



**Board Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2010, 7:30 pm**

Present: Russ Bessemer, Mike Bjerke, Todd Brakob, Lee Christensen, Greg Fisher, Patrick Guenther, Steve Harvancik, Jim Neidhart, Jon Odorico, Marcia Szabados, Bob Tolly

Absent: Cheryl Fanning, Genea Grossen, Bryan Gruchow, Christine Johnston, Sandy Salzwedell

1. Review and Approve – September Meeting Minutes

The September 16, 2010 OSA Board meeting minutes were approved with revisions from Jim and Jon.

2. Fundraising (volunteer coordinator, Chevy update, financial documentation responsibilities)

Rebecca Farris, who is the Phoenix team manager and has experience with the band booster fundraisers, attended the board meeting to volunteer her help in organizing some fundraising activities. Rebecca will coordinate the lemonade stand for the next Oregon soccer tournament and the upcoming Chevy ticket raffle. There are 2000 tickets for 16 classic teams, which is roughly 125 tickets per team. Rebecca thought the team managers could have the team players meet on a designated weekend and sell the tickets. Some ideas for use of the ticket proceeds are to 1) reduce the overall team classic fee, 2) reduce player fees on flat rate basis, 3) apply it toward additional tournaments, or 4) for specific families that have additional financial needs to reduce their costs of classic soccer. We will split the \$5 proceeds from each ticket with the team keeping \$4 and the OSC receiving \$1. Therefore, an account of the tickets sold by each team will be required. The unsold tickets must be turned in and the ticket stubs mailed to Atlanta. The raffle deadline is November 30.

Ideas for future fundraisers are to have a UW-Club concession but the drawback is that they require only parents work the counters to run the credit cards and the kids cannot help along with their parent. Another fundraiser could be to have a stand at Schuster's Farm off of highway 12/18 toward Cambridge as they allow kids 12 and older to help in the stand.

Shawn Keiner of the Lightning team wants to sell a discount card. The club agreed that the Lightning could sell the discount card with a generic soccer logo but the club does not endorse any one fundraiser for individual teams. Susie LeBrun would like to have teams turn in their Bill's receipts to get 1% back to the soccer club. Discussion ensued on whether this should be club-wide effort as it would be difficult for Bill's to track receipts per team. The managers could collect the receipts and tally

up the total and then turn in to Lee who could then submit all the receipts for the club.

Lee indicated that if we carry out fundraising activities as a 501(3c) non-profit, then we would need to register with the state and pay a fee. We don't have to provide an OSA donation receipt with a tax ID unless we get donations of \$250 or more.

Another idea proposed by Michael O'Neill was to have a quiz night at the Firefly coffeehouse for both adults and kids. There could be teams of 5 to 6 people with a \$30 entry fee. We could open it up to the public and advertise it at the Firefly and Bill's. The quiz night could be held in the spring after the coaches arrive. There could be prize donations, gift cards, or use some of the rebate from Stefan's. Other quiz locations could be the Oregon Family Restaurant that has a meeting room.

Decision: 1) For the raffle ticket proceeds, teams will decide how to use the raffle ticket proceeds. 2) Open up receipt collection to club for Bill's 1% giveback.

Action Items: 1) Rebecca will contact Susie and Shawn to see if they would like to be part of a fundraising committee. 2) Lee will e-mail teams about the Bill's receipt collections. 3) Communicate raffle plans to teams (Rebecca)

3. BC Coach Evaluations (Marcia)

Who will receive the results from the parent survey for the Challenger coaches? The Classic Commissioner and the board will use the results to provide feedback to coaches and to make future decisions about the coaches. For the current survey form, remove the Challenger title at the top and replace it with OSC as the survey will come from our club and not BC. We can send results to Alex after we review the results and comments. We can send out a paper survey or have an on-line survey with SurveyMonkey.com. The advantages of SurveyMonkey.com are that the list of parent e-mail addresses can be used to send out the survey and have it track responses by team. Also a reminder e-mail can be sent to those who have not responded. Todd and Lee will analyze the comments and review the results. The Board may choose to share some results with parents but not the specific coach evaluations. On the survey, we can see if parents would prefer local coaches or Challenger and whether they perceive they are getting good coaching value with the BC coaches based on what they are paying.

Decision: 1) Send out the survey for the Challenger coached teams on November 1st, keep it open two weeks, and close out the survey on November 15. Results will be presented at the next board meeting.

Action Items: 1) Marcia will send out the final draft, 2) Todd will provide the list of e-mails per team, 3) Russ will create the survey in SurveyMonkey.com and send it out.

4. Classic/State Teams update (Todd)

Todd provided a summary of the preliminary team's results for the fall season as most competitive teams still have a few games left to play.

Age Group	Team	Record	Place	State Team?
U11G	Enforcers	1-4-2	6th	
U11G	Storm	6-0-1	1st	
U11B	Strikers	3-3-1	5th	
U11B	Black Panthers	6-0-0	1st	
U12G	Firecrackers	5-1-0	1st	

U12B	Pumas	5-2-0	1st	
U13G	Dynamite	4-2-1	1st	Yes
U13G	Lightning	1-5-0	6th	
U13B	Attack	3-3-0	6th	Yes
U14G	Phoenix	3-2-1	5th	
U14M	Force	1-3-0	7th	Yes
U15G	Fire	6-0-1	1st	Yes
U17G	Flame	2-3-0	8th	Yes

Eight teams played in the MYSC Octoberfest tournament and four made the championship game. The U12 Girls Firecrackers took 1st place. The U11 boys Strikers, the U12 boys Pumas, and the U14 Mixed Force came in 2nd place. Also, the U10 boys Panthers placed 2nd in their bracket. Other teams in the Octoberfest tournament included the U14 girls Phoenix, U11 girls Enforcer, and the U9 girls Fury.

For the Reddan Toe Bash tournament in September, the girls U15/16 Oregon Fire won the title game. The mixed U14 Oregon Force were also champions.

Regarding state league applications, team managers and parents of current or prospective state teams should be aware that they should contact Todd so he can facilitate communication with Chris Lay at MAYSA. Teams expected to move up in the spring season are the Firecrackers, Fire, and Explosion resulting which should result in seven Oregon teams playing at State league total, with 5 teams playing in the state league this coming spring season (2 state girls teams only play in the fall).

Action Items: For the state applications, Todd will be reminding team managers to apply or reapply in December.

5. Rec Teams update (Bob)

Four girls' Rec teams went to the Great Pumpkin tournament in Brookfield including The U9 Twisters, U10 Bullets, U10 Lightning Bolts, and U12 Shockers. The U12 Shockers placed first.

There are some concerns about getting referees to show up for the Rec games. This was also an issue with Classic league games. We cannot directly get Refs to fill-in these games without going through the Ref assignor. With Arbiter, we cannot see who the Refs will be to remind them of the games they are assigned to. The refs might get a reminder e-mail from Arbiter but many of these e-mail addresses are the original e-mails of their parents when they got their ref certification. So there is no guarantee that these e-mails are checked.

A major concern raised by some Board members is that rough play is escalating in games and that Refs should be doing more to curtail dangerous play. Should Refs be calling excessive physical plays in order to protect kids from injuries?

Action Item: Russ will ask Bryan to provide a report on no shows at games, potential remedies for these no shows, and how referees should limit physically dangerous plays on the soccer field.

6. U7-U10 In-house update (Commissioners)

It is estimated that 25% of the 80 U9/U10 boys are playing football during the fall soccer season. We need to work on scheduling and field availability for next fall when the first graders will have football available for the first time. Should the

scheduling/registration sub-group work on this?

7. Coaching resource options (Jon)

Jon presented three options for coaching resources 1) InsideSoccer.com, 2) coaching card decks and 3) Challenger Way. We can get the thechallengerway.com as a special deal for \$5 per year instead of \$50. The coaches requested InsideSoccer.com for \$75 per year. We should try out both the ChallengerWay and InsideSoccer for a year to see which is most helpful to the coaches. We may want to sign up before the spring season so the Challenger coaches have a chance to use it to prepare for the spring season. Steve has some useful coaching resource links that he sent out to his coaches. We also have some pamphlets and booklets from WYSA that the U8-U10 coaches maybe interested in. The Oregon library has some good videos. We should have a Director of Coaching in place before we buy a lot of new coaching materials. Michael has some useful links to post on the new website.

Decision: Sign up for both the Challenger Way and Inside Soccer before the spring season and let the coaches know it is available. Steve will check with his coaches to see what they are interested in.

8. Challenger camps – dates, team vs. individual, tetra brazil (Jon)

Due to lack of time at the October meeting, we will discuss the Challenger camps at the next board meeting. We will need to set the dates for the individual camps. We will plan on hosting individual camps but not team camps. Challenger has acquired the Tetral Brazil soccer camps and would like to have a camp in Oregon some time between June 6 and the end of August. The camp is typically for higher-level players or older kids. The camp emphasizes creativity in developing soccer skills.

For winter soccer, some are recommending Futsal instead of typical indoor soccer. Futsal improves ball touch and avoid developing bad habits such as with using walls with indoor soccer.

9. Oregon Soccer Tournament (OIT) 2011 update

Jon has submitted the tournament sanctioning document to WYSA. We increased the length of the games from 50 to 60 minutes for the U13 and older teams. The registration fees were increased by \$15. Mike and Sandy volunteered to be on the 2011 tournament committee.

It was recommended we modify the tournament points to match the standard of 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. The MYSC Octoberfest had this point system.

Action Item: Schedule the first OIT committee meeting in December.

10. Other Items

We received a letter from Brian Busler, OSD Superintendent, thanking the club for providing the 50 practice soccer jerseys for the Brooklyn elementary kids.

The next Board meeting is Thursday, November 18, 2010.

Future Agenda Items: New Oregon-Soccer.com website (Greg), Proposal for OSA Financial Subcommittee (Marcia/Russ), Registration for spring 2011, OSC Board terms, Juggling/skills hall-of-fame (Bryan)