

**Oklahoma Soccer Association  
Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting  
Stroud, Oklahoma  
March 19, 2002**

Chairman Gordon Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm.

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

**REPORTS**

**Chairman Gordon Wilson:** Announced board's pleasure at having Dale Watts join us after his illness. Commented that the USYSA Workshop in Atlanta was great and that the seminars were useful. Workshop provided him the opportunity to meet with several sponsors.

**Vice Chairman Gary McDonald:** Responded to the request of Eli Evens for OSA to vacate their decision. OSA will not vacate its position.

- Appeal held 3/18/02 sustained Frontier Country's decision on not moving an U12 team to the U14 league.
- Personal comment – the new Oklahoma City office and its location are appreciated.

**Secretary/Treasurer Martin Dozier:** Financials were distributed and discussed.

- Personal note – has started his own CPA firm and has a new email address: [doozcpahfc@aol.com](mailto:doozcpahfc@aol.com)

**President Youth Division Albert Opitz:** Will attend the Soccer Start training in Dallas in April along with Parris Sanders from Edmond. USYS will pay for the training.

- Youth approved Unity Soccer Club and other clubs are in the works.
- Hearing to be held 3/26/02 on coach suspended for playing illegal players
- Travel guidelines for Frontier Country approved
- Site for 2004 Regionals not picked. Oklahoma still an option.
- ODP trips to Texas underway and Steve Nath and Peter McGahey working well together.
- Considering videotaping the sideline behavior as a means to control abuse of referees

**President Senior Division Chris Wilson:** Commented that fee change to \$5.50 plus insurance has simplified fees for players.

- Donnelly Cup has been reinstated for Select Teams but may need clarification
- New national headquarters approved but site is unknown as of now
- Team registrations are up
- Asked OSA to consider 2004 mid-year meeting site for Oklahoma

**State Referee Administrator Mike Sheriff:** Letter mailed to all 07 and above referees informing them of maintenance assessment requirement for all 07 referees beginning registration year 2003. Referees of the 07 grade with last names beginning A-L will be required the maintenance this year and M-Z next year. The following year, all 07's will be required a maintenance assessment.

- Reminded the board that 09/01/02 is the date when assignors must be registered with USSF and all clubs should have assignors for their matches.

**Advisor Randy Donalson:** No report.

**Executive Director Sid Goodrich:** Thanked the board for the success of the Workshop and the two office moves.

- Work underway on sponsors and a way to sponsor coaches' manual.
- A food sponsor is in the works.
- Office staff in both OKC and Tulsa will attend seminar May 28-30 on "Front Desk".
- National Recreation Summit, April 22-24, in Washington D.C. to consider use of parklands for soccer. Sid will attend.
- Shared Robert Goettsch's foundation work.

**Director of Player Development and Coach Education Peter McGahey:** Wrapped up spring coaching clinics with 75 new coaches trained; averaged 18 coaches per course.

- Rural Outreach Program in Woodward set for five Fridays. On two of those Fridays, a coach will stay over to assist.
- Course materials will be developed so as to cut costs of preparation and duplication.
- A committee meeting will be held March 30 to discuss the issue of small-sided soccer through U12.

**Director of Publications Dale Watts:** Expressed his thanks for all the prayers and concerns as well as gifts the board sent his way.

- Smoke Signals were mailed and copies given to board members.
- Website has been updated and is now getting about 10,000 hits a month.
- Reminded all that the next Smoke Signals deadline is April 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Strategic Planning and reorganization plans were discussed. Gordon to appoint a committee with Randy Donalson as chairman to get the plans completed. Other

members of the committee would include two youth representatives, one amateur representative, and one referee representative. Their charge would be to have a recommendation on the bylaws by end of summer.

- Nominating Committee – one amateur and one youth nominating committee members need to be identified.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Budget reviews need to begin even though bylaw changes may take place. Agreed that office and Executive Board budgets would be discussed at April meeting.
- Discussed the Amateur Tournament application.
- Apparel sponsorship was discussed

**ANNOUNCEMENT** – Tulsa Thunder Soccer Club will sponsor England's Arsenal Women's Cup Champions versus the San Jose Cyber Rays at Broken Arrow's stadium on June 11.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Martin Dozier, Secretary/Treasurer