

Altus Soccer Club Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2008

Present: Donna Tocknell, BJ Weidner, Graham Weidner, Scott Barton, Rob Reneau, Mysti Reneau

Meeting started 6:40 p.m. –

Graham reported that new soccer year 2008/2009 will be begin tonight.

Old Business

Internet Provider/Registration Update

Graham clarified the ASC internet site problems as follows: ASC paid one month instead of entire year due to lack of response from the company on internet problems. Rob Reneau volunteered to work on internet site. ASC is obligated to T Clemence for three years due to contractual agreement. Donna Tocknell asked for clarification on what obligation means? The website address is through T Clemence. The internet service provider is through SWOI. April Cole's home internet provider (SWOI) is being paid for by the club at \$19.95 per month which gives ASC an e-mail account, internet service and registration options online. April is looking in to a different company called Lakeview internet provider, which can provide to access to her home outside of Altus.

BJ says the company, SWOI, just upgraded and they will charge an additional \$10 per month for the upgraded feature if that is what the issue is with April's home access. The active.com service to pay online is charged back to the registrant. The company will upgrade with April for free but may require a new contract. If that happens, action will be as follows:

√ Graham suggest we look at the internet provider Lakeview as an option, because our old contract with SWOI has been fulfilled.

√ Graham will talk to April about updating from a remote location soon for registrations. Graham will suggest that another person also learn to use the registration site, etc.

√ Rob Reneau volunteered to help with registration and website if needed. Donna Tocknell asked him to put link to adult league on website for future.

Graham says OSA is contracted with a registration program, called www.gotsoccer.com, that we can use for a fee. Donna Tocknell says once registered you can send registrations electronically to OSA. Donna Tocknell is using League Organizer 9 for the adult league, which is what ASC currently uses. Roster Pro is a free program also. Currently, the club owns League Organizer 9.

Signage - Graham asked about the need for "No Pets during Game" signs. Mysti asked why just during games since doggie "do" on the field can effect practices as well as games. Graham explained that the city would not allow a "no pets" sign.

✓ **Graham will ask city if they will put up signs for free. Group decided at least 2 signs were needed.**

Referee – Scott Barton reported that a \$300 deposit has been paid for a new Referee 09 course. He reported that there has been an increase in the rate from \$50 to \$60. In the past, we have paid half and let referees pay half. BJ suggested that we have referees complete 5 free games instead.

✓ **Scott will make the change to requiring the referees to complete 5 free games with the increase in fees.**

Re-certification fee has also increased from \$25 to \$40 for 09 and 08 referees. Re-certification class will be after the season is over but has not been scheduled as yet. The cost will be \$40 to upgrade from 08 to 09 but referees have to keep handbooks. Two 09 and one 08 courses are being held in Lawton and a re-certification course is also being held in Duncan. Upgrade to 08 course requires a \$300 deposit for each class. If we can get an instructor for 08/09 re-certification only, then we will conduct a course. Any interested person can contact Scott Barton.

✓ **Graham said John Leigel and Jerry Porter would be ideal for instructors and Graham will contact them and get back to Scott Barton.**

✓ **Scott will advertise course by August.**

Scott suggested an increase in referee pay of \$5 additional per game, as the club has not raised the payment in 5 years. Scott says we are the lowest referee pay grade in the state. Much discussion occurred regarding raising only U14 vs other age groups; as well as, advantages of \$2 vs. \$5 increase.

✓ **No decision was reached on raising referee fees; tabled until next meeting.**

Field Condition/Equipment - The city has watered the adult field and started the youth fields. City of Altus wanted Altus Soccer Club to pay for the fertilizer for the fields. Donna says Randy agreed to fertilize sparingly for this fall season.

✓ **Graham will visit with Randy at City of Altus about watering.**

✓ **Graham plans to do a mid-season letter to parents addressing increase in fees for spring to incorporate referee pay increase, donation of fertilizer, etc.**

✓ **Graham will work w/Donna to order paints.**

✓ **Graham will inventory all nets and PVC goals with Aaron Montgomery.** So far, everything looks good. Current balance in accounts are \$3,675 in case ASC should need new equipment.

✓ **Clean up during week of soccer camp conducted by Graham and BJ and any others who want to help.**

Fund-raising/Sponsorships

Concession stand fundraiser for spring season netted \$750. \$1,400 was raised from soda fund-raiser in the spring. Same family will run the concession stand this fall/spring seasons.

Fall fund-raiser will be a soda fund-raiser again. BJ informed the group that the club will use the Dr. Pepper distributor this time. Donna suggested we send out fundraiser information to parents because coaches did not seem to be giving out the information to parents. Mysti suggested that we e-mail first and then have coaches send to parents.

√ BJ and Donna will follow up on these suggestions of including letters to parents and e-mailing.

Mysti gave Graham a draft of sponsorship letter for fall season.

√ Those present decided to do team sponsorships as a fund-raiser once again.

√ Mysti will send out letters w/Graham's signature by Tuesday, July 29. Mysti will follow-up and get transfers ordered to get to April for uniforms.

√Graham will talk with Tan Rae about pricing in exchange for sponsorship.

Finances

√ Graham will get with Rob about signature card on a Wednesday in near future.

√ Rob Reneau agreed to donate a Quicken Program to club for use.

Coaches/Parent

√ Those present decided that parent and coach letter in packets needs to include "no outside logo" on shirt information since we are doing sponsorships again.

Coaches clinic will be held after registration is completed.

Other

Traveling U10 team wants to borrow the hot dog machine to do a fundraiser.

√ Group agreed that this would be O.K. as long as cleaned and returned in good shape.

Donna Tocknell reported that Robert Guber has volunteered to coach U19 girls. Most of U19 boys are going to play in the adult games so they don't have to travel. Graham asked if we are going to maintain U19 fees of \$60 with \$30 to league and \$30 to the team.

√ Group agreed that this fee structure should continue.

Donna Tocknell talked about possibility of a women's adult league in future, but not this season.

Mysti made the suggestion that meeting times be changed to Sunday nights.

√ The decision to change meeting nights was tabled until later in the season when other board members would be present.

Next meeting scheduled for Sunday, August 15, 2008 at Darrell Moss Insurance. Meeting adjourned.