

Oshkosh United Board Meeting Minutes - January 4, 2009

Present: Chris Nelson, Eric Nelson, Meghan Callahan, Alice Roberts, Lynn Lorenson, Christina Godfrey, David Seekings, Karla King, Matt Callahan, Sean Steele.

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

President - If anyone knows of anyone that would be interested in becoming a registrar please let one of us know so that we could get the training started with that person soon.

Treasurer - Nothing too much to report, getting registration fees still from those left on the payment plans. We're at about 80% paid. Refund checks will be going out to the U11/U12 sessions with Matt and Sean that could not be held due to low numbers. Uniform money will also need to go to Mary and then to David because the checks are to be made out to Oshkosh United. Still figuring out the U12 Fall League numbers because we have a few that didn't pay and are rostered but we need to double check if they actually played.

Registrars - Processing the cards which once they are done they will go to Chris.

Tournament Director - A few teams have contacted Eric about getting into the tournament. He is also looking for ideas as to ways to keep people on the grounds with different activities or vendors (shooting/dribbling contest, inflatable, etc.). If anyone has any ideas or knows of someone that would like to be a vendor at our tournament please let him know as soon as possible. Also if anyone knows of anyone interested in doing something with sponsorships/advertising on the fields let Eric know. As of right now the T-shirt people are in place to come back next year. The tournament is the first weekend in June (5, 6, 7), pray for better weather this year.

Director of Coaching - The coaches lists were finalized and passed around. We have two teams, the U14/U16 girls who we are working on schedules to double check the finalized coaches. There are a lot of new coaches, some teams are practicing in the winter, please remember we don't compensate our coaches any extra for these sessions. Coaches are hired with the intent on starting in the spring so if the parents want to work out winter training sessions that is up to the individual coach if they can do them. Right now Sean and Matt are offering U11/U12 training sessions for both boys and girls to see if there is an interest in indoor training times, they need about 8 players to hold each session time. If there is an interest they will look into opening it up to more teams next year. (Please note that these sessions that are currently for U11/U12 are an additional cost as well, and will not go in place of a tournament). Sean and Matt looked at having supplemental try-outs and there were a few players that were missing from rosters and teams are looking a little better than we initial thought. The only age we see is that the U13 girls teams are in need of 6 players total and we might look into doing a supplemental try-out for them if we do not get more interest. There is a U11 girls team that is actually U10 so they are wondering if we could maybe have them play U11 in East Central but play/be rostered as a U10 team to play in tournaments. Christina will look into this. Looking at USSF, they are suggesting that kids are playing too many games and aren't getting enough training time. Maybe we could explore the possibility of only offering three tournaments instead of four. This would then be one less cost that parents would have to incur but we're not sure if they would want that or not. Sean, Alice, and Matt will work up a presentation and survey to have at the spring meeting to get parent feedback.

New Business - Our meeting schedule will change in the summer, we will have two meetings in May, May 3 and May 31, and due to the 4th we will have that meeting June 28th and we will skip July and go back to normal in August. Spring meeting as of right now looks to maybe being March 22 and probably at the Oshkosh West, F & O Rooms???. Justin O'Feeske is willing to be our referee coordinator. Justin currently does it for the Neenah/Appleton area and we'd also have to see if he'd be willing to stay out at our tournament. He does charge \$4-\$6 per game which will probably be around \$1,500-\$2,000 (which is more than what we usually in-

curred for this cost). We will work with him to get a contract worked out and we can then vote on this. They are looking at doing a certification for referee coordinators and if anyone would be interested please let us know so we could see if we could get them certified.

There will be a team rep meeting next month, they will try to get the room at the #17 station and as of right now it looks like January 26, at 6. Hopefully here we can hand out a packet with outlines and dates for team reps to follow (including duties, expectations, responsibilities, etc.) If any coach would like to or could attend that would probably be helpful to meet the team rep.

David and Lynn looked over the coaching contracts and Sean will go over their comments to hopefully get it approved at the February meeting. We hope to be having coaches sign contracts within the next month. Sean is also looking at maybe doing a "bonus" system as a incentive program to keep coaches within the club. He will meet with David and Chris to look over it.

The club has agreed to cover the amount that was requested by the team traveling to Spain next year.

We do need volunteers for the tournament this year especially for set up and take down of the concessions (take-down is usually low on volunteers so the more we could get the better to speed that process up). We do need someone to still run the concessions

March 2 is the pre-scheduling meeting.

March 14 is the scheduling meeting.

Christina will also be checking into if we can have two coaches listed on the team rosters?

Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded and approved.

Next meeting will be February 1.