



Annual General Meeting Minutes
RCI Commons, March 29, 2009
7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Christine Johnston.

1. **Introduction** – Christine Johnston, President, gave a brief introduction of board members and the meeting agenda.
2. **Fields Status Update** – Bob Tolly, MAYSA Rec Commissioner, offered an update of field conditions, which due to relatively dry weather and light snow fall in the latter part of the winter were generally playable, yet hadn't really "greened up" yet. Bob outlined the fields on which different age groups would be playing:
 - U7 – Field 10
 - U8 – Field 11
 - U9/10 – Field 6, 8, and Bergamont
 - U11 - Field 13
 - U12 – OMS
 - U13/14 – 7 and High Meadow Park
3. **Field Improvement Program** – Jim Neidhart, Commissioner-at-large, reported on the field improvement activities that occurred last Fall to Fields 5, 7, 12, and 13. OSA contracted with Doug Duren of Oregon to provide aeration, overseeding and weed control applications to these fields. The outcomes of these activities were generally felt to be good and Jim would further assess the status of the fields with Doug in a couple of weeks to determine whether additional work is warranted this Spring. He also outlined OSA's intent to continually work on these and other fields this year and in subsequent years given their current suboptimal condition and lack of good, regular maintenance care over the years.
4. **Annual Financial Report** – Lee Christensen, Treasurer, summarized OSA's 2009 financial report and reported that he submitted the required tax documents for this past year according to the club's non-profit status. He reported that the Oregon Internationale Tournament brought in ~\$22,000 net income, and OSA's financial status is very sound with another positive year.
5. **Director of Coaching Update** – Christine Johnston reported that OSA was in the process of establishing a new position within the organization, primarily based on the need to develop curricula for both player and coach development and in light of the growth the club has seen particularly in the MAYSA Classic team numbers. The Board over the Fall/Winter had reviewed a number of applications and had interviewed Jared Burdick, who has accepted the position. The DOC will be

working with the age group and MAYSA commissioners to develop age-specific curricula for player development, including goal keepers. In addition, it is envisioned the DOC will support training of parent coaches and work with professional coaches hired by the club to optimize training programs as well. It is anticipated that the DOC will be starting this Summer.

6. **Jaycee Park East Development / Improvement plans** – Wayne Mixdorf, President of the Oregon High School Athletic Boosters presented short –term plans and long-term goals for the improvement of the Jaycee Park East (Hunttoon and neighboring fields east of Perry Pkwy). He summarized that this Spring the School District will be providing funding to temporarily improve the two soccer fields including Hunttoon with large core aeration, sand filling, seeding, and fertilization in order to improve the hardness and undulations of these fields. There are long-term plans for implementation of a Sports Complex in this entire area as proposed by Rettler Corp. Wayne showed current plans of the Rettler proposal and described the features briefly. They were moving ahead and had presented these plans to the Village Board and School Board. While the School district maintains this area, the Village owns it primarily, and therefore the planning committee was seeking transfer of the property to the school district in order to facilitate funding through a school referendum. Wayne conveyed that the first step was that the Park Board has agreed to transfer the land to the School district and that the Village Board will be voting on this action possibly at their April meeting. A motion was made to tell the Village Board that OSA is in favor of the Rettler proposal and general plans to improve the Sports Facilities in the Jaycee Park East area. The motion was seconded and all present (~ 80 OSA members in good standing) voted in favor, no nays and no abstentions.

In addition to conveying to the Village Board the approval/support of OSA for this project, Wayne stated that the facilities would be for both HS team and community sports association use, and that he would likely be asking for a financial commitment from OSA at some point in the future in addition to possibly seeking a School referendum for financing.

7. **Oregon Internationale Tournament (OIT)**– Dave Gasner reported that plans are coming along for the OIT this year which will be July 11-12. he made a plea for encouraging parents of players to sign up to be field marshals and he outlined their duties (150 field marshals will be needed). In general, they are looking for Tournament volunteers. The Tournament Committee’s activities are well under way. So far they have 40% fewer team entries but it is still early; the committee is aiming for 170 teams this year, slightly less than last year.

8. **Board Member Elections** – Christine Johnston oversaw elections of new Board members. Candidates for each position introduced themselves and voting followed of all open board positions. The following is a list of the newly elected Board members and their new positions:

President – Jon Odorico

Past President – Christine Johnston

Vice President – Marcia Szabados
Treasurer – Lee Christensen
Secretary – Russ Bessemer
Commissioner-at-large – Jim Neidhart
MAYSA Rec Commissioner – Bob Tolly
MAYSA Classic Commissioner – John Rice
U10 Commissioner – Lynn Roemer
U9 Commissioner – Greg Fisher
U8 Commissioner – Cheryl Fanning
U7 Commissioner – TBD

On behalf of OSA, Christine thanked the following individuals for their past and ongoing commitment to the organization and for the many ways that they have individually contributed to the growth and success of Oregon youth soccer.

Dave Frankson – Past President
Art Hallinan – Vice President
Justin Johnson – U10 Commissioner
Craig Roskos – U8 Commissioner

9. **Referee Update** – Bryan Gruchow reported that several Entry level and Recertification referee courses were held this Fall/Winter/Early Spring.
10. **Breakout sessions with Age group commissioners for Q and A.**
11. **Reminder: April 18 is the first weekend for games of the Spring 2009 soccer season.**
12. The next Board meeting will be Wed April 15, 2009 at RCI at 6:30 pm.
13. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.