



Green Country Soccer Association

General Membership Meeting February 26, 2009

I. Call to Order:

President Keith Ash called to order the regular meeting of the General Membership of the Green Country Soccer Association at 7:10 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2009, at the GCSA Offices, 9410B East 51st Street, Tulsa, OK 74145. Quorum was established at 777 votes.

II. Members Present/Absent:

Members present: Bixby, Broken Arrow, Central Tulsa, Cleveland, Coweta, Metro Tulsa, Mayes County, Oologah, Owasso, Sand Springs, Skiatook, Stilwell, Tulsa United, Washington County.

Members absent: Beeline, Bristow, Catoosa, Claremore, Collinsville, Drumright, Ft. Gibson, Goingsnake, Grand Lake, Inola, Mannford, Miami, Muskogee, Sapulpa, Tahlequah, Union, Verdigris, Wagoner.

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (October 30, 2008):

II. Members present and Members absent needs to be filled in. Additionally, under VI. New Business, Gary Richardson needs corrected to read Gary McDonald. With these corrections made, minutes were approved.

IV. Officer Reports:

1st VP, Jeanette Rooks had handouts and went over them with the Membership regarding G&D's stats, sit-out list of players/coaches who she needs help in locating club affiliation, Spring 2009 sit-out list, Fall 2008 league standings (rec, rec plus, comp and, although lacking, closed), information she presented to GotSoccer representative to be included for reports she could produce. G&D will begin meeting again after season has started.

2nd VP, Lance Demond reported there had been a meeting in January 2009 to process transfers. All were approved but three (3) which were pending approval until their bills were paid with previous club.

3rd VP, Robert Allen reported rule sheet for tournament when released will include enough registration fee to pay the referees. This will eliminate a headache for the coach. Referees will be paid at the ref tent after the match. Hope that weekend is booked light so can peak more interest from the teams and more referee participation. (George Raleigh, Scheduler, noted no home games were scheduled at Owasso for that weekend.) Hope to have information posted online

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with registration open late next week. Teams can then register. Only online payment will be accepted.

Secretary/Treasurer, Mark Usrey was absent but submitted a written financial report which was distributed. Membership asked if any questions. None regarding the submitted report. Tulsa United inquired if GCSA would be increasing their fees. Keith responded that if OSA increased their fees GCSA would have no choice but to follow suit. But, if that doesn't happen, he didn't see any increase coming.

President, Keith Ash reported that before GotSoccer came into the picture the clubs would bring in their teams to GCSA to check in, numbers were figured and the club handed over a check for the amount. With GotSoccer, you register online. The GCSA Board made the decision that the clubs would pay upfront 80% of the previous corresponding season's fees. At the end of registration, GCSA would send a bill to the club for the balance. (Oologah inquired about refunds to the clubs instead as theirs had been overpaid. Keith stated as soon as the rosters are frozen by Kathy, the bills will be figured and when bills go out so will the checks if GCSA owes clubs instead.)

Keith additionally reported that registration had gotten off to a dismal start. But, current numbers are: Recreational – Fall 9,524, Spring 10,759; Competitive – Fall 2,658, Spring 2,794 – this is an increase in players of 1,361 from Fall 2008 to Spring 2009. This turns into 278 open recreational teams, 70 rec plus and 90 competitive (735 closed teams).

V. Committee Reports:

Scheduling, George Raleigh reported there were a couple false starts (found 7 coed teams, teams submitted late). Schedules are all in now. His committee, Leon Schneider, Robert Allen, David Dexter, all met for about 3 hours scheduling. Member, Brandi Churchill, was not in attendance. Scheduling was based on the fall performance. Moved 3 girls' teams from rec plus back to rec. Promoted 7 boys teams and 13 girls teams to rec plus. This was done using the same basis of fall performance. This will give teams a better structure for competition. George stated some teams have not scheduled their home games. This is holding up GCSA releasing any of the schedules. Presidents please go back and make sure your schedulers do this. (Keith stated these clubs that were overdue were to have had their information in tonight. If that does happen, schedules will be released tomorrow. But hands are tied until all clubs do their part.) George noted for the clubs to NOT submit coed teams. There is no such thing as coed teams. If they're mixed, boys/girls, they're boys' teams. Also, there's no U11s in recreational. They're either U10 or U12. Please go back and tell your registrars this information. Tulsa United commented their club is definitely not for holding everyone up for one team arriving late.

Keith questioned as to what do we do when clubs don't do what they're suppose to do. We tried bonds. Any suggestions? Stilwell stated they used the \$500 bond for their teams and it seemed to work. Coweta stated they set registration dates. They advertize all over and, additionally, charge a late fee but people are still late in registering.

Mayes County has a few questions: 1) If teams are moved from rec to rec plus, can they deny the move and stay where they are. Keith handed out guidelines which had been voted on by the Membership. Answer: No.

2) What about placing within that league they're put in? Answer:

3) Coaching requirements have always been there but they've skated around them. What are requirements? Answer: Age specific requirement like always.

Oologah stated their team had been pushed up from rec to rec plus and their team for the spring was nothing like what it was from the fall. Recommendation that before move teams up or down from their fall performance need to checking the number of returning/new (inexperienced) players added would be a fairer way. Washington County seemed to have the same issues. George stated perhaps the coaches could send GCSA an e-mail if there's a great deal of changes to the roster from fall to spring. Or, clubs could send GCSA an email regarding change in formula of the team.

George said once schedules are done if changes have to be made will unassign all games so everyone notices and has to redo. This way one game just doesn't get misplaced. Keith noted that everyone is a volunteer. Mistakes can get made. But we'll get through because we have to. George added that next spring should be much smoother because of the suggestions from this meeting. George wanted all presidents to go back and thank their schedulers for being so patient in his first season.

Robert commented this moving up and down is to give teams better competition. And, also, so teams that have been beaten so badly by dominant teams don't have that experience again. Keith stated when scheduling is turned off and goes out there will be no more changes made. This will be your schedule unless the team needs a reschedule.

VI. Old Business: None.

VII. New Business:

1. Election of Officers: Doug Lynch, representing the Nominating Committee, stated the current officers in place at GCSA have agreed to stay and there were no nominations from outside to present. Keith Ash stated Mark Usrey is currently

VII. New Business: (Continued)

filling the position of Secretary/Treasurer. He expressed interest in staying. Asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. Mark retains his position by acclamation.

Keith Ash stated he is currently filling the position of President. He is interested in staying. Asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. Keith retains his position by acclamation.

2. Change of Competitive Age – Cameron Gray, Owasso, was representing Matt Sheets and submitted verbal amendment to the GCSA Bylaws regarding “Once a player becomes 10 years of age they are eligible to play competitive soccer”. Metro Tulsa accepted presented amendment, Mayes County seconded. Lengthy discussion followed. Agreed to final wording was “A U10 age child who turns 10 years of age after the August 1st cut-off date will then be eligible to play U11 competitive soccer”. This will be written up, e-mailed to all clubs along with notification of a special called membership meeting with this the only item on the agenda to vote on for Wednesday, March 25, at 7 p.m. at the GCSA office.

VIII. Adjournment

Keith Ash adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jeanette Rooks, 1st VP.