

**Oklahoma Soccer Association
Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Stroud, Oklahoma
April 9, 2002 Revised**

Chairman Gordon Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

Present were Mike Sheriff, Gordon Wilson, Steve Nath, Peter McGahey, Randy Donalson, Dale Watts, Sid Goodrich, and Chris Wilson.

Minutes of the March 19, 2002 meeting were approved on a motion by Chris Wilson and second by Mike Sheriff.

REPORTS

Chairman Gordon Wilson: No report

Vice Chairman Gary McDonald: No report

Secretary/Treasurer Martin Dozier: Sid distributed the financials because Martin Dozier was not present.

President Youth Division Albert Opitz: (Steve Nath presented the Youth Division report for Albert Opitz)

- Announced Albert was participating in a national phone conference with other state youth presidents discussing the Super Y leagues and other groups
- Held hearing on ineligible player from NOKC regarding extending two year suspension to state-wide and not just the club
- USYS is moving to Richardson, Texas
- Youth Board met with Frontier Country board on cooperation between the two organizations and discussed traveling recreational and foreign team rules and new fee structure
- Reviewed Seminole and Cimarron Valley for approval to join OSA
- Reviewed Sallisaw's request to move to Kiamichi Country
- Porter and Grand Lake applications are up for approval
- Will meet with Great Plains and Cimarron to discuss their relationship with Youth Board
- South OKC Soccer Club facility to be open in fall of 2003 and hopes to bid for Region III tournament

- Bene Marc Insurance Company offered insurance coverage for property at soccer complexes
- Wishes to select a Volunteer of the Year from each Country and then select one to attend the USYS workshop
- Unity Soccer Club and Police League have applied for Soccer Start grants
- ODP doing well and good attendance at tryouts. The 87, 86 and 85 boys are going to Kansas City; 85 boys will go to Memphis on Memorial Day weekend; plans underway to present a package proposal on 2003 ODP program
- Wants possible publication of coach suspensions on OSA website and newsletter

President Senior Division Chris Wilson:

- Presented information on insurance for next year should cost \$10 per player (an .87 cent increase)
- Reviewing Lawton Amateur bylaws
- Proposed another level of membership with OSA to cover youth and amateur combined clubs

State Referee Administrator Mike Sheriff:

- Availability cards mailed to all registered referees for Tide and Chevrolet Cup tournaments
- Two candidates from Oklahoma sent to New Orleans for State Assessor clinic
- Will investigate assignor problems for tournaments (listing of assignors on tournament applications when assignor has not been contacted to do the task)
- Sending proposal to Chris Wilson and Albert Opitz to allow Referee Committee to count college matches for maintenance assessments

Advisor Randy Donalson: Agreed to chair the bylaws committee if a writer is hired to type the bylaws in an accepted format. He will need 3 meetings and approximately 3 months to complete the task.

Executive Director Sid Goodrich:

- TOPSoccer's attendance at the Governor's Conference on the Disabled will create ties to Special Olympics. Will have OSA presence at the games on May 14-16
- TOPSoccer Summit meeting was held in Green Country to consider starting a Tulsa metro league
- Sid will attend National Recreational Summit presented by USYS in Washington, DC on April 22-24
- Office is currently working on the Tide and Chevrolet tournaments
- Asked the board to consider Pat Farmer, coach of the New York Power, as a possible keynote speaker at the OSA workshop in 2003.
- Announced AGM for May 18 in OKC and that Countries have been notified of elections. Greg Newburn has agreed to chair the Election Committee.

Director of Player Development and Coach Education Peter McGahey:

- Meeting with other coaches from around the state to present coaches information on licensing; just attended the Frontier Country board meeting.
- Developing a coaches' license manual

Director of Publications Dale Watts: Reminded the board members that the deadline for the next issue of the Smoke Signals is April 10th. Distributed an information sheet showing that the OSA web page is receiving a large number of hits both daily and monthly. Use of the web as a communication device is at an all-time high.

OLD BUSINESS

- Review of budgets for the Executive Board and Office was held
- Next month's review will cover Referee and Amateur budgets; June's meeting will review Youth, Coach and ODP budgets

NEW BUSINESS

- May Executive Board meeting is moved to May 8 (Wednesday)
- Steve Nath moved that Unity Soccer Club be accepted for membership and Chris Wilson seconded. Motion passed.
- Spring AGM elections were discussed and board members were reminded that the following offices were up for election: Executive Board chair; Youth President, 2nd VP, and Secretary/Registrar; Amateur 1st VP, and Secretary/Treasurer. It was agreed that the meeting be held at the OSA Oklahoma City office site and a boxed lunch provided. Lunch will be served from noon to 1 pm and meetings to be held from 1 to 4 pm.
- Steve Nath moved to print a list of players and coaches suspended by OSA in the newsletter and the website (start and end dates of the suspension would be included). Randy Donalson seconded and the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Martin Dozier, Secretary/Treasurer