

**Oklahoma Soccer Association
Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Stroud, Oklahoma
September 10, 2002**

Chairman Gordon Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

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

Minutes of the August 13, 2002 meeting were approved on a motion by Chris Wilson and second by Gary McDonald.

REPORTS

Chairman Gordon Wilson: Shared information on the MLS seeking franchises in Oklahoma – both Edmond/OKC and Tulsa.

- Discussed the adidas contract. Requested monetary wishes from Coaching and the Youth Board involving the adidas contract be presented to the Executive Board.

Vice Chairman Gary McDonald: No appeals pending at this time.

Secretary/Treasurer Martin Dozier: Year's end financials were distributed in draft form. Asked for members to review their budget information and contact him with any questions or for clarification.

President Youth Division Albert Opitz: Commended Youth Board on handling of the Billy Martin issue.

- Will attend USYS planning meeting next weekend
- ODP tryouts are set for end of September. ODP was a good year with 20 players held over from regional training
- Statewide league has started and is working but some problems are being encountered. Those problems are being addressed.
- Finalizing state tournament dates
- Announced the selection of Kevin Coker as the 3rd Vice President in charge of recreational soccer.
- Continuing to work on policies and procedures

- Promotional materials for youth players are being developed to include pins, patches, and pennants. Complimented office staff for development of yard signs and sign-up posters.
- Announced that old ODP uniforms are available to groups and that TOPSoccer would receive first priority in distribution.

President Senior Division Chris Wilson: Announced that board members are excited about traveling to New Orleans for Regional meeting and it would be a good training experience for the new board members.

- Requested a possible facilitated meeting to grow soccer that would include members of youth and adult divisions.
- Checking into hosting Region III Select tournament in a few years
- Concerned about adult leagues working with youth clubs but not affiliating as adult members.

State Referee Administrator Mike Sheriff: Announced the nomination forms have been forwarded to USSF for Paul Scott's FIFA International Assistant Referee request. Thanked Sid Goodrich for assistance in preparing the forms.

- Continuing to prepare policies and procedures manual

Advisor Randy Donalson: Sid reported that copies of bylaws and procedures from Tennessee and North Texas were distributed to the committee this week. A meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, September 14 in Oklahoma City.

Executive Director Sid Goodrich: Office has been focusing on statewide league for the past few days

- Announced the hiring of Beth Ann Impey, who replaces Cynthia Renfroe as administrative assistant, and Joanne Barnes, who replaces Christel Poulsen as receptionist.
- Complimented Dale Watts on the saving of \$10,000 by moving publication of Smoke Signals to Gannett Publishing in Nashville, Tennessee.
- Discussed sponsorship issues involving Sport Pins, Varsity Communications, and Gatorade. The Sport Pins and Varsity Communications contracts were tabled until the business section. Informed board that the Gatorade sponsorship will end December 31, 2003.

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

Director of Publications Dale Watts: Smoke Signals is at the printer and should be mailed the end of the week. Distributed proof copies for board members.

- Attended the Recreational Youth Referee Instruction meeting in Colorado Springs. Most states are far behind Oklahoma in developing a Recreational Referee program that trains referees for U6 to U14 recreational matches. OSA has been doing that since 1987.
- Announced record number of referee courses for the fall – 35 at present and counting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Sid Goodrich distributed Hall of Fame information.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussed appeal hearing fees. Motion by Gary McDonald to raise the bond fee to \$150 with \$75 of that fee to cover administrative fees of the office. The new fee would go into effect as of October 1, 2002. Albert Opitz seconded and motion passed.
- Discussed recognition of Russell Staurovsky through a variety of methods.
- Statewide League funding was discussed with special regard to administrative costs.
- Discussed the resolution proposal presented by NEOASA and COASL.
- Two contracts from Varsity Communications, Incorporated were presented by Sid Goodrich. The first contract would allow VCI to become the events manager for the annual Workshop. Gary McDonald moved to accept to make VCI the events manager for the OSA Workshop. Chris Wilson seconded and motion passed. The second contract involved making VCI the primary advertising contractor for the Smoke Signals publication. Motion was made by Martin Dozier to have Sid Goodrich negotiate with VCI to establish the best possible rate for advertising in the Smoke Signals. Chris Wilson seconded and motion passed.
- It was agreed by consensus that Sid Goodrich would negotiate with Sports Pins and Midwestern Trophy to achieve the best contract for supplying both pins and trophies.

Executive Session called for at 8:50 p.m.

Meeting reconvened and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Martin Dozier, Secretary/Treasurer