

FOSC Club Minutes February 9, 2009

In attendance were April Gabbard, Jody Gabbard, Sr., Terry Kah, Laurie Santel, Carolyn King, Tony King, Ed Lizak, Kerry Johnson, Melissa Ringgold, Jerri Begley, Toni Truster, Scott Bolser, Vince Hall, Staci Hines, Jill Totten, Toni Pfaff, Terri Ballinger, Nick Goodwin, Brian Scowden, Scott Halsey, Bonnie Asmus and Ann Yungbluth.

Ann Yungbluth, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:35. The minutes were read and approved.

Board positions for 2009 were announced. Curt Jackson, President; Ann Yungbluth, Vice President/Secretary; Scott Halsey, Treasurer; Brian Scowden, Registrar; Mike Hessling, Boys Coordinator; Kelly Farrell, Girls Coordinator; Nick Goodwin, Academy Coordinator; Bonnie Asmus, Field Coordinator; Terry Kah, Communications/PR Coordinator; Mike Hessling will also serve as the board representative to CUSL.

Scott Halsey, Treasurer, reported no inflows and an outflow of \$6,751.45. The account balance, as of February 9, 2009, is \$122,106.00. Of this, \$6,500 is bond money that will be distributed back to the teams. The question was raised about when player fees are due. Scott replied that all club fees are due before March 15. Once he has team information, he will give each team an accounting of what is owed to the club minus whatever bond money that team has paid. Checks should be made to FOSC.

Brian Scowden, Registrar, announced that CUSL registration would take place on March 15. He will need volunteers to work registration for the club and will be sending out that request as soon as he knows how many are required. Any one with a bracket appeal will need to get that information to Craig Rhodis, as our DOC. Craig will represent the club at the appeal meeting.

Bonnie Asmus, Field Assignor, announced that as of the meeting she had only received four practice requests. The deadline for making requests was announced at the last meeting as February 1. Bonnie has extended it to February 16. After that date, teams that have not sent their requests to Bonnie will be assigned what is left of practice slots after existing requests are filled. Teams that have sent their requests to Craig need to make sure that they also send this information to Bonnie.

Bonnie, reporting for our Referee Assignor, directed anyone interested in attending new ref classes to the website swsoa.com for any updates on classes (as of this meeting, no classes had been scheduled). There is a pre-test at this site that all are required to take prior to registering for classes. Any questions, please contact Doug Asmus.

Nick Goodwin, Academy Coordinator, announced that tryouts for new kids would be March 1. Please contact Nick for any additional information. There will be a meeting on Monday, February 23 for Academy parents.

Terry Kah, Communications/PR Coordinator, will be sending out the first newsletter of the year on March 1. He requests that any team information be sent to him ASAP!

Ann Yungbluth, MASC Director, reported that there are only a few ads sold (as registered on the website). If you have contacted or intend to contact any of the existing business, please go through the website so we can manage solicitations. She stressed again the need for FOSC teams to register for the MASC as any other tournament. Deadline is February 23. However, at this time

there are 30 FOSC teams already registered – compared to 5 at this time last year. Fees for FOSC teams - \$200 for teams fielding 11 players, \$150 for all others.

Discussion from the floor included uniforms, tryouts and payment of trainer fees:

Some in attendance were not at the January meeting when the uniform situation was explained. Basically, the board agreed to a one-year extension on our contract with Nike (since our current uniform is still available for purchase this spring). Even though Nike did not offer a uniform that we were satisfied with, the ultimate decision was to not go with a new vendor because of the additional financial burden that would be placed on our families in these tough financial times. It was suggested that the club check with existing teams to forecast what uniforms would be need for the fall season (e.g. U12 teams expanding their rosters and U9 teams moving from tees to full uniforms) and place an order now. We will address at the February board meeting.

Tryout dates have not been set for this year at this time – another item to be addressed at the next board meeting!

The schedule for paying trainer fees has been left to the teams to figure out on their own. The guidelines suggest that the first payment be made after the first game and the final payment at the last game. The board is working on a proposal to have trainer fees from the teams paid directly into the club and the club would then be responsible for paying the trainers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Yungbluth