

EDMOND SOCCER CLUB

Minutes

May 20th, 2008

Meeting Opened at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Dan Crofford, Albert Aguilar, Parris Sanders, Jan Reiley, Jay Tippeconnic, Pat Morgan, Rhonda Lytle, Lance Stewart, Buzz Moore, John May, Greg Regens (by Proxy)

Guests present: None

President report: D. Crofford

The 1st weekend of the State Cup has been held and it went very well. Thanks to all the members and the Board for volunteering to make it such a success.

Parris Sanders worked hard to get all the league games scheduled prior to the State Cup. He has been very flexible during May to ensure all teams were able to play their games.

Contract with Got Soccer has been signed and I am working on establishing a merchant account so we can accept credit cards via the website for certain transactions. I believe this will be completed in the next 7 business days.

The FCSA Day of Champions tournament had some difficulties. If anyone has any constructive comments they should be sent to the FCSA office. Be sure to let James Soesbee know of any good or bad things you see at other tournaments that you attend so that he can apply to our own tournaments.

1st V.P. Report: Pat Morgan

Got Soccer web training will take place next Wednesday evening. An email will go out explaining how to get on the call. Got Soccer should make our registration process easier. The plan is to use it for both recreational and competitive registration. It will not solve the problem of late registration. The idea is to have 1 team manager handle the registration for an entire age group.

The mini-mobile will be used through Beat-the Heat for a cost of \$1,000 to ESC.

2nd V.P. Report: R. Lissuzzo

The land east of the complex was approved for purchase at the recent city council meeting. This was a very positive step.

Any merger questions should go to either Russ or Jay so that they can be sure that the correct information is sent out.

Treasurer: R. Bold (report given by D. Crofford)

Financials look good. We have had some larger expenses in the last month for complex improvements, including a sprayer, fencing, etc.

Secretary: J. Reiley

April minutes were approved.

Complex Coordinator: L. Stewart

We purchased a new riding painter. Works great and is a big time saver. Entire complex painted in 1 day.

The City has approved the idea of the complex expansion. We will be meeting with them again to get everything in writing. If you have any ideas, please see Lance or Russ. We would love to have 1 turf field for practice in bad weather with eventually having 3 turf fields so that we can maintain great looking fields for games and tournaments.

Mowing contract has been signed. The amount is a little higher (\$400-\$500 more). They started mowing earlier due to State Cup.

The new entrance to the complex can't be used until lines are painted. There is a liability issue if there are not any lines. We plan to get them painted in the next two weeks.

Other improvements: Shed moved which opens up the entrance area a lot. We are continuing to trim trees. The referee shack was painted by a group of volunteers. The old goals were moved to west of the water tower and we will have someone picking them up shortly. Two big holes in the parking lot will be fixed. Lance will be repainting the parking lot and adding handicap parking spaces.

Recycling program: we couldn't get the number of bins in time for the state tournament. We will be getting them in the future. We are waiting on plans for south concession stand upgrade.

We will be printing up thank you notes for Mike and Sally Fansher and some City of Edmond employees for the work that they have done at the complex.

Lance will be resubmitting a grant request to U.S. Soccer and we will hopefully qualify for funding. Cost of turfing a field is expected to be around \$500,000. The long term goal is to turn fields 4, 12 and 13 into turf fields.

Special Projects Coordinator: C. Turnipseed

Any website issues please see or email Clint.

Competitive Coordinator & Chair: G. Regens

Frontier Country approved continuation of the Player Pass Program.

ESC 2008 – 2009 list of Competitive Coaches has been determined and is posted on ESC’s webpage. Proposed teams, coaches, and tryout times match the information that is currently posted on FCSA’s webpage. The list of teams and coaches is a starting point for the 2008 – 2009 Competitive Soccer Year. ESC may need to make adjustments to the list—numbers of players, needs of teams, and staffing resource may necessitate changes. Questions, comments, and/or concerns about coaching assignments should be routed through the Competitive Committee to Coach Hampton.

ESC’s 2008 – 2009 Competitive Tryout schedule is on the ESC website and was submitted to FSCA and is posted on their webpage.

Tryout packets for the 2008 - 2009 have been published and distributed to all coaches and/or managers of proposed teams. Current version of all forms and information papers, except the scholarship application, are posted on ESC webpage. The Scholarship Committee is revising the 2008 – 2009 scholarship application.

Coach Hampton held a pre-tryout meeting on May 6th. He discussed the upcoming 2008 – 2009 competitive camps and tryouts. The meeting focused on training opportunities available to competitive players this summer and the tryout process. About 30 parents attended the meeting.

ESC’s competitive program is adopting new colors next year—black and red. Teams may opt to wear their current uniforms for one more year.

ESC requested its members submit suggested names and logo designs for the combined competitive programs of ESC and North OKC Soccer Club.

Information about ESC Competitive Camp and University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO) Residential Camp is posted on the ESC Website. Registration for both camps is on-going. Camp dates are as follows:

ESC Competitive Camp June 2 – 5, 2008
USAO Resident Boys Camp July 10 - 13, 2008
USAO Resident Girls Camp July 15 - 18, 2008

State Cup 2008 is on-going at Edmond Soccer Club:

U11-U17 Preliminary Games were completed May 16th, 17th, and 18th
Semi Finals and Finals are scheduled May 24th and 25th

U18-U19 Preliminary Games are scheduled May 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th if needed
Semi Finals and Finals are scheduled May 31st and June 1st if needed

Additional information is posted on OSA website.

The US Youth Soccer Southern Regional tournament is scheduled June 19th – 25th, in Raleigh and Wilson, NC.

Recreational Coordinator: B. Moore

Everything is fine. I have heard of no problems.

Recreational Coordinators:

Hearing some concerns about the colors of the new uniforms (red and black) and that they will be very hot in warm weathered games.

It was explained that we may be adding a white kit in the future.

Traveling Recreational Coordinator: Albert Aguilar:

The ESC traveling recreational teams did very well this spring season with several teams being declared FCSA Champions, including:

U12 Girls Red Division – ESC Elite

U14 Girls Black Division – ESC Team USA

U16 Girls – ESC Challengers

U19 Boys – ESC Extreme

All of the teams have received their trophies.

The ESC Extreme also won their U19 age division in the Mazzio's Italian Eatery Governor's Cup recreational soccer tournament.

The ESC Extreme and ESC Elite were finalists in the FCSSA Day of Champions Tournament.

Administrator & Referee Coordinator: P. Sanders

The State Cup for U18 and Adults is coming up after this weekend, May 31st. Camps will begin June 2nd. Regionals will begin June 20th. Tryouts will be June 26th. The golf tournament will be Aug. 2nd. We need to get signups going for the golf tournament.

The State tournament is going very well. Thanks to the many volunteers especially Albert Aguilar for painting the ref shack and Lance Stewart for the many things he has been working on.

In conjunction with the golf tournament and family fun day we recommend that we have a silent auction again. We brought in a lot of money last year from it. This time the proceeds could go to each team.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

We will have the 2008/2009 Budget presentation at the next meeting.

Discussed the scholarship application process and that it will be tighter than previous years due to results of last season's audit. There will be a deadline that should be met. We discussed that we may have applicants apply that transfer during the transfer period and players applying after the deadline that incur a financial hardship situation during the soccer season.

We have a corporate donor donating \$4,000 towards the cost of new uniform for scholarship-worthy players. Players receiving funds will be notified via letter (copy to team treasurer).

There was discussion about the use of the web site for ESC sponsored activities, ESC endorsed activities, fundraising, and general advertising. No consensus was reached. Dan Crofford asked Clint Turnipseed to evaluate the website policy and make a recommendation at the August board meeting.

The slate for new board members was approved. They will be effective after the June meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.