

Oshkosh United Board Meeting Minutes August 30, 2009

Present: Mike Panas, David Seekings, Chris Nelson, Mike James, Matt Callahan, Angela Olsen, Meredith Scheuermann, Brad Cirricione, Karla King, Mike Allen, Stacy Berger and Lisa Haag

Meeting began at 6:15pm

Hand outs were the agenda, minutes from 6/28/09, WYSA Player Transfers, financial report

Motion made to approve the meeting minutes from 6/28/09, seconded and approved.

President / New Business

-Sean stepped down as Director of Coaching, effective 8/31/09. Chris needs to find out what to pay the coaches for their time at the try-outs. Angela attended 3 sessions, Mike attended 2 sessions, Matt attended many sessions, CC attended 2 sessions for the girls, Zac attended 3 sessions. Chris will follow-up with Sean again regarding the terms of payment.

-Teams are set and the fall meeting is October 25.

-A small committee was set up to go over the survey results; they met August 14th.

-Coaches will be in place at the fall meeting.

-Lisa Haag is taking on the secretary position.

-Meredith Scheuermann is taking on the role of PR, with the job description to be worked out at a further meeting.

-Amy Leach and Lisa Haag will coordinate the try-outs.

-The club would like to have the dates set for the try-outs by the fall meeting.

-A try-out evaluation form will be created and used at the try-outs.

-Would like to attempt two day try-outs, stressing it would be in the player's best interest to attend both sessions. This would allow the player more time to be evaluated by the coaches. An extra fee will be placed on the family that needs a separate try-out time.

-The club needs to define what they are looking for when building a team. The mission, vision, purpose all need to be re-evaluated. This will be done by a sub-committee meeting on 9/19/09.

-Talked in depth about the focus and direction of the United Soccer Club. Suggested that it's a developmental league for younger ages, perhaps U11 and U12, and it would be a competitive league for the older age groups.

-Looking into changing the website. Steve has been contacted and offered to assist in that endeavor. Discussed some tabs: home, philosophy, coaches pages, try-outs, team-rep page, tournament, FAQ, schedules, link to important sites, minutes and agendas.

-Discussed State Leagues. Coaches need to first direct their interest to try-out for a state league with the Director of Coaching. Then the DOC needs to inform the United Soccer Board of this desire. Question raised on whether or not State leagues fit our mission.

-Important dates: 9/19/09 sub-committee meeting, 10/4/09 Board meeting, 10/14/09 sub-committee wrap-up meeting, 10/25/09 Fall general meeting 6:00pm F & O Rooms.

-A team rep book is being worked on.

-13 Board voting members, includes: president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, registrar, three members-at-large, committee chairperson, boys rep U14 and under, boys rep U15 and above, girls rep

U14 and under, girls rep U15 and above. If any changes are done to voting members, this needs to be approved at the general meeting by all the members.

-It was suggested that the Team Reps be set before the fall meeting.

-A discussion took place on the troubles that are occurring forming the teams and also players pulling out after verbally accepting their offer.

-Reviewed the Player Transfers form at great length. It's possible we may have some players requesting a transfer to another team. The decision to approve or deny their request will be based on each case and the reason for their request.

-Will go back to four tournaments.

-Volunteer coordinator needed, plus people will be required to volunteer a certain amount of time or pay money.

-Job descriptions needed for PR role and volunteer coordinator. Sub-committee will work on.

-Many issues with communication between the Board, all members and general public. Meredith will bring about changes on the PR issues.

Vice President - Mike had results from the survey. About half the people who took the survey would recommend United Soccer to friends. The results were what most expected. The number one point people would like the United Soccer Club to provide was to develop soccer skills. East Central District will start board meetings again in September.

Treasurer - David handed out the Financial Summary. A discussion took place on the misconception that fees don't increase due to teams and/or players leaving United. Sales taxes will increase our revenue - may use this money for scholarships. Waterfest made approx. \$1,700.00 (\$500 of that total coming from tips).

Registrar - Stacy cannot print cards until some of the teams are classified yet by Chris. There currently are 6 teams for girls (U11, two U12s, U13, U14, & U17) and 8 or 9 teams for boys (two U11, U12, U13, U14, two U15, U16 and possibly a U17).

Motion made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and approved.

Meeting closed at 9:10 pm

Next Meeting is October 4, 2009