

Oshkosh United Board Meeting Minutes - February 8, 2009

Present: Chris Nelson, Steve Finley, Mike Panas, Brad Cirricione, Meghan Callahan, Alice Roberts, Stacey Berger, David Seekings, Amy Schneider, Matt Callahan, Sean Steele, Charlotte Stich.

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

President - The meeting with the team reps went well. March 2nd there will be a scheduling meeting. Feb. 28th Chris will be attending the AGM in Madison.

Vice President - East Central did take an informal vote among the clubs to see if there would be an interest for a U10 league. (Green Bay currently runs a U10 Academy) Majority of the clubs however would like to do their U10 leagues without East Central governance. Steve is part of the East Central web site committee and they are looking to maybe meet in Oshkosh to go over the online registration process that is about to happen.

Treasurer - We have started paying tournament fees. We are doing pretty good with collecting final registration fees. We are missing a few e-mails to get a few people's fee reminders out, David will talk to Christina and Stacey to get those emails. We need to double check with a few of the U16 girls that have not paid to see if they are still going to play. Eddie Minch will not be playing United and his family is requesting reimbursement, minus the administration fees. Motion was made to not reimburse per our club policy, seconded and approved. Some people may still be sending their requests/registration fees to the old P.O. Box, please inform your teams of the new address it is listed on the web site. We do have more scholarships coming in, and some are requesting that try-out fees be waived for additions to teams. We are in a unfortunate situation because we were not able to give out full scholarships this year and do not have any more to give and cannot waive fees either. We will call and follow up with those that requested scholarships but please inform your teams of this. Question was raised that maybe we could do some more fund-raising or raise more funds to help out those families, but it is too much of a grey area since some were denied this year and no full ones were given to those that turned in their forms on time even. We can however work with families that had circumstances come up and need to extend their payment plans. We will also look at making our forms in English and in Spanish from now on. 1099's have been sent out.

The proposed coach's contracts were passed around and looked at. Changes made were:

- Have the contract go to July 31.
- Make sure each form will be changed to tailor each coach and their compensation
- Section 2 change "an" to "a" and change "not later" to "no later"
- Double check the wording for the part 5 regarding Insurance. (Does WYSA offer insurance, do we offer insurance with our insurance provider?)
- Change the wording for section 5 to read "liability insurance related to services preformed by the Contractor will be at the discretion of the independent contractor."

Motion was made to approve the contract with the above changes, second and approved. (Not unanimous Vice President did oppose)

Registrars - The numbers on teams are a little low and some factors could be the payment issues, we will check into this.

Tournament Director - We have some applications for the tournament in. Scoops will be out there this year instead of Leon's. It was discussed about bringing out different vendors. It might be worth looking into to keep more people on the grounds. **We are still looking for someone to run concessions.**

Director of Coaching - Sean would like to bring in a goal keeper coach and would utilize this coach for the whole club. The logistics of the position still need to be worked up but wanted to know if we could possibly

fund this. Maybe run something similar to a striker school to offer it up to all players and then have goal keepers there to work on skills separately. Or maybe something like specialty nights, the coach couldn't be there for every game or practice but would be able to help goal keepers specialize. Also need pre-approval for a coaches meeting. This would be a good place for the coaches to get W9s signed. Motion made to approve a coach's meeting, seconded and approved. Sean is going to talk to the coaches and see about getting more rosters filled. Will also look at doing a supplemental try-out for U13 girls and boys within the next month. Meghan will work on getting and ad out to go to the Northwestern. We will also try to get flyers up at the "Y".

New Business - We received a contract for Justin O'Feeske to be our new referee coordinator. He charges \$4 per game, \$4 per tournament game, \$5 per state league game. The contract is not signed yet because we want to make sure he can be out at our tournament the whole weekend because a lot of questions do come up out there. Hopefully next year they would do a referee assigner course within East Central so that we could get someone to do it in-house again. The new online registration form was sent and Sean, matt, and Chris will evaluate it to see what all we need to do to tailor it to our club's needs. This process will be great to have, we will be able to track who's paid and who hasn't because families can then pay by credit card.

Waterfest, do we want to do it again? Mike stepped up to help organize it again this year, and it does benefit the club to help give out more scholarships. Alice will look into getting us signed up to do it again this year.

U14 spring league girls will need to send David a check for \$160 to participate. Alice will send an e-mail out to that team to let them know this.

The question was brought up do we maybe want to look into seeing how much we could make if we had more vendors were out at the tournament. Charlotte will get in contact with a few places to see what their costs are and get in touch with Erik to see if we could work something out with these vendors to see if we could get them out there.

Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded and approved.

Next meeting will be March 1, at station 17.