



Oregon Soccer Association Board Meeting  
Trachte meeting room, May 22, 2008  
7 pm

Present: Johnston, Hallinan, Christensen, Rice, Tolly, Odorico, Neidhart, Johnson, Frankson, Christofferson (non-voting)

Absent: Roemer, Roskos

1. **Approval of Board Minutes** –A motion was made to approve meeting minutes of March 2008 Board meeting and the Annual General meeting in April. Vote: 9-yea; 0-nay. Motion passed.
2. **Incident involving British Challenger Coach at Menasha tournament** – The incident that occurred during the Menasha tournament weekend was discussed and appropriate actions were taken.
3. **Classic Tryouts Planning**– Bob Tolly and John Rice reported on sign ups for upcoming Classic team tryouts. Based on numbers of children signed up, 8-9 teams ages U11-U14 are anticipated. There were 7 teams this past year, so moving to 8-9 teams would represent some growth. Maximum, minimum, and average roster sizes were discussed for the different age levels. In particular, there appears to be the possibility of having 2 U11 mixed/boys teams. Tryouts will be Tues-Friday next week on Field 9 4:30-6 pm. A Classic Team Ranking meeting was scheduled for June 2. Bob asked for assistance with staffing tryouts.
4. **Classic Team Coaches for 2008-2009 season**– Initial discussions as to evaluation of options for hiring local and British Challenger (BC) coaches to coach the anticipated 8-9 Classic teams for next year. One option was to seek to independently contract with Danny Craig to fulfill several coaching positions. For several reasons many felt this is a reasonable option, particularly given the unfortunate situation that occurred to Danny and his on field success here, and his general interest in returning to the area, but also a challenging and time consuming option, for the following reasons: CCUSA, the visa agency BC uses can't sponsor him, OSA has little knowledge about obtaining visas, possible presence of a non-compete clause in initial contract with BC. There was discussion about talking with BC about this issue and about getting the new 2008-2009 costs for coaches from BC so that this information can be factored into Board financial decisions.

Following this discussion, extensive discussions occurred as to whether or not to offer new contracts to each of the 3 local coaches hired last year. Talk about their performance and general interest in the position and which teams they would coach was followed by several votes.

A motion was made to re-hire Kim Henneman for one year– Vote: 9-yea; 0-nay. Motion passed. A motion was made for Kim Henneman to coach the Phoenix- Vote: 9-yea; 0-nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made to re-hire Kelly Sullivan for one year– Vote: 9-yea; 0-nay. Motion carried. A second motion was made to have Kelly Sullivan coach the same team, the Force- Vote: 9-yea; 0-nay. Motion carried.

A motion was made to re-hire Mark Lowe for one year- Vote: 5-yea; 2-nay; 2-abstain. A second motion was made for Mark Lowe to continue to coach the U13 Mixed boys team- Vote: 8-yea; 1-nay.

A final motion was made to provide a 3% increase in salary for each of the 3 coaches to the nearest \$10. Vote: 9-yea; 0-nay.

It was also agreed that we would accept a verbal decision initially but that a final offer to the coaches by OSA would be contingent upon ultimately forming the team that would be assigned to the particular coach.

General discussions occurred with respect to options to fill the remaining coaching positions for the other 5-6 anticipated teams. While several options were considered, the leading option at this point was contracting with BC for 2 coaches to coach these teams (2-3 teams each).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 pm.