



**Board Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2010, 7:00 pm**

**Present:** Russ Bessemer, Jared Burdick, Lee Christensen, Cheryl Fanning, Greg Fisher, Bryan Gruchow, Patrick Guenther, Steve Harvancik, Jim Neidhart, Jon Odorico, John Rice, Lynn Roemer, Marcia Szabados, Bob Tolly

**Absent:** Christine Johnston

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

The January 2010 OSA Board meeting minutes were approved.

**2. DOC report (Jared)**

Player Curriculum: Jared reviewed the WYSA player curriculum but did not have any recent updates to the player curriculum he had first developed. After the upcoming Y1 course, Jared wants to run some sessions for coaches as spring practices start during the pre-season. Jared wondered for which age groups he should begin implementing the curriculum.

We had previously discussed providing some coaching items for the coaches who attend these sessions and Jon suggested offering items from the WYSA list that obtained at the WYSA AGM. Some recommended items were coaching decks, DVDs, handbook of small-sided games or practice activities.

Decision: The Board agreed that we should purchase coaching items from WYSA to hand out to coaches after the sessions.

Action Items: 1) Jared will send his updated curriculum to Jon by Tuesday. 2) Jared will formulate the plan for implementing the player curriculum by providing coaching sessions and present at AGM. 3) Jon will order the coach training materials from WYSA which will be given as appreciation gifts to Rookie League and U7-U10 coaches during the season.

Y1 Coaching Course - RCI Gym, March 10, 2010: The Y1 course needs 5 more coaches to sign-up so that we get to the 13 minimum number of required.

Action Items: 1) The in-house Commissioners will send an e-mail to coaches about the Y1 course, 2) Call parents of the 10 players that signed up for Rookie League.

**3. Oregon Tourney Update**

Wayne Mixdorf covered the workplan for the tournament and good progress has been made on items for February. Registration is live and we have 13 teams registered. The logo is ready and can be seen on the registration page on [www.Oregon-Soccer.com](http://www.Oregon-Soccer.com).

#### 4. New Classic/Rec Uniforms (Jon/Cheryl)

Cheryl presented the recommended uniform kit which includes the Adidas Squadra II jersey (in Orange), the Adidas Striker short (in Black), and a 3 striped black sock. The uniform would cost \$30 through Stefan's including number and logo. Stefan's has an on-line ordering process which is much easier as Stefan's goes to try-outs so kid's can size their uniform. Both Rec and Classic teams will have uniforms sized at the try-out dates. Stefan's will follow-up with teams if players have not ordered their uniform.

A question arose on how we will ensure the correct number is ordered as numbers are entered by the parent when they order the uniform. Cheryl thought each team manager would provide a list with numbers. The OSA would like all teams to switch uniforms for the fall but does not expect all teams will want to go to the new uniform this year if they just bought a new High Five uniform last fall. It is important that we communicate with all teams about the new uniform to have them decide whether they will switch by May 1<sup>st</sup>. All uniform orders need to be placed by June 25.

Patrick created four new Oregon Soccer logo designs that were well received by the OSA Board members. Some members felt they wanted a traditional 4 panel logo. Others did not feel we should have the panther on the logo. One design included a 77 which is the year the soccer club was founded. We also thought we should include Wisconsin in the logo to denote that the club is not from the state of Oregon. Patrick also had a logo with "Oregon Soccer Club." Some felt we were not ready to change from Association to Club. Although it was noted many organizations use a name for the public that is different than its legal name. If we switch logos it would need to go on the new uniforms, t-shirts, on the website, and the Spirit wear which was to be ready for the AGM meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The spirit wear should use the current logo if the Board has not decided on a new logo yet.

Decisions: 1) The Board approved the new Adidas uniform to be ordered from Stefan's 2) The Board will discuss the logo further at the next Board meeting in March.

Action Items: Compose an e-mail notification about the new uniform to go out to all teams (Cheryl)

#### 5. Rookie League

Jon provided a hand-out summarizing the Rookie League information. Denise sent out a message updating the Board on the Rookie League registration as follows: *"Last year by 2/15/09, we had 27 players registered for Rookie League, this year we have 10. I have updated the registration close date to 4/15/10 instead of 3/31/10 since we are down to only a third of the registrations from last year. Last year we had a total of 120 players for the Rookie League. We need some sort of message on the website explaining about the Rookie League, this year I am getting e-mails and phone calls everyday about what, when, where, etc... about the Rookie League."* The rookie league is six Sunday's including dates from April 25 through June 2<sup>nd</sup> with no session on Memorial weekend (May 30) which will be the rainy day back-up session. Last year about 8-10 parent coaches helped with Rookie League and they received soccer bucks for helping. Greg has posted the Rookie League information on the website. The flier to the schools has to be approved by Amy Miller before distribution to Kindergarten parents through the schools. Amy Miller should be

asked about what the procedure is for distribution. Dee Hall led Rookie League before Art Hallinan took it over. Patrick has enough practice jerseys for 100 players with two colors. Patrick will need to order balls a month by mid-March. Patrick and Lynn offered to help with sign-ins. Jon will help with field setup.

Action Items: 1) Bob will find a previous Rookie League flier and e-mail to send to Jon and Russ. 2) Update flier and get distributed to schools for parents (Russ). 3) Make calls to potential coaches (Cheryl)

## 6. Annual General Meeting -March 21, 7pm @ OMS (Jon)

Jon handed out a proposed agenda for the Annual General Meeting. It was suggested that we split the AGM agenda into a first “general” portion for the public and parents (those interested in what OSA is doing or the elections) and the second part for the coaches and team managers. Add some fields to the first part of agenda and equipment update to the 2<sup>nd</sup> part for coaches/team managers.

Action Items: 1) Post open job list on the website (Jon/Greg), 2) Send out e-mail for positions (Jon), 3) Contact Sandy, who is assuming the registrar position, for her contact information to update on website (Greg), 4) Russ to develop and send AGM information to Denise (now Sandy) to all, 5) Post player curriculum on web (Jared/Greg), 6) Put notice in Oregon Observer (Russ)

## 7. Classic Team Update & Try-out Dates & (John)

Preliminary schedules are out for Classic teams and the reconciliation meeting is February 25 at 6pm.

John Rice proposed the following dates for the classic try-outs based on the notification dates that MAYSA has set for all clubs.

Age Group	Proposed Try-out Dates	Notification Date
U11	June 1-4	June 6
U12-U14	June 7-10 (avoid OMS trips)	June 14
U15-U19 Boys	?	June 15
U15-U19 Girls	?	June 25

John wondered if it was still worth doing try-outs for the high school teams. Prior to this last year, the OSA did not actively form the high school age club teams. John supports the try-outs but carrying out try-outs for the high school boys took quite a lot of work. The transition is not clear about HS players who move from U14 to the high school program. Some members suggested we get input from the HS coach on what club does for HS kids and whether he would like to offer clinics for younger kids.

John Rice is stepping down as Classic Commissioner after the AGM meeting as work commitments make it difficult for him to make the meetings. Talk to John Rice if you or someone else is interested. Discussion ensued about whether we should we split it up the Classic Commissioner into two positions. There would be some duplication but it would help make it manageable with 16 classic teams (including the high school age teams). Suggestions include having two Classic Commissioners and let the two people decide who does what or to not split up by

age group but by responsibilities. Another suggestion was to have an Assistant Classic Commissioner keep track of all registrations and rostering.

Decision: 1) The Board supports having try-outs for the HS aged teams including the girls teams and we will grandfather in older teams if they choose not to participate in try-outs. 2) In regards to the Classic Commissioner position, recruit for the one position and then line up an assistant.

Action Items: 1) John will research the open try-out dates per age. Call Sue Weber for when the Netherwood picnic and OMS trips are scheduled. Set dates early to line-up evaluators (John). 2) Invite Scott Barth, the high school boys head coach, to come talk to us about what he would like to see us do for the high school boys in transitioning them from club in the spring to high school in the fall (Jon). 3) Let Julie Grutzner know that the girls need to try-out in the spring for fall club teams.

## **8. Challenger Academy (Jon)**

The Challenger registration is open. The sessions are offered for ages U7-U14 for eight Friday sessions. All three Challenger coaches are available. No free ball or t-shirts will be offered like the Challenger Summer camps provide.

## **9. Proposal for OSA Financial Subcommittee (Jon)**

A proposal was introduced to form a financial oversight committee which will review the books and develop a financial budget for the year. The financial committee will gather input from members to propose a budget for the Board. The committee could consist of three members; the Treasurer and two other members. Lee as a professional financial auditor thinks that having this committee is a good idea. Other roles for committee could be determining what financial information to present to the Board quarterly and how to invest the surplus money in higher paying accounts. Another topic the committee could tackle is the cost for Rec vs Classic.

Action Item: Define charter before or after vote (Russ with input from Marcia, Jon and Lee).

## **10. Referee Update (Bryan)**

On March 6 & 13 there is an entry level 8 referee course in Oregon.

For the Oregon tourney, Bryan has lined up a national referee (Level 3 does MLS games) who will be teaching referees at the tourney and will referee some final games. Bryan would like the OSA to buy some orange whistles for Refs (100 whistles for about \$200). For the finals, he thought orange and black soccer balls could be given to the winner.

Bryan handed out a proposal to have Silent Saturday for in-house U7-U10 teams which could occur midway through season. Some Board members questioned the need for no cheering support or no instructions from coaches. Bryan would like to get the information out one month before Silent Saturday. Another Board member asked how to evaluate the success of Silent Saturday? We could ask the teams and parents and put the results on the website.

Bryan has been nominated for the MAYSA Board and elections are this Sunday at 1pm at the MAYSA AGM (Jon will go also).

## **11. Oregon-Soccer.com Website Update (Greg)**

The site has been updated with the Rookie League registration information and has been separated from the spring registration. The Rookie League registration has no deadline. Also the Y1 course information and the spring registration information were updated. Does the spring league registration need to include a deadline? Yes the deadline should be March 31<sup>st</sup>. For parents, we should include the MAYSA start and end dates for the spring season.

## **12. Club Spirit Wear (Jon)**

For the Club Spirit Wear project, Jon sent out a draft order form and a list of possible items. Jon provided a list of apparel items to offer and it was agreed that some women's apparel should be added to the list. There was discussion on a number of other aspects of this program's logistics, including revising item list, ordering mechanism, money collection mechanism, and distribution mechanisms. After some discussion Marcia Szabados and Jim Neidhart agreed to lead this effort. They will revise the item list working with Stu Cameron at Sport Products and coordinate finalizing the logistical plans. It is hoped that we can roll this out at the AGM. Plans include having the order process occur twice per year - once in spring and once in fall early in season.

**The next Board meeting is Thursday, March 18, 2010 at RCI at 7:00 pm.**

Agenda Items: 1) Tourney Update, 2) Logo Design, 3) AGM planning, 4) Rookie League planning update, 5) DOC update, and 6) OSA Website Design.