

**Oklahoma Soccer Association
Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Stroud, Oklahoma
July 16, 2002**

Chairman Gordon Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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

Corrected minutes of the June 13, 2002 meeting were approved on a motion by Randy Donalson and second by Albert Opitz.

REPORTS

Chairman Gordon Wilson: Attended Regionals in Little Rock and am very proud of our Oklahoma teams.

- Attended the Mayor's Vision Summit in Tulsa with 1100 other Tulsa leaders. Hopes to get the soccer complex development plan in front of leaders early.

Vice Chairman Gary McDonald: Heard two appeals since last meeting:

- Player accused of abuse on referee was found to be wearing a borrowed jersey. The player who owned the jersey was brought to the hearing and then the player who borrowed the jersey asked for the hearing to continue. The outcome of the hearing was for the player who made contact with the referee was a suspension.
- Referee abuse hearing involving the Great Plains president resulted in a suspension of the president.
- The Oklahoma coach who was involved in the incident at Regionals will be suspended as per USYS rules until the pending legal charges are resolved in Arkansas.

Secretary/Treasurer Martin Dozier: Distributed financial information as of June 16, 2002. Asked for members to review their budget information and contact him with any questions or for clarification.

President Youth Division Albert Opitz: Met with the representatives of the Countries in June to discuss the creation of a U10 development league. The Youth Board meeting on 7/20/02 will discuss and vote on the issue.

- Discussed a coach and parent behavior contract.
- Working on creating a state calendar of events
- Development of several recruiting techniques using posters and signs and possibly a billboard with an 800 number that would direct the caller to the proper club for registering
- Developing badges for recreational coaches to distribute to players (best kicker, best defender, etc.)
- Presented information on Regionals in Little Rock.
- Working with Peter McGahey on identifying player development across the state.

President Senior Division Chris Wilson: Paul Thomas substituted for Chris Wilson. No formal report but announced two Oklahoma girls were chosen for Amateur Festival team.

State Referee Administrator Mike Sheriff:

- Expressed thanks for support allowing referees to attend Regionals
- Matt Garrett was selected to attend National Championships; Jonathon Johnson was in the top of the 07 group at Regionals.
- Recertification for Instructors and Assessors will be Saturday, July 20 at OSU
- Recertification and fitness exam for upper level referees will be August 3 at OSU

Advisor Randy Donalson: No meeting of the committee on bylaws. Sending a letter to committee members to set up a meeting.

Executive Director Sid Goodrich: Attended Regionals and discussed Risk Management with Steve Ballentine from Tennessee.

- Attended the Mayor's Vision Summit with Gordon
- Developing OSA's Policy and Procedures book
- Working with Bill Stemmons, a parliamentarian, on writing the bylaws once the committee provides direction.
- Completed reports for Tide America Cup and Gatorade. The Snickers and Foundation reports are being completed.
- Financials are current as of the meeting so as to help members see real budget numbers.
- Insurance costs are being researched – contacted Pullen and Bullinger companies for quotes.

Director of Player Development and Coach Education Peter McGahey:

- Fall coaching courses filling quickly
- Attended Alabama regional ODP camp
- Young player from Weatherford selected for regional pool
- Expressed thanks to Martin Dozier for work as ODP administrator

Director of Publications Dale Watts: Smoke Signals should be in the mail this week.

- Postage is showing an increase in the mailing costs of about \$700 per issue
- Checked on the number of teams using the eteamz website (OSA's). Presently 137 teams are using the sites.

- Will begin visiting clubs across the state to inform them of website, Smoke Signals, and OSA's materials available to them. First visit will be Yukon on Thursday evening, July 18.

OLD BUSINESS

- Apparel sponsorship was discussed. Albert Opitz moved to sign with adidas. Martin Dozier seconded. Motion passed 4 – 1. Paul Taylor cast the negative vote for the Amateurs.

NEW BUSINESS

- Possibility of Oklahoma hosting the 2005 Regionals. Will meet with Edmond to discuss probability of their hosting.
- Discussed budgets.
- Present Paul Thomas with a plaque acknowledging his many years of service and dedication to Amateur soccer in Oklahoma.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Martin Dozier, Secretary/Treasurer