

March 18, 2003

Chairman Gordon Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were Gordon Wilson, Martin Dozier, Sid Goodrich, Dale Watts, Steve Nath, Peter McGahey, Chris Wilson, Gary McDonald, and Randy Donalson.

Minutes of the February 11th meeting were approved on a motion by Chris Wilson and second by Steve Nath.

Soccer USA delivered a presentation to the board concerning soccer players traveling to Thailand as part of a tournament package.

REPORTS

Chairman Gordon Wilson: Congratulated Peter McGahey on birth of his daughter, Ella Carter McGahey.

- MLS games are coming up soon and reminded all to support the matches.

Vice Chairman Gary McDonald: One case of referee abuse at present involving an adult league situation.

Secretary/Treasurer Martin Dozier: Distributed three financial handouts covering through February 2003. Asked members to look at their budgets and projections for End of Year.

President Youth Division Steve Nath: Discussed the revised requirements by USYS regarding 16 fields needed to host the 2005 Regionals. City of Edmond has a plan to light fields and would offer Regionals option of playing more games per day.

- Praised the work of Kevin Coker and League Operating Committee of Oklahoma Premier League.
- Will participate in a conference call with Region III presidents this week to discuss bylaw changes.
- Youth Board is visiting all seven Countries to discuss player development.
- Risk Management team has put together material and will report to Board at May AGM.
- Reviewed the GOALS application from Adult Board and could not support the proposal.

President Senior Division Chris Wilson: Presented a written report containing following information:

- Adults studying dates for State Championship participation
- Paul Thomas appointed as Select Team Administrator
- Brian Vierthaler given task to create a marketing plan and publicity
- 2004-2005 National Cups tournament will be held in Plano, Texas.
- Kiamichi Country working to develop Adult program.
- Harold Thacker appointed Commissioner of Combined Clubs.
- Project Build USASA grant deadline is late April.

- Working with USASA to create a one-time only recruiting tournament to target unregistered teams or leagues.
- Completed draft letter to Bollinger Insurance outlining plan to allow youth insurance to carry over to playing in Adult leagues.

State Referee Administrator Mike Sheriff: Dale Watts presented report for Mike Sheriff:

- Following MLS games in Edmond and Tulsa, referees will meet with referee crews
- Training for 2003 nearly completed. No courses will be scheduled after April 1, 2003.
- State tournament referee availability information now being collected online at a savings to the referee budget.
- Investigating use of uncertified official by a club and determining possible course of action for such activities.

Advisor Randy Donalson: No report

Executive Director Sid Goodrich: Discussed the plans for Workshops 2004 and 2005 in the Tulsa area. Currently checking with Doubletree, Adam's Mark, and Renaissance hotels.

Director of Player Development and Coach Education Peter McGahey: Distributed a written report.

- Spring coaching course just wrapped up with numbers better than expected.
- Plan to reduce Youth Module Level I and II to around 4 hours
- Conducted Outreach at Altus Soccer Club
- Coordinating with Unity Soccer Club on Outreach in OKC elementary schools
- Attended in-house coaching education day at Lawton
- Organized and attended ODP event in Austin attended by 89 and 90 teams from Oklahoma
- Attended National C instructors clinic
- Applied to host National C course in OKC in August of 2003
- Invited to be member of National Youth License instructional staff

Director of Publications Dale Watts: Smoke Signals are mailed and should be arriving at members' homes this week. This issue had 11 ½ pages of ads – most ever for the publication. Next issue will be the Summer Camp issue

- Office purchased a new operating system for his computer (XP professional) and the system is now very stable – no crashes
- Setting up poll for competitive coaches to vote online as to seeding of teams for the State Tournaments

OLD BUSINESS

- William Martin issue from Regionals in Arkansas was discussed. Martin has requested reinstatement as coach. Consensus of Board was to have Gary McDonald write a letter informing William Martin of Executive Board's removal of the suspension.
- EuroSport vendor situation was discussed. Steve Nath moved to accept EuroSport as the state's apparel vendor. Martin Dozier seconded. Motion was tabled for further study.
- Gary McDonald moved that Steve Nath be authorized to go forward with the EuroSport agreement and to seek input from Chris Wilson. Martin Dozier seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Sid Goodrich reminded Board that nominating committee needs to be selected. Board requested that Scott Haus and Tom Wedding from the Youth Board, Chris Wilson and Jalal Daneshfar from the Adult Board, and Gary McDonald from the Executive Board provide names to Sid by March 25, 2003.
- Bylaws were discussed as to future meeting and voting at AGM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Martin Dozier, Secretary/Treasurer