

## Oshkosh United Board Meeting Minutes - December 2008

Present: Meghan Callahan, Randy Knutson, Alice Roberts, Lynn Lorenson, Brad Cirricione, Christina Godfrey, Stacy Berger, Steve Finley, David Seekings, Chris Nelson, Amy Leach.

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

**President** - One registrar will attend an upcoming league meeting. We are still needing to find team reps and need to get these positions filled to get a meeting going for next month. WYSA website has been updated for our contact information. There was a County User meeting and Shelter 4 will now have to be rented during the tournament so we can use that for parking. County Y will be under construction this year and we're going to have to use the south end of the park for an entrance (north end is on County Y). There is also a campground out at County Park if people would like to use it.

**Vice President** - Steve attended the AGM (Area General Meeting). There is a 2009 convention out in California this year, March 5-7 and there is a chance for possible reimbursement for anyone that would like to attend. Coaches please let Steve know if you would be interested. HS girls teams that have disbanded from state league can play. The seasons will be changed for them in 2010, it will be an 8 week session and run from the second week of June to the end of July. There is talk about making a U10 developmental league, please let Steve know if we would be interested in participating. We no longer have to follow the dates of East Central for try-outs but we still do have to follow the state rules with these.

**Treasurer** - We are still getting some money coming in from registration. The P.O. Box has been changed to Oshkosh now so mail will be forwarded to the new address and this is updated on the website.

**Registrars** - Still waiting on the finalized rosters, Sean will talk to the coaches involved with these teams to see if there isn't something we can do. Some people within the club are having problems with our lack of communication within the club and therefore we might be hurting getting team reps because of this. We need to look at the direction of the club and figure out where we would like to go in the future to avoid problems.

**Director of Coaching** - Sean is graduating this week. Coaches are not 100% yet but are almost set (a list of coaches was sent around). Todd Parker has stepped down as the coach at Ripon and therefore might be going elsewhere. Will get the team rep lists to the coaches so that they can get in contact with their teams. Sean would like to move forward with the coaching contracts as soon as possible to help get coach lists set sooner. There are two applications for the state league girls and we have to re-apply but don't have to pay. We will have to put some money in for this but Sean will pay for this and ask the club for reimbursement. If the state league teams do not make it we will have to figure out the new fees for the teams to re-enter East Central. Field 18 will probably not be in use this summer/spring. U12 Girls Fall League, not sure what the exact amount is that it ended up costing the club, David will check into this so that Kelly can get paid.

**New Business** - For tournaments we need to make coaches aware to tell their players to stay ALL weekend at tournaments. When we pay the refs, if there is only one center referee they don't get all of the checks. They will give the extra checks to the coach. There is no obligation to pay a parent volunteer side judge. Jim will convey this to all of the refs. We do not have a specific club policy on this but will follow East Central rules.

Boys: U11 Green - 12; U11 White - 11; U12 White - 10; U12 Green - 10; U13 White - 13; U14 White - 17; U15 - 17/18; U14 Green - 13; U16 - 17/18

Girls: U11 Green - 13; U11 White - 12; U12 White - 13; U12 Green - 12; U13 White - 13; U13 Green - 13; U14 White - 16; U14 Green - 16; U16 -15; U17 - 16.

Number of players on team rosters were discussed as of this meeting. We don't have a feeder club like most other clubs and we may need to decide officially the direction of the club and how we might want to change

from one team to two. Our youth development helps get away from the “try-out” stigma but is there more we can do to educate parents on United. Next year we plan on doing phone calls as part of the try-out process which should help us with the turn-around time and losing players that occurs now. Should we have another try-out mid-year to try to get new players instead. That way we avoid cherry picking players out at the Y. If we were to decide to do this we would need to work out logistics of the try-out to see if it would work. Sean and Matt will work together to see where the numbers are for teams and see if they can’t sort it out to see if this would work.

March 2 there is a pre-scheduling meeting that Matt will attend.

Randy Knutson spoke about a majority of the U14 state league team is playing in a tournament in Spain in July and are looking for scholarship/sponsors for the team. Sean might be the coach of this team as well. Walt Howard took a team last year and it’s a great cultural, tournament, overall opportunity for the girls. A doctor would be going along with the girls as well as a translator. The trip will run from July 3-11 and will cost each girl about \$2,000. They are asking United to consider donating to their trip (asking about \$234 which is about what we would reimburse a coach to go down and stay in Verona for a weekend tournament). They need a team name for the team and are wondering if we could use the Oshkosh United name or the United Logo. This could be put this out there for a vote at the January meeting. If a corporation would like to donate it would be a 5013c and would benefit the whole team. There will be more PR about it in the spring and will be doing a variety of fundraisers. Chaperons will be paying their own way.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and approved.

Next meeting will be Jan. 4.