lawton organizations as full voting members

Select Team coaches: Zack Taylor for the women and Dwayne Cummings for the men.

PARS International will attend the National Cup

Two teams from Oklahoma will attend the National Veterans Cup

State Referee Administrator Mike Sheriff:

- Expressed appreciation for recognition of referees at Chevrolet Cup and Tide Cup
- Have begun scheduling State Cup and need information on Amateur finals
- Brent Hall has been sent to the Amateur Regionals in Mississippi

Advisor Randy Donalson: Still working on names for the bylaws committee

Executive Director Sid Goodrich:

- Handed out article to appear in Smoke Signals on his trip to Washington, DC to attend the Land and Water Conservation Act seminar. Discussed how to use government funds to use parklands to develop sport parks.
- OSA will be attending the Special Olympics at OSU on May 16 to promote TOPSoccer
- Advised the Board that insurance rates are going to be raised

Director of Player Development and Coach Education Peter McGahey:

- Completed the Soccer Outreach program in Weatherford and was pleased with the results. Will present a written report next month.
- OSA soccer camps are being developed and are currently advertised on the website and will be in the upcoming Smoke Signals. Two camps will be offered: a recreational camp and a camp for “elite” players with ODP preparation as a component.
- 85, 86, & 87 ODP boys returned from KC trip and were able to attend an MLS match while there

Director of Publications Dale Watts: May issue of Smoke Signals is at the printer and should be mailed within two weeks. Next deadline is June 10.

- Website needs information from everyone to keep it current. Asked for officers to submit info to him.

- In an effort to keep communications current, he plans to attend a number of club and country meetings around the state.
- Attended the State Directors of Instruction Workshop at Colorado Springs this past weekend. USSF is moving to create the 09 referee as the entry position and the 08 as a bridge or “upgrade” class. This is the format Oklahoma has been using since 1989. Spanish 08 class is available now and wish to have input on how to use this effectively to recruit Hispanic officials.
- Oklahoma Offset is interested in printing the Smoke Signals and has presented a bid to compare with the Gannett Corporation.

OLD BUSINESS

- Youth Insurance Fund and its possible use to offset the rate increase was discussed. It was noted that the fund has been moved by a bylaws change to serve as funding for scholarships.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussed the Referee and Amateur budgets
- Chris Wilson moved to approve the Ponca City amateurs as a member. Albert Opitz seconded and motion passed.
- Chris Wilson moved to approve the Lawton United amateurs as a member. Albert Opitz seconded and motion passed.
- Albert Opitz distributed a USYS recommendation for age groupings on U6, U8, U10, and U12
- Albert Opitz distributed an adidas apparel proposal

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Martin Dozier, Secretary/Treasurer