

Oshkosh United Board Meeting Minutes - May 2, 2009

Present: Chris Nelson, Eric Nelson, Meghan Callahan, Christina Godfrey, David Seekings, Karla King, Mike Panas, Charlotte Stich, Brad Cirrcionie, Amy Schneider, Stacey Berger, Mike James, Bill Scheurermann, Kyle Walin.

Please be aware and note that anyone is welcome to attend our board meetings. Anyone that has an issue is allowed to come and speak before the board before the start of the official meeting to discuss club issues.

Bill Scheurermann spoke on behalf of his daughter who plays on the U12 Girls Team (National). His daughter, Maria was injured during this past Wednesday's game. She dislocated her knee cap and tore her MCL on the interior of her right knee. Bill came to draw it to the board's attention the lack of attention Maria had received at this game. She did not receive an ice pack to reduce the swelling. It was asked where the medical kit was during the game and it was in the coach's car. We need to be having a medical kit on the sideline of every game for basic first-aid. The parents were also not at the game when the injury occurred and were not notified of the injury or contacted later. They did take their daughter to seek further medical attention where it was discovered the severity of the injury and she will now be out the rest of the season. An ice pack could have in no way prevented this injury or made it go away, however basic first-aid needed to be administered and the medical kit was not present which is unacceptable. Chris will also get a copy of the medical report for club purposes.

Motion made to approve minutes from April, seconded and approved.

Coaches - We need to be making sure that the first aid kit is at ALL games and on the sideline. If a coach runs out of ice packs please go buy another ice pack and bring us the receipt, we will reimburse you for these. This is not the responsibility of the team rep to be making sure the medical kit is there and ready to use. Team Reps are not allowed on the sidelines, this is not their job. With this situation that occurred the club is not only liable but so is the coach themselves. Please coaches, take it upon yourself to make sure that medical kit is there and ready to use. Team reps please discuss this with your coaches and let them know this is not your responsibility. We also need to make sure that at all games we have the consent and liability forms, if for some reason there needs to be medical attention given and a parent is not present these forms are how we allow medical attention to be given. Maybe another thing we need to do as a board is offer CPR/First-aid training to all of our coaches at the beginning of the season as part of their intro to coaching for the club. Chris will talk to one of our members that teaches first aid and see if they can't do something to help us out.

Player pass cards for this game were also lost and in turn this game did not count. The other team was made aware of the situation the night before and agreed to play even though it was a forfeit. It ended up being a scrimmage and good practice for the players/refs but we need to be making a point of making sure we have player pass cards at all times. There is a lot of work that goes into making these player passes and a lot of work had to be done rather fast for this instance since the team had a tournament that following weekend. We understand that losing these player pass cards does happen but we need to be making sure, double checking that we have these. With teams playing more in the fall now we are going to ask that these cards be turned back in at the end of the season to the board to avoid confusion.

A motion was made to remove the referee fees from the game that was played and forfeited, and also the reimbursement of the mileage to Fond du Lac for Liz Waller to go and re-pass the team from Sean's pay. Motion was seconded but motion was not approved. Motion stands as denied. Instead of having a monetary punishment for this occurrence, a better decision would be to sit down and discuss the issues at hand.

We are stretching our coaches too thin. We are going to be setting a limit on the number of teams they can coach to 2 teams per season. We also may need to look at replacing the vacancy of our other DOYD.

A motion was made to have Chris select board members to sit down and discuss the issues discussed here tonight with Sean. Seconded and approved.

We will also need Sean to discuss these issues with the whole team and the people involved, and we will need board members present for this as well. Would like to try to get these meetings arranged by Wednesday of this week.

A letter was received from a concerned parent wondering what our club philosophy was. They were told by their coach they aren't there to win, they are there to develop players. We need to convey to all of our coaches what our club manual states as our club philosophy so that we avoid confusion.

We are switching to online registration this year and with this everything will be much easier and we should be able to go down to needing only one registrar. We will have some people with full access to the League One Organizer, the new program. David, Chris, Matt, Sean and the new registrar will have full access. While people, who just need to view reports to do things like mailing labels, will have limited access. Meghan will be stepping down as our Secretary come this fall but will stay on and do the PR work of the mailing labels, newsletters, etc.

President - Mike attended the East Central meeting. State try-outs were moved to June 29th.

Treasurer - Everyone is paid in full right now - Great news!!!

Registrars - Christina has 134 co-ed players registered right now. Please note that if a player drops we do need that card back so that the card can be destroyed. June 10 is the last day we can register players. Also note players are not suppose to guest play for an entire season. June 30th will be Christina's last day as club registrar.

Tournament Director - We will have a tournament this year it's just going to be a smaller. Last year we had 94 teams this year we have 56. The schedule for the tournament right now is with the referee coordinator and volunteer coordinator to get final say if it is finalized. Because of the few teams we will not be needing to have a satellite concession since we only be using that one field out there. Rocky Rococo/Rosie Subs will be out there this year and so will Scoops. They will not be selling drinks/beverages because of our contract with the County. The question was raised that maybe we should just sell snacks and soda at the concession stand instead of hamburgers/hot dogs. Chris Guidido has volunteered his time to cook out at the concession stand though and maybe this is something we need to look at doing. The tournament will almost always be the first weekend in June due to the regulations of area tournaments. U16 girls cannot participate in our tournament because their season will not have started yet due to WIAA rules and they will need to sign up for a different tournament then.

Our U12 green team did have to be dropped and we did go through the proper course of action to do this and notify the appropriate people. Our referee coordinator however over-looked this occurrence and referees showed up to ref a game last Saturday. We will need to pay these refs still since they did show up and no game was played; \$55 will be paid to these refs.

Right now they are working on a 2010 Denasti Cup Team for next year. The Sheboygan club that our players are playing with are receiving interest from Sheboygan area businesses to donate/sponsor this team. However the Sheboygan club is not a 5013c and the businesses would like to donate to a 5013c. Mike Panas wanted to check and see if we could be the official club team and have the businesses donate then to our club which is a 5013c. It was decided by the board to not participate in this to avoid putting our 5013c status in jeopardy.

Next meeting will be May 31st at station #17 (we are moving this meeting up a bit to have a meeting before our tournament). Then we will have a meeting June 28th again at station #17 and not have a meeting in July. Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded and approved.