



**Board Meeting Minutes  
RCI, October 28, 2009, 7:30 pm**

**Present:** Russ Bessemer, Jared Burdick, Denise Cameron, Lee Christensen, Greg Fisher, Bryan Gruchow, Patrick Guenther, Christine Johnston, Jon Odorico, John Rice, Joyce Dieter, Lynn Roemer, Sandy Salzwedell, Marcia Szabados,

**Absent:** Cheryl Fanning, Jim Neidhart, John Rice, Bob Tolly

**1. Review and Approve - September Meeting Minutes**

The September OSA Board meeting minutes were approved including that Marcia was in attendance and the edits submitted from Jon Odorico.

**2. Last-minute Registration changes (Denise)**

Some common reasons given for last minute registration changes were that 1) my child can only practice on this night 2) my child can only play with this child, and 3) my child can only play with this team/coach. Some Board members thought we should have a registration policy like basketball that these requests cannot be honored for late registrations. There were more than 20 late registrations. After a certain late registration date no special requests can be honored. Another suggestion was to ask upfront during registration what night the player is not available. Should we shut off registration if it is full? A late registration fee should apply after a certain date.

To notify the parents of the younger kids we should 1) put a flier at schools, 2) notice in Observer, 3) include in the school calendar, 4) post at the pool, 5) put on the OSA website, and e-mail parents who registered in prior seasons. Some parents are not aware it is an OSA e-mail from the registrar and opt out of the e-mails.

Some parents may not be aware that the spring teams are the same as the fall teams. We should address this at the coaches meeting and at the annual meeting.

Are these duties laid out for each commissioner along with the timelines? Former commissioner's Pete and Justin, along with Lynn, put together a binder for future commissioners.

When is spring season? Usually practices begin the week after spring break (end of March) and games being first week of April and goes until 1<sup>st</sup> week of June. Open registration for spring is \$50 for in-house as classic teams are already formed. We need a statement on the website to notify people not to register if they played in the fall. The teams are full and if additional players are registered they need to have a parent volunteer to coach the team. Denise indicated we usually get one extra team at each level in the spring. We should e-mail those registering that they need enough players and a coach to form a team.

Rookie league registration begins February 1<sup>st</sup> and ends 45 days later. Jared was interested in doing rookie league. How are fliers sent for rookie league? We should distribute them via the Oregon School District and approve them through Amy Miller. We get the graphic design done by Amy Schulz at OHS.

Action Items:

- Hold a commissioner meeting before fall season to form teams.

Decisions:

- 1) Include registration dates on communications to parents and the fee will be increased for late registrations.
  - \$85 for In-house registration and \$105 for late registration
  - \$100 for Rec/Classic and \$120 for late registration
  - Regular registration May 1- Aug 1
  - Late registration Aug 1-Aug 15.

**3. DOC report (Jared)**

Y1 Coaches Clinic

Jared contacted MAYSA to get an Y1 Coaches clinic in Oregon in March mostly likely during the weekdays. One suggestion was to use the registration for Rookie League to see if some new coaches would attend the Y1 training. All coaches need a Coach Pass and the club will pay for the Y1 course.

Player Development Curriculum

The player development curriculum is expected to be finished by end of October. Jared hopes that this curriculum will be especially helpful to newer coaches. Two other coaches (one new and one advanced) could review the curriculum to give feedback.

Coaches Corner

Initial ideas for coaches are out on the website and we should let the coaches know about it. We could also put a link to the Challenger training material.

Support for Coaches

Besides Lynn Roemer there have been no requests for helping out other coaches with practices. Jared is looking for ways to get involved with the U9/U10 coaches. Some ideas are to have a session twice a month and invite these players and coaches. The first 25 minutes could be training and the other 25 minutes they could play. With potentially 70-100 kids, maybe start smaller with a couple of teams as a pilot. Once the word and tradition gets going it will gain in popularity. How about have a U7/U8 group and another U9/U10 session every 2 weeks?

Indoor Winter Training

Jared indicated that the Oregon Fitness indoor facility was \$80 per hour plus a coach fee which would be fairly expensive. It was noted that if we could guarantee a certain number of hours, the hourly fee could be reduced. Quite a few Oregon teams have probably signed up for Breakaway sessions already. We could offer the U7 and U9/U10 plus classic teams some indoor training with Jared.

Goalkeeper Training

Jared thought he could get an ex-college player to provide some goal keeper training. Kevin Kelly organized 2-3 sessions for goal keepers. Nick Pasquarello provided some training last spring and Jared thought we should offer the goal keeper training outside in the spring.

Jared wondered about getting coaches shirts so that it is apparent which coaches are with the Oregon club. It would be nice for coaches to have an Oregon shirt to wear to games. Jared was thinking about a t-shirt and that we could buy 100 shirts for \$3.50 and give 20 coaches them for free and sell the other 80 shirts to parents. Shirt options for coaches could possibly be a t-shirt, a polo, or an athletic shirt.

Action Items:

- 1) Send draft player curriculum to Jon (Jared).
- 2) Provide information about Y1 course plans (Jared)
- 3) Let coaches know about Coaches Corner on OSA Website (Jared).
- 4) Acquire team contacts from list of Commissioners from website (or from Russ), Rec teams from Bob Tolly, and Classic team managers from John Rice.
- 5) Find out open times & check on discount from Alfredo at Oregon Fitness (Jared)
- 6) E-mail indoor plan for groups & times (Jared)
- 7) Jon will send Nick Pasquarello's e-mail to Jared.
- 8) Jon will get quotes from Stu at Sports Products.

#### **4. Parent Conduct Issue (Marcia)**

Due to an Oregon parent being ejected at a Dodgeville soccer game, the board feels strongly it should take some action. Soon MAYSA will recommend or enact some follow-up action for the offending parent. The Board will take action after learning of the decision from MAYSA. We would to learn about parents so patterns of poor behavior do not continue. It was suggested we have all parents and players sign the OSA Code of Conduct. Some other local clubs require this when players accept offers from their teams.

Action Items:

- 1) Request that MAYSA send a copy of disciplinary action to Jon
- 2) Post draft letter on Oregonsoccerboard.com Yahoo group site for board feedback (All)
- 3) Send the letter from the OSA Board to the offending parent after incorporating the MAYSA recommended action.
- 4) Call offending parent to discuss situation (Jared)

#### **5. Update on Oregon Tourney transition (All)**

We are not sure many Oregon Tourney committee members are stepping down. We need to get a list of who will be returning and who will be stepping down and when. The best option is to have some experienced members continue to help shadow the new person who will take that position. To find replacements we need job descriptions so they can find out more about what the position entails. Will Jean Larsen help with registrations or will she be done this year? Sandy suggested we put the registration on-line. We need the registration software ready by January. Most have a fee per game or team.

Action Items:

- Find registration software for tourney (Marcia, Greg, Sandy, & Jean)

#### **6. Classic Team Update (from Challenger Coaches)**

<b>Coach</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Kelly	Attack	U12 boys	Classic A	1 <sup>st</sup> 8-0	Goals F-A 25-3, Won 56er's tourney
Kelly	Dynamite	U12 girls	Classic A	1 <sup>st</sup> 6-1-1	Played Classic C last year
Kelly	Flash	U12 boys	Classic B	5 <sup>th</sup> 3-2-3	Competitive though lost 4 players from spring
Gildea	Fire	U14 girls	Classic A	1st 8-0	Goals F-A 35-0, Played Classic B last fall
Gildea	Force	U13 mixed	State 1 <sup>st</sup> Div	4 <sup>th</sup> /10 4-4-1	Goals F-A 14-12, 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Reddan Toe Bash
Gildea	Phoenix	U13 girls	Classic A	1 <sup>st</sup> 7-0-1	Goals F-A 19-4
O'Neill	Lightning	U12 girls	Classic C	3rd 4-1-3	
O'Neill	Fusion	U14 boys	Classic A	5th 3-0-5	Goals F-A 20-12 Won Toe Bash tourney
O'Neill	Flame	U15/16 girls	Classic A	1st 6-0-2	Goals F-A 18-8, Won October Fest tourney

## 7. [Oregon-Soccer.com](http://Oregon-Soccer.com) Website update (Greg)

We will miss Joyce as this will be her last meeting as an OSA Board member. Joyce is moving soon to Indiana. Joyce contributed much to Oregon soccer in the relatively short period as the U7 Commissioner.

Greg met with Joyce and Bob about the current website functionality. Greg is meeting with Kraig Krausey who does web administration/design for his job. He also has a friend who a Photoshop expert. Greg asked about why the club is called an "Association" instead of Oregon Soccer Club. He would like the club to think about its brand and what logo should be reflected on the website. Greg will assist Marcia and Jean Larsen in reviewing tournament registration software that can possibly be used for the tournament. Two sites with on-line registration are [www.gotsport.com](http://www.gotsport.com) which includes [www.gotsoccer.com](http://www.gotsoccer.com).

Action Item: 1) Send Greg Fisher your top 3 wishes/ideas about what you want to see in the new OSA website.

8. The **next Board meeting** will be Thursday, November 19, 2009 at RCI at 6:30 pm. Agenda Items: 1) Review top website ideas, 2) British Challenger skills development program/academy.