

## **Altus Soccer Club Board Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**December 7, 2008**

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

Meeting called to order 5:07 p.m.

#### **Referee**

Scott confirmed that ASC gave a \$2 increase for U10 and U14 centers only to \$17 each per game in the fall. All other referee positions were \$10 per game. Rob Reneau reported that \$2,600 was spent for referee pay, uniforms, and clinics. There will not be referee clinics before the spring registration. Donna will be talking with Dale Watt, state area referee, about 08 referee clinic for adult league.

**Finance** – Rob gave finance report with income included. Balance after field maintenance, referee expenses and income from Dr. Pepper sales and sponsorship is \$6,964 before registration payment cleared.

Rob will send Movin' with Melissa a receipt for \$200 sponsorship. Address is 1715 Oklahoma Drive, Altus, 73521.

Rob suggested that we track scholarships given for financial balance of books. Mysti suggested that these should be reviewed for accountability purposes. Board discussed that OSA would approve automatically if paperwork is submitted, but decision has been made to handle locally so as not to have to submit the paperwork. Currently, anyone who submits a request for scholarship assistance to ASC is granted.

**Sponsorships** - \$12-\$15 per sponsor plaques through Tan Rae. Graham has already contacted Cherokee Dreams about electronic copies of photos. 2008/2009 soccer season will be included on the plaque. Graham will get photos from Cherokee Dreams of team photos already taken and Mysti will follow up with BJ on the rest of the coaches that still need to be contacted about photos.

Graham asked about giving the photographers signage as a thank you for the photos. He will check with photographers about electronically putting their name on photos for plaques instead.

Mysti asked about advertisement in Altus Times to thank sponsors. ASC Board was concerned that some sponsors might not want their names mentioned. Mysti will check with them about putting name in advertising if they want it when plaques are delivered.

**Scholarships** - Rob requested the club consider future scholarships for one or more students with exceptional skill to attend a soccer camp. Graham and Donna will research information about this at OSA workshop.

**OSA Workshop** - Rob & Mysti Reneau, April Combs, Scott Barton, Donna Tocknell, BJ & Graham Weidner will be attending. Everyone will complete their own registration and ASC reimburses. Adult league reimburses Donna Tocknell.

**Field Condition/Equipment** – Donna reported that the adults painted fields approximately 5-6 times. Graham noted that watering should begin soon for spring season and there was concern that the fields are not being watered adequately. Donna will be contacting City about the new adult field. Only three sections at a time can be watered. Graham will check on paint and watering status.

**Registration** – April Cole reported that Spring Season registration will begin January 1, 2009. Games will begin between March 23-28, 2009. Late registration begins February 16 and cutoff deadline is Feb. 28. Registration at Hibbetts is tentatively set for Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 24-25.

Mysti will mention the need for volunteer coaches at Rivers PTA meeting and will check on sending out information at schools once spring registration forms are completed. She will check on announcement at junior high as well. Rob has agreed to get website up and running for spring registration and will coordinate with April. Per Donna's request, he will check into a link for the adult league.

**Fund-raising** - Donna will contact Coca-Cola about spring fund-raiser.

**Old Business** – April Cole is still getting bills from SWOI. She is now utilizing Wild Blue Satellite as internet provider. ASC phone is being paid by US Cellular. April says she has not checked phone lately but will do so before next meeting.

**Portable Bathrooms** – Scott Barton will check on rent vs. cost of purchasing portable bathrooms. Mysti will check with Kathryn Coke about status of city engineer for construction of bathrooms. Donna will check on grant opportunities for construction of bathrooms and will provide information to Mysti.

**Concessions** - - Graham will contact Norman & Rhonda Hayes family in January about concessions for spring 2009.

**Other** - Donna Tocknell voiced concerns about board members expressing problems with the club to others outside the board. She feels that these issues should be brought to the board to discuss at meetings. Mysti asked that when questions/concerns arise between board members, that this should be voiced at board meetings and not between members outside the meetings or via e-mail, as well.

**By-Laws** - The Board discussed the by-laws in regard to teams that do not have enough players to play a game and whether they should be playing down to the number of players of the smaller team (4 v 4) or forfeit game. **Clarification:** Playing down can occur based on specific instances for age groups. An exception exists for U14 which says that limited number is 7 v 7 for this age group and 5 v 5 for U10 games. According to the bylaws, this will be qualified as a regular game and referees will continue refereeing. BJ will clarify that this also includes small sided games. BJ will adjust rules accordingly and put this information in coaches packet. Insurance also covers all players and Graham will get clarification from OSA whether practices can be conducted with other players on another team.

**Next meeting will be January 7, 2009 at 6 p.m.**