



**Oregon Soccer Club Board
Meeting Minutes**

April 20, 2017, 7:15 pm
RCI Conference Room

Board Members Present: Eric Anderson, Dan Paltz, Paula Legler, Kristin Thyse, Amy Janssens, Karen Martin, Clint Kreckman, Kay Gustrowsky, Erik Vandermause (phone), Bryan Steffen, Andy Seitz

Non-Voting Members Present: Kevin Gowrie, Mike Hoelker, Nick Riemer, Ryan Osborn, Michelle Belville, Francine Smith

Absent: Mike Bjerke

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order 7:22

Quorum: Yes

Minutes to review:

March & AGM edits: None

Approve minutes: Clint Kreckman

Second: Karen Martin

Eric Anderson: Update

- Will need to call a special meeting in early May to set 2017-18 fees. These need to be set before open promotion offers go out, which is tentatively set for May 15. Dan needs to gather a lot of information to put together proposals.
- Village field update: Submitted registration and field usage statistics, per request. Updated information will be provided at Village Park Board meeting May 3. Is someone available to attend on our behalf? I will be coaching a game that night. Starts at 5 p.m.
- One of the Board positions that will be vacant as of July 1, 2017, hopefully will be filled at tonight's meeting (see agenda). We have several candidates for the Assistant Competitive role and will ask them to attend the May meeting. Also, I have had several conversations with an individual who is interested in the Recreational Boys position, but cannot make a commitment at this time - should know better in the next month or so.

Dan Paltz: Update

- Working on the form 990, the club's tax return. Required to circulate to the Board before it is filed. Will be sending out in early May for comments and questions.
- Please send in any receipts for reimbursement. Trying to close out 2016/17 as soon as possible.
- Will need help on next year's budget from everyone to set fees for next year. Here is a listing of things that we will need to decide on:
 - Number of academy players and teams
 - Number of competitive players and teams
 - Number of non-competitive and academy players
 - Any Village/School fees for the field/gym usage?
 - Field maintenance estimated costs
 - Number of paid coaches
 - Number of Challenger coaches
 - Salary increases; DOC, coaches, registrar
 - Offer Board members tuition credit
 - Any non-normal expenses in 2017/2018?
 - Still 5 tournaments for competitive and how many teams per tournament?
 - Include tournaments in academy fees? If so, how many?
 - Include winter fees in registration fees?
 - 2017 Fall Fury numbers
 - Any housing increase

Paula Legler: Update

- None provided

Clint Kreckman:

- Placed all of the kids we had hoped to put on competitive teams. Fair amount of time being spent with manager business. Lost player cards, rosters, etc.

Karen Martin:

- All new players are on rosters, practice fields and times have been worked out. May need to order a couple of uniforms based on inventory in the brown shed and number of new players between the boys and girls rec teams.

Andy Seitz: Update

- None provided

Kristin Thyse: Update

- None provided

Kay Gustrowsky: Update

- We have 9 U7 boys teams and 6 U8 boys teams this spring

- Only added one team to U7, but we didn't have enough volunteers to make another team, even though we had the numbers to make an additional team (See volunteer hours agenda item)
- In the future, we would like players in these age groups to only play in their age level and not "play up" with their grade; it involves too much switching and messes with our list pulls; and, we do not believe this is what's best for kids.
- We added a 9th game for the U7 boys teams since many of those teams have 10 players to give them more playing time
- We asked Mark Bennett to make the fields bigger this spring, especially the NKE fields -- which means we have one fewer field, but we have more space on each field. Some of this came from feedback from coaches and from the Verona teams we play. The ball was going out of bounds a lot.
- We have ordered extra shirts from Sport Products and should have them for the first game

Bryan Steffen: Update

- We have 14 U4-U5 teams and 6 U6 teams this spring.
- There were 82 players joined in the spring.
- I would have liked to have another Rookie league team, but could not find two coaches to fill those positions.
- There are 213 total players in the league currently.
- We were able to get our first practice on 4/9, which required us to move the field locations, to move away from the wet areas.
- I am planning to upgrade the shirts to a dry-fit shirt for next year's players, with a three year revolving color scheme: White, Black, and Orange shirts, so this allows kids in the league to wear a different shirt each year, keeping the players from getting 3 identical shirts for the years in U4-U6.

Bryan Gruchow: Update

- Not in attendance

Kevin Gowrie:

- Challenger coaches had visa interviews today. Update to follow at the meeting.
- We have a Brazilian coach, provide by TetraBrazil/Challenger, working at the club until the end of the month.
- Assistant coaches have been helping to run competitive practices and will be coaching the majority of games this weekend.
- I will be leaving for Dallas on 4/24 and return 5/1.
- I expect the normal practice schedule to finally begin on 5/1.

- We cannot do this again next spring. Do we want to continue with four Challenger coaches or drop to three (minimum as contractually obligated) and hire a couple of local coaches starting Spring 2018?

Mike Hoelker: Fundraiser Update

- Oregon Soccer stickers, with text on top and below soccer ball, will be available at Stefans Soccer, both in store and in our online store
- Present idea brought forward on the purchase of scarves
- Update on clothing orders and Aspire

Motion to approve consent agenda Clint

Second Kay

Passed at 7:45

Eric Anderson: Challenger Coaches Absence

- Will pay for the extra coach as well as the assistant coaches.
- Discussion on if there is anything we can offer to families.
- Club will not be paying Challenger for coaches who are not present.
- Discussion on how to avoid it in the future.

Eric Anderson: Mandatory Volunteer Hours

- Not currently able to get families to volunteer
- 942 kids currently registered, or about 400 families.
- Thinking about requiring 5 hours or a payout

Eric Anderson: New Board Member

- Ryan Osborn - Has 4 children under age of 10 and will be part of the community for years to come.

Bryan Steffen Motion to approve Ryan Osborn as new U7 -U8 Girls Commissioner, term starts July 1, 2017 and runs through June 30, 2019.

Karen Martin Second

Passed at 8:25

Andy Seitz: Registration Deadlines

- Looking to promote early registration
- Need to make families aware of the registration deadlines.
- Current advertising for registration: Oregon Observer Ads, Yard Signs, Flyer in School, OCB, Thyse Printing, Chamber

Andy Seitz and Clint Kreckman: Half-season refund requested

- Competitive player with six stress fractures in leg, unable to play this spring per doctor. Request is within OSC refund policy.

Kristin Thyse: Motion to refund U12 girl half of year minus 5%

Andy Seitz: Second

Passed

Clint Kreckman: Non-payment policy

- Policy to make families accountable from walking away from the program.
- Payments must be made based on the household you are signed up under.

Dan Paltz: Discounted fees for Board Members

- Looking to get more Board members and compensated for time.

After discussion, no consensus for this at present time

Mike Hoelker: Scarves

- Looking at possibly ordering scarves, idea brought to us by club member Matt Zuehlke
- Going to get more information to present at future meetings

Amy Janssens motion to end meeting

Clint Kreckman second

Passed at 9:29