

# *Green Country Soccer Association*

## *General Membership Meeting Minutes*

2/24/2010

### **I. Call to order**

**President Keith Ash** called to order the General Membership meeting of the **Green Country Soccer Association** at 7:02pm on 2/24/2010 in the offices of the **Green Country Soccer Association**. Quorum was established at 800 votes.

### **II. Roll call**

Clubs present: Broken Arrow, Central Tulsa, Claremore, Cleveland, Collinsville, Coweta, Miami, Owasso, Sand Springs, Skiatook, Tulsa United, Union, Washington County.

Clubs absent: Beeline, Bixby, Bristow, Catoosa, Drumright, Fort Gibson, Goingsnake, Grand Lake, Inola, Metro Tulsa, Mannford, Mayes County, Muskogee, Oolagah-Talalla, Porter, Sapulpa, Stilwell, Tahlequah, Verdigris, Wagoner.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

**Secretary/Treasurer Mark Usrey** distributed printed copies of the minutes from the last General Membership meeting on 9/9/2009. **Washington County** moved to amend Item IV.c to replace “Jeanette Rooks” with “Robert Allen”. Motion accepted as friendly. **Washington County** moved to accept the minutes as amended, **Broken Arrow** seconded. **Motion approved.**

### **IV. Officer Reports**

- a) **1<sup>st</sup> VP Jeanette Rooks** disbursed the start of season sit out report for the Spring 2010 season. Some players and coaches have been on there for several seasons and she asked the club representatives to verify them and determine if they are still actively participating. She discussed game reports turned into the Games and Disciplinary committee by referees and the general process of handling discipline and they are looking into ways to streamline the process. She has received the League Commissioner packets from the Fall 2009 season and still needs to receive 11 of them. 6 competitive leagues still have outstanding packets. Miami and Owasso were the only clubs that turned in their closed league packets. G&D will start meeting again after the start of the spring season and will continue to meet every other Wednesday.
- b) **2<sup>nd</sup> VP Doug Lynch** reported that the Competitive Commission met in January, 2010. They reviewed the list of players requesting releases. Those that had applied were approved with the stipulation that the release was not final until any and all fees were paid. A number of the released players decided to continue playing for the same team. Leagues were established for the Spring 2010 season. Next meeting will be in March, 2010.

- c) **3<sup>rd</sup> VP Robert Allen** reported that the GCSA Scholarship Tournament will be held May 15-16 in Owasso. Application will open the first week of March. He is hoping to exceed the 132 team turnout of the 2009 tournament. 3 clubs sent in proposals to host this year. The Executive Board voted to send the tournament back to Owasso this year. GCSA will solicit proposals to host the tournament again in 2011.
- d) **Secretary/Treasurer Mark Usrey** provided financial statements for review and answered questions.
- e) **President Keith Ash** reported that this is a busy time for GCSA as leagues and schedules are being established. Spring has kept mostly to the established timelines and all open league schedules were posted. The Executive Board has negotiated a new office lease agreement with OSA to reduce our office expenses by about 20%. They have been negotiating with the property manager for some improvements to the building as a result of the lease renewal.

#### V. Committee Reports

- a) Appeals: no report
- b) Scholarship: no report
- c) Scheduling: George Raleigh reported that all schedules are released. There were a few minor issues with some teams being double-leagued. There are a few Rec/Rec+ issues causing some rework in a few leagues. When these reworks happen, he is making every attempt to keep the league intact as much as possible, but that it is not possible every time. Almost ½ of the competitive league games resulted in no-play conflicts. This resulted in a lot of Saturday/Sunday pairings. There were some promotions and relegations between Rec and Rec+. There was a suggestion from the floor to notify club registrars for promotions to Rec+ so that they can be looking for those games to schedule. He reported that the committee worked very hard to establish a level playing field. He has distributed a list of games to Kathy to send to the League Commissioners for games that are not to be counted towards standings.

#### VI. New Business

- a) **Keith Ash** turned the floor over to **Jeanette Rooks** in order to conduct election of the President. Jeanette opened the floor to nominations to run against Keith Ash, who indicated that he wished to continue as President. No nominations received from the floor. **Broken Arrow** moved to cease nominations. **Miami** seconded the motion. **Motion approved.** Keith Ash was elected President for the next year by acclamation. Jeanette returned the floor back to the newly elected President.
- b) **Keith Ash** opened the floor for nominations to the Secretary/Treasurer position. Current Secretary/Treasurer Mark Usrey indicated that he wished to continue in that position. No additional nominations received. **Washington County** moved to cease nominations. **Coweta** seconded the motion. **Motion approved.** Mark Usrey was elected Secretary/Treasurer for the next year by acclamation.

- c) A general discussion was held regarding the state of soccer in the country and what can be done about the declining number of participants. Robert Allen presented some analysis showing a downward trend in registration. Several clubs reports conflicts with baseball and other spring sports. It was also generally felt that the academy registrations were hurting our overall registration numbers. Some clubs shared how they are currently advertising to get new players (signs, new releases, school flyers, etc). Lot of discussion regarding advertising. There was discussion of transitions between boards and the continuity that may be lost when that occurs.

Robert proposed that a committee be established to look into the issue and prepare some recommendations to be shared with the membership. The following clubs volunteered to serve: Claremore, Coweta, Sand Springs, Broken Arrow, and Tulsa United.

- d) A change to the Standing Resolutions and Bylaws related to competitive league play were presented by Doug Lynch of the Competitive Commission dealing the player registration. Changes in the verbiage of Item A.iii.f to remove “in their Home Club” and add the constraint that a player release from competitive play to participate in recreational soccer may not return to competitive soccer for the remainder of the year unless it is for their original team. **Broken Arrow** moved to accept the changes, **Union** seconded. **Motion approved.**
- e) A change to the Standing Resolutions and Bylaws related to the Competitive Commission to eliminate the positions of Scheduler and Registrar since these are handled online now (paragraph C.1). **Owasso** moved to accept the changes, **Claremore** seconded. **Motion approved.**
- f) A change to the Standing Resolutions and Bylaws related to the Competitive Commission to change their required meetings from 6 times per year to 4 times per year (paragraph D.1). **Washington County** moved to accept the changed, **Union** seconded. **Motion approved.**
- g) A change to the Standing Resolutions and Bylaws related to competitive league play dealing with player equipment. Paragraph D.1.d.i provides that home teams wear their “light” colored jerseys and away teams wear their “dark” jerseys. Additionally, socks shall be different for each team and socks shall match the jersey colors. **Claremore** moved to accept the changes, **Collinsville** seconded. **Motion approved.**
- h) There was general discussion from the membership on how to get clubs that are not attending present.

## **VII. Adjournment**

**Keith Ash** adjourned the meeting at **8:13pm**.

Minutes submitted by: Mark Usrey