

Altus Soccer Club Board Meeting

Minutes

January 7, 2009

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

Meeting called to order 6:15 p.m.

Challenger Contract

Graham announced that after researching the options, there would not be a contract for uniforms with Challenger because there is a minimum of \$600 an order. ASC will still use Challenger for uniforms and get discounts as available.

Soccer Camp - Summer soccer camp dates are July 27-31, 2009. Graham would really like to increase publicity for the camp. Since it doesn't cost any more for additional registration forms, he wants to send out mass mailings if possible. Board agreed that would need to be done. Ideas for publicity included putting in coaches packets for spring season, giving with trophies at end of season, mass mailing to soccer families, pre-recorded radio spots and TV commercials. Graham asked Matt about PSA's with KWHW for the camp. PSAs will be placed with Cable One also. Donna asked about the possibility of a spring soccer camp over spring break that is sponsored by the ASC. Group agreed that it could not happen this year, but will be tabled for fall planning of Spring Break 2010 camp.

Finance – Rob still needs to send receipt to **Movin' with Melissa**, with tax ID #, **ASAP**.

Referee – Donna plans to talk to Dale Watt regarding adult referee clinic. Scott made a motion for group to vote on pay increase to \$2 for U6, U8 and AR referees since the others were raised for fall season. This would increase their pay to \$12 per game. Rob voiced concern about increase in U6 and U8 referee pay because of age and skill of younger referees. Matt suggested using coaches for U6 games instead. Discussion ensued about this option. Vote carried to increase referee pay for U6, U8 and ARs to \$12. U10, U14 centers will continue to be \$17 per game.

Concerns were discussed about competency of U14 players AR-ing U14 games. Mysti suggested a Mentorship program for younger referees. Board agreed to have Scott Barton discuss this program with current experienced referees. Board agreed to authorize a pay incentive program if needed for this program. Scott will follow-up with the board on this possibility.

Registration - April Cole reported that January 17-18 has been set for registration at Hibbett's. Hours will be 10 a.m.–4 p.m. on Saturday and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday. No volunteers are needed. March 9-10 will be set for coaches meetings. Graham reported that coaches' packets will be to coaches no later than March 11. Rob and Mysti Reneau will put up registration signs around town. April Cole will send list to Mysti of locations for signage. Mysti announced that Jen Gabe is willing to volunteer as a board member to help with publicity for ASC. Mysti will work with Jen to promote spring registration at school and placement in the Altus Times. April Cole reported that registration form is updated and available on ASC website for distribution. April will be mailing spring registration to all Fall Season participants.

Donna Tocknell announced that Drew Wollezin is also a potential new volunteer and she will invite him to February meeting. Mysti will distribute minutes to the Jan. 7 meeting to board members by Jan. 28, so members can accomplish assignments.

Sponsorships - Graham and BJ will talk with coaches at coaches meeting about extra team photos for sponsor plaques. Graham will ask coaches if they would be willing to go with teams to sponsor locations to present plaques. He is still planning to check with photographers about electronically putting their name on photos for plaques.

Scholarships - At December board meeting, 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.

Donna Tocknell said that Mark Glenn is the person to talk to at the Altus Times about a special section for team pictures, as they do for baseball pictures. Mysti will talk to him about this and about taking pictures at the fields for article about ASC.

Signage – Graham will get signage for “No Pets” and “No Smoking on Fields” made and put up for Spring Season.

Field Condition/Equipment – Donna will be contacting City about watering the fields in February. Only three sections at a time can be watered. Mysti reported that Aaron had made a request for blue paint for fields.

Fund-raising - Donna is still planning on contacting Coca-Cola about spring fund-raiser.

Portable Bathrooms – Scott Barton checked about portable bathrooms with the sinks outside. They are \$600 each and ASC would have to purchase them. Decision was made to continue to rent. Mysti will research possible grant funding for toilets at soccer fields.

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

Follow-up on OSA rules at OSA Workshop- Graham and BJ will clarify with OSA about when games have to be cancelled due to a lack of players and whether this also includes small sided games. BJ will adjust rules accordingly and put this information in coaches’ packet. Since insurance covers all players, Graham will get clarification from OSA on whether practices can be conducted with other players on other teams.

General Membership Meeting: Graham reported that a general membership meeting is tentatively scheduled for last Saturday of games during the spring season. April will adjust spring schedule to not conflict with meeting. This meeting will include an election for board positions, with terms beginning at the end of OSA Workshop in spring 2010. Board positions include – president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, registrar, referee assignment, coach’s coordinator, sponsor coordinator and publicity coordinator. Also, Graham would like to ask parents about involvement in a U16 traveling team or league. Recruitment of referees for Fall/Spring 09-10 seasons will also be included in meeting agenda.

Next meeting will be February 4, 2009 at 6 p.m.