

Jan. 13, 2014 OCSL Board Meeting

Attending: Sam (field/equipment coordinator), Rob (referee coordinator), Keith (treasurer), Tim (president), Mike (vice president), Bill (Rec Dept representative), Barb (registrar)
Guest Secretary: Donna for Myron

Tim Taylor called the meeting to order promptly at 6 p.m.

December Meeting Notes previously approved by email.

Discussion of Recertification and referee availability

Rob reported 11 local blue badge refs recertified on Jan. 10. Of those refs, only 1 is likely to be available during the week for early games. The others will have school soccer and/or band obligations. Contributing to the referee shortage is the concurrent middle school and high school soccer seasons. Due to anticipated 7 refs available on any given evening, OCSL will attempt to schedule games as such : U8 can play Tuesday and Thursday, U10 and U14 will not play on the same week night.

Discussion on start time of evening games:

Tim commented that 7:15 is late to start games for the younger players. Barb commented that 5:45 pm is early for working parents to get their kids to games. Due in part to these considerations, games will be held at 6 pm and only 1 game will be scheduled per night.

Discussion on spring season resulted in this schedule, which will be printed on the registration form:

Registration through Wednesday Feb. 5th at close of Rec Dept (this will allow enough time for Registrar to compile her lists before player picks meetings)
NO LATE REGISTRATION THIS YEAR ; Feb. 5th is the last day ; OCSL will be firm this season

Coaches' Meetings to pick players : Feb. 10, 11

Games start March 1

Spring Break weeks will be blocked off ; no games will be held March 17-21 (JMA), March 31-April 4 (Baldwin County Schools and GMC)

End of season Banquet will be held on May 10

Discussion GMC Use of OCSL Fields:

GMC schedules games a year or two in advance. When schedules were made, it was anticipated that their new soccer field would be ready. Field is not ready, and GMC has approached OCSL as well as Baldwin County Schools about hosting games. Rob shared the GMC schedule. 8 games were on Tuesday or Thursday evenings, conflicting with OCSL teams field use. The other GMC games would be held on non-conflict nights. Use of the football field was

considered, but was rejected due to the potential for soccer parents and players crossing into track events as well as the potential for whistle blowing confusions between the two sports.

Keith proposed that the response be: field is available for GMC games on Monday, Wednesday, Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons. They should look to Baldwin to reduce the number of Tuesday and Thursday games. Eight is too many nights for OCSL to accommodate. There is a potential to meet GMC field needs on Tuesday or Thursday nights if they reduce their needs to one or two nights. If there is any cost from the Recreation Dept to OCSL, then the cost will be passed along to GMC.

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer provided a full print out and bank statements to Recreation Department representative.

A significant number of checks were written and expenses paid this period. Checks include: ref certification reimbursement for one referee, internet banking charges, all star uniforms, fall season referee checks, sand.

Referees have not all cashed checks, but all have been picked up.

Discrepancy has been investigated with one referee, paperwork has been verified and sent to parent.

All-Star uniforms purchased. One team did not use. Another coach purchased for his team. U12 uniforms used and returned. Team gave OCSL a check for socks not returned.

check for \$215 received from TSS Photography

Registrar questioned Treasurer about numbers registered (verified? Reported to?) with Georgia Soccer

Discussion of reimbursement to referees for recertification class:

In an email to encourage referees to sign up for the recertification course the Ref Coordinator promised "The league will repay for for the cost of the course one you have reffed enough games to cover the cost. So you will get your game pay, plus the cost of the course." The board discussed the feasibility of annual reimbursements for recertification. The board voted unanimously to honor this year's promise of reimbursement, but did not commit to payouts for recertification expenses in future years

Discussion of parent / referee difference of opinion at All State game:

A parent of an OCSL player was escorted to the parking lot during the U10 all state game after vocalizing disagreement with a game official

Discussion of spring season field layout:

Result: Field layout does not need to change

New Business:

President reported that storage outbuilding location was layed out. Theo's building was chosen, size is 24x31, cost will be \$5300 for the structure. The slab is projected to cost \$3000-4000 (depending on the amount of the donation of the concrete portion of the cost)

Georgia Power representative suggestion is to drop a meter to the building. Proposal needs to be approved by county, then go to board of commissioners. Lawyers need to draw up agreement which includes what happens if OCSL leaves, etc.

Discussion need for sponsor coordinator:

Treasurer warned that after this project is paid for, accounts will be down to \$13K. Sponsors have not been actually pursued in a couple of years. There was general agreement that a sponsor coordinator was needed. Sam offered to look into obtaining a Georgia College marketing student intern. Keith related that interns require much supervision.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm