



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

Feb 23rd, 2013, 7:30 pm

RCI D101 Community Conference Room

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

**Absent:** Pete McCombs

### **Standing Items**

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

The January minutes were unanimously approved without changes.

#### **2. Uniforms (Bob)**

The current Orange Squadra jersey will last one more Fall season, but it won't come in Orange in the future so we need to change models. Nike and Addidas are available in Orange but the styles and prices are less attractive. Bob will bring in another uniform option to the next month for the group to review.

#### **3. Oregon International Tournament**

Marcia and Renee have registration open. Wayne and Lee will meet with Courtney soon who will begin leading the tournament organization.

#### **4. Rookie League & Playing up (Eric)**

Eric has received a few requests for Rookie League players to play up to the U7 level. U7 and U8 levels are combined so they play each other. This would create 6yr olds playing 8yr olds, which is too large of a gap at that age.

The group discussed that kids playing up should be the exception to the rule, rather than promoting playing up. It can also be at the discretion of the Director of Coaching and Board as needed because if they start playing up at Kindergarten age it can create issues at the older ages. In exceptional cases, with agreement from the Board, players can play up, but this will be only for exceptional cases and shouldn't be more than a few players. The age Commissioner can be the first gate, who then passes it up to the Board.

Eric will send Lee some example policy forms from other clubs.



Motion: Create a playing up policy: General rule is to have kids play at their age level. In exceptional cases they can play up. The Commissioner will initially take the request with a play-up request form, who will then present it to the Board to decide. Motion carried unanimously.

## 5. OSC AGM

Jon will do a talk about concussions and testing at the AGM again this year. Lee will use the same meeting format as in previous years. Bob proposed re-aligning the Board positions to have 7 commissioners, and to annually have the Board decide their responsibilities in order to adjust easily from year to year.

The group discussed whether we need to change the bi-laws. If we removed the description of each commissioner level and instead kept it general to state "7 commissioners", that would be best.

Proposed commissioner list for next year:

U4-6 (Little Kickers and Rookie League)  
U7-8 Rec  
U9-14 Girls Rec  
U9-14 Boys Rec  
1 Lead Classic commissioner  
1 Assistant Classic commissioner

It will be important to better define the duties between the Lead and Assistant commissioners so it will be easier to delegate the responsibilities.

## 6. Mission Statement

The group discussed the draft mission statements and will use option #1 as a starting point. Mike and Lynn will incorporate the edits and Mike will re-send to the group to finalize it.

## 7. Spirit Wear (John)

The group discussed Badger Sporting Goods and On Ice, and decided to go with Badger Sporting Goods. Motion carried unanimously.

## Next month items:

The March Board meeting will be a week earlier (March 14th) so the group can meet again prior to the AGM.