

OCSL Board Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2014
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Present: Barb (Registrar), Tim (President), Keith (Treasurer), Donna (Secretary), Bill (Recreation Director)
Guests: Bobby (coach), Henry Craig (County Commissioner, District 4)
Regrets: Mike (Vice President), Rob (Referee Coordinator)

Treasurer's report:

Current balance: \$21,121.58

Uncleared items: \$1,277.00 (mostly referee compensation checks for the spring season)

Registrar's report: Everything is up to date in the Georgia Soccer system. Registrar suggests that the fall season form include a checkbox for new players and that the extra uniform fee information needs to be more prominent.

Referee Coordinator's Report: Before the meeting, the referee coordinator gave feedback via email regarding the June meeting's discussion of referee pay. He provided information about the payscale for referees for the Central Georgia Soccer Association (which includes both the Warner Robins as well as the Macon soccer clubs). OCSL payscale is comparable, though not identical, for most leagues. Rob recommended via email that no changes be made to the OCSL referee pay. The board voted to accept his recommendation.

Old business: The board discussed sending a representative to the July Meeting at Georgia Soccer. The registrar will check her weekend schedule and attend if possible. If she can go, she will attend the Registrar's workshop roundtable.

Georgia Soccer online registration system training. Keith announced that the Georgia Soccer online registration trainer, Kim, will be unable to visit for a training session before the start of the fall season. Keith will arrange that she visit before the spring season to demonstrate the features that we are not using. The recreation director will sit in on the demonstrations. Kim might visit in August (could not come in July). Traci as well as Bill should be given admin rights to the software. Kim will let us know if that is possible. Advantages of learning about and implementing the full Georgia Soccer registration system include allowing online registration, credit card payments, eliminating the need to key the same player information into two systems, and allowing easy parent/player contact.

New business:

Start Dates for Fall Season: School start dates were considered (Baldwin County schools start classes on Aug. 4, GMC on Aug. 8, and JMA on Aug. 15). The dates of the Georgia Parks & Recreation Department soccer state championship was determined to be Dec. 5-6, 2014. All-star games are likely to be held the weekend of Nov. 22-23 (as Thanksgiving is Nov. 27). Baldwin County schools have fall break from Oct. 4-11, and it was discussed whether or not these dates would or could be blocked out of the game schedule.

After deliberations the following dates were chosen:

Registration will begin as soon as the form is ready and run through Aug. 29, 2014. No late registrations will be accepted. No exceptions. Pinky promise.

OCSL Board Meeting will be held on its normal day and time, Aug. 11

A mandatory coach's meeting will be held Aug. 25th 6 pm to provide information such as season updates, etc.

Team selection meetings will be held on Sept. 2 at 6 pm for U10 and at 7 pm for U12 and Sept. 4 at 6 pm for U6 and at 7 pm for U8.

All leagues begin play on Sept. 20, 2014.

The Soccer Banquet and awards ceremony will be held on Nov. 8 (this date cannot be later in order for all-star teams to be chosen, announced, and allow them time to practice before the district all-stars games.)

The recreation director was consulted, and no changes will be made to the registration fee (\$45) nor the uniform fee (\$25). The out of county fee of \$10 remains. The registrar indicated that the fee is not always collected and suggested that addresses be checked more closely during registration.

The board discussed the U19 girls' team. The deadline to declare a team for the Georgia Soccer Athena league is midnight July 15, 2014. OCSL policy is not to declare a team before player fees are collected and registration forms are turned in. Keith or Tim will call the coach to reach a resolution.

Board members Keith, Barb, and Tim also deliberated on forming a U11 and/or U10 co-ed travel team(s). Options for travel include participation in the Georgia Soccer RIAS leagues or potentially arranging games with neighboring county teams after the regular season. The U11 travel team may tentatively play against the U12 recreation teams. Keith, Barb, and Tim will work on the details and present to the recreation director for approval.

Field sizes and layouts for the fall season were discussed. Football leagues will likely use the field inside the track on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday. U14 teams may need to use field 1 on Thursdays and field 5 on Saturdays. U10 will be in same field as last season, but boundaries may need to shift closer to fence along driveway. U8 and U6 will be unchanged. U10 practice may be held on field 4. Keith will finalize the layout and email to the board for final approval.

The holding pond was discussed. It needs a liner in order to hold water, and a pump would need to be installed for field irrigation.

Sponsorships for fall leagues and teams are needed. Options were discussed, including reviewing registration forms for volunteers. The registrar will look through last spring's form and report. Coaches may be asked at the organizational meeting to find a sponsor for their teams.

The board discussed the need to provide ball bags, goalie uniforms, and other equipment. OCSL needs a secure building to store these items. Current arrangements at the soccer complex are not satisfactory and do not provide secure equipment storage.

The proposed out building was again discussed. Proposal is needed for a 31x25 pad (can do in 2 pours, 10 tons per truck load.) Pad must be cured. It should be 4 inches thick, 6 at the edges, reinforce in the middle. Pour concrete from driveway to the pad (or asphalt) is desired. The best scenario includes the roads department grading the lot. County Manager Ralph Mullen will need to be consulted and give approval.

A brief discussion led by Recreation Director followed. Some adjustment in record keeping and timing of reports will be necessary as the county's position on athletic associations changes.

Meeting adjourned