

SOASA Annual General Meeting – 2-14-2010  
Centerville, Ohio

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm. In attendance were:

President	Ken Conselyea
Second VP	Dave Bavis
Third VP	Mark Conselyea
Registrar	Bob Wright
Treasurer	Gary Swords
SRA	Ken Baldeosingh
Cup Commissioner	Nina Vasiliu
Women's Representative	Sarah Wallis
OH Soccer HOF	Tom Kondas
GCASL	Ed Griffiths
CPSL	Jeff Berman
DASL	Don Frye
Guests:	
	Michael Kinder (for Sec. Brian Apwisch)
	Steve Curtis, Senior Soccer League, DASL
	Stewart Phillips, DASL
	Norb Mott, DASL
	Ted Patterson, GCASL Referee Co-ord.
	Mikael Lundqvist, DASL Referee Co-ord.
	Kevin Forbes, United Futbol Club
	Andy Baxter, United Futbol Club

Regrets received from 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Bob Berning and Secretary, Brian Apwisch

## Reports of Officers

President - Ken Conselyea: Report sent out prior to the meeting

Secretary - Ken Conselyea in lieu of B. Apwisch: **Steve Curtis motioned to approve the Minutes of 2009 AGM as previously distributed, Gary Swords, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved**

Treasurer – Gary Swords: Report sent out prior to the meeting

Registrar – Bob Wright: He expressed concern about two issues: (1) Entering players into registration system who do not ever play (2) Payment of fees must be completed on time – need to get the payments in ASAP; honor the assigned due dates.

There was discussion about how to handle players (teams) who register but don't play. It was decided that the leagues should

continue to monitor the payment of fees within the league rather than the state requiring payment before issuing a player pass.

Bob Wright said the national registration system is back in the works, not up and running but they are working on it. Our system works well compared to the national system. The Pres. said we will eventually have to take part in the national system.

## **Reports of Committees and Delegates**

St. Ref. Admin. - Ken Baldeosingh: His report was sent out prior to the meeting. He is pleased with the number of referee registrations but still need more. The state will have 25 attendees at the pro level clinic in April. Mikael Lundqvist is now a National Assessor. Chico Grajeda is the 2009 Adult Referee of the Year. He was also chosen as the Midwest Region Ref. of the Year. Brian Goodlander will be the 2010 recipient of the State Referee Lifetime Achievement Award. (It was previously called the Adult Ref of Year) Over 600 referees attended the referee day at the crew. Charlie Keaney is now in the Ohio Soccer Hall of Fame.

Cup Commissioner – Nina Vaslilu: She is just starting to go over deadlines for entering competitions to be forwarded to the teams. Once distributed to league officials, she hopes they will get this out to teams ASAP. Region Cups will be in Chicago, June 18-20 including U-20's. U-20's and U-23's will have Nat'l Finals separate from the other groups. U-20's will be on July 17-18 in NJ. U-23's will play in Kansas on July 23-25. The remaining teams will play July 30-Aug 1, near Philadelphia. The state can send emails to all Ohio south teams, need to implement this. Dave Bavis raised the question of age verification for age specific divisions of competition. His concern related primarily to tournaments. The Pres. suggested to the Cup Commissioner that we look into checking ID's or drivers licenses for tournaments.

Women's Rep.-Sarah Wallis: Building interest in woman's soccer continues to be a challenge. There is a possibility of starting a new league in Cincinnati.

OSHOFF-Tom Kondas: His report was sent out prior to the meeting. He noted that three members of the OSHOFF have passed away since their induction: Pat Smith, Nick and Giovanni Cappuro. Deadline for submitting nominations for 2010 is March 31. He encouraged everyone to make reservations to attend the induction celebration as soon as the date and time are announced.

CPSL-Jeff Berman: The league had a very competitive year on the field. Off the field has been challenging as well. The league is struggling financially. They will make a partial payment soon and the rest by March 31. Mark Conselyea, member of the CPSL Board expressed embarrassment by the situation. Ken Conselyea said the state is encouraged by the new attitude of communication and will welcome the league back when the outstanding fees are paid. He also reminded all the leagues that the deadlines for payment are Oct. and May 15<sup>th</sup>. He cautioned them against waiting until Aug to pay for Spring registrations.

DASL- Don Frye: He said all was going well. O-40 league is expanding. The Open league was down in numbers this Fall. The Pres. commended them for their timely payment of fees.

GCASL-Ed Griffiths: They did not have many teams for the Fall season. They look forward to a better Spring. The league is in good financial shape. They assured the Council they would be pleased to have a women's league join them.

MRS�-Ken Conselyea in lieu of Jabin Lakes: Everything is going well. League always pays on time.

CRSL-Ken Conselyea in lieu of Tammy Zell: Everything is going well. League always pays on time.

Ad hoc Budget and Planning Committee had no report.

## **Old Business**

**Steve Curtis motioned to approve the actions of the Executive Comm. taken during 2009. Don Frye 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved**

OSHOE - Tom Kondas noted that the Ohio College Coaches Association (Mike Tucker) has joined in discussions of the HOE. They are expected to submit nominations from their ranks in 2010. He also mentioned that only two females have been inducted. More should be nominated.

Insurance options available through the USASA have increased. There is now free D & O insurance for the leagues. Sports Accident Insurance now has increased caps option within the policy in addition to the overall higher cap option.

Fees for Multi registration. The USASA has eliminated the fee for additional registrations after the first one. This occurred after our players were registered for the 09-10 season. There will be no refunds. **Ed Griffiths motioned to continue collecting the \$10 fees for the remainder of the 09-10 seasonal year. Don Frye 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved**

## **New Business**

In line with the objectives of the USASA Soccer Summit, the SOASA has set a goal of both branding/marketing of the state association and doubling our membership to reach 4000 players by 2012. We will add to existing leagues and/or create new ones. There will be a need for an increased number of officials to work adult games. Additional fields will be required. The increase in registrations should result in either reduced fees or at least not having to raise them. It should increase the opportunities for sponsorship. We anticipate using social media to reach out to our members. We will make the SOASA web site more player friendly. We hope to put results/pictures from all of our leagues and competitions on the SOASA web site. We are developing a "bookmark" brochure to be distributed in soccer centered establishments and organizations.

The Midwest Region Tournament of Champions will be held earlier than usual in 2010. It will be July 17-18 near Cleveland. The SOASA Cup therefore must be played earlier. It is scheduled for June 12-13 in Springfield, OH at the Eagle City Soccer Complex. The Founder's Cup will be played later than normal because of the Youth Regionals being held at Ankeney in June. The Founder's Cup will be on July 10-11 at Ankeney. The CPSL scheduled to name the Founder's Cup Honoree. The GCASL is next in line if the CPSL is ineligible or unable to name a designee.

A Budget for 2010 was proposed by Ken Conselyea and Gary Swords. It is very similar to that of 2009. **Steve Curtis motioned to accept the budget as proposed, Ed Griffith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted for corrections and additions,

Brian Apwisch  
Secretary  
SOASA