



## **Oregon Soccer Club Board Meeting Minutes**

September 27, 2012, 7:30 pm  
RCI D101 Community Conference Room

**Present:**, Lee Christensen, Mike Bjerke, Lynn Roemer, Jim Neidhart, John Breitbach, Marcia Szabados, Kraig Krause, Bob Tolly, Danny Gildea, Bryan Gruchow, Mark Bennett, Pete McCombs, Steve Harvancik

**Absent:** Jon Odorico

### **1. Review and Approve – Prior Board Meeting Minutes (All)**

The September minutes were approved with a minor correction to the referee training numbers.

### **2. Donation to Reddan Park**

The group discussed a contribution from the OSC to support the Reddan Soccer Park project. Motion passed (majority in favor, 1 abstain, 1 vote against) to donate \$250 with the inscription "Oregon Soccer Club" on the donation brick.

### **3. Soccer equipment for Haiti**

The group discussed shipping soccer equipment to Florida that will in turn be sent to Haiti for underprivileged. A unanimous vote for an amount up to \$250, and collections would continue through the end of September..

### **4. OSC Planning Session**

The group discussed club philosophy and future directions for the club. This was an initial session, which would continue over the next several months.

Who are we? Are we currently a community-based or non-community-based club?

"Community" was defined as families within the Oregon School District

"Non-community" was defined as families from neighboring communities outside of the Oregon School District.



There was general consensus that the OSC is currently a community-based club and there was a desire to stay that way predominantly. The next board meeting will focus on defining this more. Below are pros and cons that were identified:

**Pros**

| <b>Community-Based</b>  | <b>Non-Community-Based</b>  |
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| Club parents feel it's <i>their</i> club  | This would provide greater number of players to help create teams         |
| Kids enjoying playing with their friends  | Could provide more opportunities for Oregon players                       |
| Practices times and locations are convenient within the community, and right after school   | Could provide the potential for playing at even higher competitive levels |
| Status quo; we felt the OSC is currently a community-based club since less than 1% of players were from outside the school district currently |   |
| We are developing kids in the community and forming their identities  |   |

**Cons**

| <b>Community-Based</b>   | <b>Non-Community-Based</b>   |
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| Perception that we are a community-“Only” club                 | There is no perfect number of players to form teams  |
| We have difficulty forming teams sometimes, due to low numbers | Oregon players could still not make a team if they were beat out by players from different communities |
| This can create less competitiveness for teams                 | Potential for additional management  |