



Board Meeting Minutes
RCI, Feb 19, 2009
6:30 pm

Present: Johnston, Odorico, Christensen, Rice, Johnson, Roskos,
Fanning, Gruchow, Cameron, Neidhart, Frankson, Tom Fisher

Absent: Tolly, Hallinan

- 1. Fields and Goals Status Update** - Tom Fisher reported on plans for Huntoon field saying that the school district wants to purchase Huntoon from the village. The Village does not want to put money into repairs that are needed for making it more level and playable. Tom reported that the school maintains it anyway and there are plans for Tom and the school maintenance staff to perform some needed refurbishing to make the field more playable in the Spring. Tom also reported that the Anderson farm (near Union Rd. and Hwy A) is to become a park in the future. Tom also proposed purchasing a new set of goals (7 x21) and nets for \$3915 for a new full size field at Bergamont park. These goals would be moveable so that they could be shifted to other fields if necessary or for the tournament. Vote: 7 yea, 0 nay; Approved.

Finally, Tom suggested that OSA have a Spring cleaning day in order to organize and repair damaged nets, and generally organize equipment in the sheds and lock boxes. In the absence of an equipment manager, it was agreed available Board members could be asked to volunteer to assist Tom and Bob in this spring cleaning activity.

Lastly, Christine reported that Russ Bessemer declined an offer to take on the Equipment manager position which has been vacant for some time. If anyone would like to volunteer their time as equipment manager, please contact Christine Johnston at Christine@TrachteUSA.com.
- 2. Meeting minutes** – January 2009 meeting minutes were approved. Vote – 7 yea, 0 nay.
- 3. Online Registration System** - Denise Cameron, OSA’s registrar, reported on plans for MAYSA to move to an online registration system called Active Network and League One. Since OSA has used an online registration for several years we were asked to give our advice in general before implementation. Many details were discussed including: what information to ask for on the forms, processing fees, refund policy statements, request for volunteer statements, coach licensing and training experience information, and asking for grade in school in addition to

birth date. Board members provided ample feedback to Denise to then give to MAYSA. There was very good discussion and suggestions by all Board members, in particular discussion around customization of the form to meet OSA's needs. Although the initial intent is to implement this for the Fall registration, the timeline is very tight. There will be demos set up at the upcoming MAYSA and WYSA meetings, and Christine will try to demo the software at these meetings. In the end, the Board was satisfied that this software system could meet our needs, but the Board was skeptical this could be implemented this year.

Denise Cameron stated that she will be stepping down in 2010. She will continue to perform Registrar duties through Spring 2010 and be involved with the upcoming Fall registrations.

4. **British Challenger Coaches Update** – John Rice reported that Danny Gildea, Danny Dawson, and Kevin Kelly would be arriving shortly after March 21. Christine will sign all 3 up for a US E license coaching course, which they will all take in late March shortly after they arrive. John Rice reported that we will need another twin bed and frame for the third coach for the apartment. Jon Odorico volunteered to provide this. Despite the additional coach, John R. stated that the coaching fees will be the same as they were in the Fall per player and for all teams. John also reported that Julie Grutzner will work with Danny Dawson and assist him in coaching the Flame through the Spring as much as her schedule will allow. This should help the transition to a new coach. Julie might be available to coach the Flame in the summer tournament.

Danny Gildea will be coaching the Explosion, Heat, Force and Phoenix. Danny Dawson and Kevin Kelly will be coaching Liam's teams from the Fall.

Again, BC coaches will be arriving shortly after March 21. Contacts and arrangements should be made by managers and parent volunteers to have their respective teams meet with their new coaches as soon as possible after they get settled.

5. **Goalie Training** – Christine presented ideas to have some goalie training clinics or sessions the Spring for interested players. The Board generally agreed that this would be worthwhile as many parents and coaches have asked for this over the years. Christine approached Bowen Best and asked if he would be willing to do this. Our aims would be to offer this to multiple different age kids, but there are a few options for the structure of how this would be conducted, i.e., part of practice or separate clinics, and what the cost would be. It was mentioned that this was also in the BC coaches contract. **Action Items:** Christine will ask Bowen Best for a proposal to conduct goalie training for evaluation by the Board. Also, John R. will talk with the 3 BC coaches and ask them to emphasize this more this Spring than they did in the Fall (essentially not emphasized at all last Fall).
6. **Referee Update** – Bryan Gruchow reported that an Entry level referee course will be held on March 7 and 14 at RCI commons. March 1 was the last recertification course offered in the Capital district this season, but other courses are available

regionally. For more information about future referee courses in Oregon or other referee courses in the area please contact Bryan Gruchow.

7. **Annual OSA Budget** – Christine Johnston, Lee Christensen, and Bob Tolly will go through budget at a separate meeting to evaluate whether it will be necessary to adjust registration fees for the Fall. They will also breakdown income by League type (i.e. Classic, Rec, in house) to evaluate equity. Then, they will present to the Board and a determination about what extras (i.e. field maintenance, equipment replacement, shed repairs, etc.) can be purchased this year.
8. **Miscellaneous items-**
 - a) Christine will have a mail postcard sent out to announce upcoming registration, announce open positions on the Board, and a reminder about the upcoming AGM.
 - b) Christine will be picking new uniforms for the Cyclone, Rampage and Explosion aiming to be consistent with colors and logos, etc.
 - c) Justin Johnson announced as the U10 commissioner he plans to meet with the U10 parents for a Q and A session to inform them about Classic teams vs Rec team options for their children for next Fall and to inform them about Classic team tryouts which are usually held in late May or early June.
9. **Reminder: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be in RCI Commons at 7 pm on 3/29/09.**
10. **Reminder: April 18 is the first weekend for games of the Spring 2009 soccer season.**
11. The next Board meeting will be Wed April 15, 2009 at RCI at 6:30 pm.
12. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.