

Southeast Ontario Soccer Association

Board Meeting

**Wednesday September 10th, 2014
Minutes**

Present: Mark Ethier, Steve Jaeger, Wayne Buller, John Nador, Shelley Desarmia, Bob Machin, Chelsea Reynolds, Ryan Gardner, Rob Costa

Staff Present: Joanie Sagriff, Jim Cannovan, Marguerite Heer

Regrets: Dave McGilvray

1. Introduction
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve agenda: Rob; 2nd: Shelley. Motion carried.
3. Approval May 1, 2014 - Board Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve minutes of May 1 made by Bob; 2nd: John. Motion carried.
4. ERSL 2015 update – Dave McGilvray
 - a) Removal of L4
 - b) Two spots secured
 - c) Technical direction to populate teams

There has been a lot of discussion between SOSA and EODSA about how to select teams to populate L3 divisions going forward. Have been talking for 18 months about how best to do this, so that a competitive league is reached. Now emails from OSA seem to be different what SOSA and EODSA agreed on, so there is concern.

The OSA email originally suggested that promotion would be based on standings, been changed to say that promotion COULD be based on standings. And there is some concern about the number of teams in a league. The limit had been proposed to deal with Central having 24 teams, which is too many to be manageable.

We need to put in a request for variance to OSA to allow 10 teams in 1 conference. John will find out what the procedures are to put this in motion.

5. President's meeting – Mark Ethier
 - a) Agenda of SOSA board meetings to go out to Clubs prior to meeting
i)to promote input/questions on Agenda items from Clubs

b) Request for a pamphlet outlining the SOSA Academy

i) has been made up and distributed to clubs/coaches and former participants

c) Follow up meeting with Competitive Clubs to go over Leagues/structures, etc

6. Competitive Clubs Presidents meeting – Mark Ethier

a) For 2015 season things will remain status quo

i) U14 will be supported by TD and committee/coaches/clubs

ii) Review the L4 and L3 team to see who will populate the L3 spots at the U15-U18 divisions

Our teams this past summer acquitted themselves well enough to keep EODSA happy. Will have to decide which teams in each age group could take the two spots available next year.

Lots of discussion about how best to choose teams, tryout timing, clubs working together to encourage best players to tryout out L3 teams.

OSA has a proposed rule about adjacent District Associations working together for Regional leagues.

b) For 2016 – committee set up to look at policy outlining how the teams for L3 will be selected, including Technical staff and its members along with club and coach input. This committee will include Chelsea Reynolds, Mark Ethier and members from the competitive Clubs

c) For 2016 – committee set up to look at possibility of establishing a club to run the L3 team spots.

This committee will include Shelley Desarmia, Steve Jaeger, Mark Ethier, and members from the competitive Clubs

7. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

a) Motion to accept this committee

b) Request to have policy/criteria written up on who/how/what is selected for committee. Need to formalize process. A committee that will include Mark, Rob Costa, and other members of Clubs will be formed to look at this.

8. District Administrator's Report – Joanie Sagriff

a) End of season invoices sent out – there is a discrepancy of 438 players, working with OSA to figure out what has happened and resolve difference

b) Setting up an end of season SOSA League meeting

c) AGM date – November 30, 2014

- d) Going to have a President's meeting for just 4 adult Clubs
- e) Limestone City Football Club is back in District, is running a mixed gender adult league

9. DRC Report – Marguerite Heer (report circulated)

10. Treasurer Report – Wayne Buller - financials circulated. All is looking up, Napanee is making progress on paying off arrears, is going well.

11. Academy update – Jim Cannovan. Starting to make contact with families for upcoming session. Have been working on costs, times, etc. Still working on staffing, logistics, etc. Want to work with Clubs so that all kids have somewhere to train, if they want to, over the off season.

12. New Business (items a-d from Pegasus)

- a) SOSA Academy should be more concerned with the development of coaches and referees and less concerned with the development of players.
We do have coaches developing through attending the Academy and all coaches are welcome.
 - i) Development of players is a Club responsibility – yes, is up to Clubs, but District has a responsibility to all members
- b) SOSA must start monthly developmental clinics for coaches and referees
We are already running sessions for coaches, and there are sessions through the winter for referees as well.
- c) SOSA board vacancies must be communicated to all the Clubs
Already send to Clubs in specific geographic areas
- d) Committees must be chaired by a member selected by the committee members and the chair cannot be on the SOSA Board and staff
Discussed, and agree to the first part of this, but not the second part. The chair should be selected by committee members.
- e) Bob Machin asked if we should get involved with getting tickets for Women's World Cup next year? Discussed, and was decided is too risky, we could be out a lot of money if tickets don't sell. Can promote, support, but no financial commitment.
- f) Coaching development – Jim feels that all Club head coaches/Technical Directors and Boards should be meeting to discuss how to encourage coaches to get their levels. Clubs should be asking, and requiring, that coaches get more educated, more experienced, etc.
Shelley brought up the idea that there are more players and coaches that aren't at the elite levels, so what are we offering for them? We have been trying to get out and run clinics for house league coaches, grassroots soccer.
SOSA used to run a monthly coaching session, at a high school, in the evening. Was a chance to share ideas, get to know each other, etc. Maybe we should look at running something like this again?

13. Next meeting –Thursday October 16th. Adjournment at 8:06, motion put forward by Wayne, 2nd Ryan.