

Altus Soccer Club Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2007

Present: Graham & BJ Weidner, Donna Tocknell, April Cole, Scott Barton, Rob & Mysti Reneau, Aaron Montgomery

Old Business: Professional Loadmasters have decided against running concessions at ASC games.

Graham will schedule a time with Rob Reneau to take over Treasurer's duties.

New Business:

(Finance Report) Graham reported that the ASC bank account is in good shape with an estimate of \$10,000 available. All expenses/equipment needed for Fall Season should be covered with current funds. He is hopeful that monies will also be available to supplement cost of paying referees for adult league games as well.

Profit for Summer Soccer Camp was \$110. 23 kids participated in the camp (10 during morning session and 11 during afternoon session); however, one child had to quit due to injury. During the Friday evening session, a parent was injured practicing with the children. Graham will be checking with OSA in regards to permission slips needed for parents to participate in children's practices, etc.

(Field Conditions/Repairs) Aaron Montgomery reported that field conditions are very wet!!

New nets have been ordered for U6, U8, U10, U14 & U19 for a total of 5 pairs at \$65, one pair for \$110 and one net at \$70. Total cost was \$245. Additional minor repairs need to be completed on equipment. Forty cans of paint still need to be ordered at a cost of \$1,158 which should last 2 ½-3 seasons. Also, 3 paint wands at \$83.85 need to be approved for order. These will be used to paint technical areas and spectator lines. Still need to mark technical areas for U19, U14 & U10.

Aaron Montgomery made a motion to purchase paints and paint wands. Rob Reneau seconded. Motion carried.

Donna Tocknell made a motion to purchase nets. Aaron Montgomery seconded. Motion carried.

BJ will be letting coaches know to inform parents that they need to be on a specific side for each game with team/coaches on opposite side.

Graham talked with Randy Marple, City of Altus, regarding expansion of the current sprinkler system. Donna Tocknell submitted a grant application to OSA for an allowance of \$3,000 for permanent goals (\$1,000 for materials and \$2,000 for purchase of goals). These grants, if approved, will be awarded in January 2008.

Donna asked about the condition of goals on the Falcon Road field. Graham reported that according to Randy Marples, the City of Altus had arranged for someone to anchor and repair them as they are currently unsafe and in need of repair.

Graham also addressed the sprinkler valve covers which are broken and City of Altus will be responsible for repairing them as well.

On the issue of permanent goals for the soccer fields, Graham checked costs of steel pipes with the local Steel Company. With a configuration similar to Lawton's, he estimated that this would cost approximately \$6,000 for all goals w/nets, stakes, concrete, pipe and the use of donated machinery.

Permanent goals are preferred as PVC constantly needs to be repaired and often have anchoring issues. The official NCAA is 4" square tubing. Graham has concerns about 2 7/8" for crossbars on bigger goals. He is checking on costs of padding for goal posts for future possibility. Graham and Aaron will work on field maintenance after paint arrives.

(Registration/Publicity) Registration information has been printed in the *Altus Times* and the *Freedom Flyer* at Altus AFB for the next two weeks. April also sent out flyers by e-mail and put up 10 signs around town to advertise registration.

Graham is looking for past sponsorship letters to send out to sponsors for the Fall Season. New signage will be larger and Graham has talked to Tan Ray about this. Sponsorships will be \$100 for Fall/Spring Season and will include signage on the field. ASC had 13 sponsorships for Fall '05 season. He will contact Matt Ward, publicity and sponsorship coordinator, about letters for Fall '07 season. Graham suggested sponsorships for ASC be approached before the U19 appeals for funds.

(Coaching/Referees) Donna has recruited a volunteer for the U19 girls' team. Scott Barton will coach the U19 boys' team again this year.

Adult League Board Meeting is scheduled for Sept. 15. The 08 Referee Clinic is scheduled for Sept. 8-9 at the City Gym. Qualifications include 18 years & older with prior playing experience. OSA is putting on the clinic for free but there is a \$35 Registration fee through the US Soccer Federation. Donna asked the Board to consider paying for adult registration and get 4 free games from the 08 Clinic attendees as well. An alternate suggestion was made to have them

pay \$10 towards registration fee, get the free referee kit and referee 4 free games in exchange. Discussion ensued on the status of those who already have referee kits and just need to update at the clinic. It was decided that they would only have to referee two free games in order to get the registration paid for by ASC.

Motion was made by Aaron Montgomery to support the 08 Referee clinic by paying for the adults' \$25 registration fee. Graham seconded motion. Motion carried.

According to Donna, there are currently 3 adult teams registered with 5 individual registrants still needing to be placed on a team. The Adult League registration deadline is Sept. 1 with games beginning Sept. 15. The club agreed that recruiting for sponsorships for adult teams should be put on hold this season until the ASC gets sponsorships. This includes shirt sponsorships as well. Currently, the adults pay for their own uniforms. In future, it was suggested that the adult teams approach businesses that are not a good fit for the Youth team sponsorships. The adult uniforms will be ordered through the youth uniform supplier in order to receive a discount. Donna gives approval on all colors for team jerseys.

Recreational 09 Referee Clinic will be held August 25 at the City Gym from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Advertisement will be placed in the Altus Times.

Donna will register and make player passes for the U19 teams. Cost for the U19 players is \$60 with individual players paying \$30 each, which helps pay for referees, etc. Altus Soccer Club donates uniforms for U19 players. Discussion ensued about opening registration for U19 players that are not necessarily from Altus Public Schools (i.e. Navajo, Mangum, etc.) Consensus of the group was to advertise for U19 traveling recreational team for the Fall Season.

(PAR System) According to Graham, the Player Ability Rating system will be instituted by coaches at the end of the Fall/Spring seasons. Graham will be in charge of getting information to the Coaches about this.

Volunteers will be manning registration booth at Hibbetts Sports on Saturday, August 11 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (Donna & Mysti) and Sunday, August 12 from 1-5 p.m. (Graham & Rob).

Still need someone to run concessions at the games. Aaron's wife has volunteered to help with this.

Next meeting Wednesday, Sept. 5 @ McDonald's.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mysti Reneau

