

Walter B. Williams Recreation Center, Milledgeville GA

Members of board and coordinators in attendance:

Gabi B – Referee coordinator
Stepan B – Select team coach
Tim T – President
Rob S – Coaches Coordinator
Jimmy – Select Team Coach
Parents and players from U15 and U19 girls select teams
Donnie O – Vice-President

New Business:

1. Jimmy brought to the attention of the board some problems with the weekends matches. Field 5 was not painted, there were not corner flags, there were no sandbags on the field and there was only 2 ref present for the U15 match on Saturday morning. The corner flags and sandbags were in place about 15 min after kickoff.
2. Due to the two girls teams playing in separate divisions, there will be some interesting logistical issues this fall season.

Coordinator's Reports:

Referee Coordinator:

1. The referee (R9) clinic was a success. There were some Milledgeville area people who were in attendance and will work during the fall season.
2. Some rule changes passed on by Gabi, from GASoccer:
 - a. U10 will be able to use free subs, no longer required to wait until half of the half to make substitutions. Length of play rule stays the same.
 - b. U8s (this is a local rule) will play with goalies and the referees will do their best to protect the goalies.
3. To make sure the goals are secure, Gabi recommended the purchase of 35 sandbags to use as a counterweight for the goals from U6 all of the way to U19.
4. Referees will be responsible to pick up the corner flags at the building at the beginning of the evening. The first referee on the field will put them in their proper location, the last referee will be responsible to put them back in the building. The coaches are asked to please check their fields as well if they are the last ones on the field

Coaches Coordinator:

1. First issue was the schedules which were almost completed. A few date changes and tweeking and they were to be completed. Rob said they would be sent out on Monday evening. A decision was made by the board to have the U10s play first on Saturday and have the U6 play after them. This will alleviate having to get the really young children out early on a Saturday morning, especially nice when the weather turns cooler. This is needed, because three of the U10 teams are coached by people who also coach U6 teams.
2. A decision was made by the board, after a recommendation from the coaching coordinator to limit access to between the field to coaches, players, and referees. Parents need to be along the outside of the playing areas, and not behind the goals. Referees will be asked to enforce this, along with coaches.
3. The coaching coordinator introduced an idea to create an incentive program for coaches. The idea consists of rewarding coaches for becoming better coaches. Gift Cards were discussed. One idea was as follows, \$5.00 for every coaching clinic attended, \$20.00 for receiving USSF certification for coaching, \$1 for every practice held, etc. The board determined that the idea was good, and sponsorships could be sought as well to help pay for it. They asked for more time to reflect and discuss on it and bring it up at the next meeting.
4. Coaches needed to remember to bring game cards to the games. The referees will pick these up and they will be required.
5. An appeal, introduced by e-mail the previous week, was heard about moving a U8 player from one team to another. After lengthy discussion over e-mail, and in person, a decision was made by the board to move the player to a new team.

More New Business :

1. A heated discussion was had about the difficulty in getting the fields painted correctly. A vote was taken and the board decided to pay Gabi B. \$100 to paint fields 2 and 5 correctly. When the time comes to repaint the field, OCSL will pay \$50 for each subsequent time.
2. In addition, a vote was taken to pay to have the U6-U12 fields repainted Paint for a cost of \$75.
3. After discussion, a vote was taken to purchase the paint and a new sprayer if the current ones are inoperable.
4. After discussion, a vote was taken to approve a travel stipend for Select coaches. The stipend would be \$50, for coaches only, per each team, per official away match. This does not include friendlies and tournaments. To receive the stipend, coaches must bring a copy of the GASoccer schedule with results to a board meeting after the season. After verification of the number of away matches, the stipend will be given.

5. After discussion, a vote was taken to approve James McCue as the photographer for the OCSL fall season. Dates and times will be finalized. Concern over trying to put too many teams on one evening was discussed. Possible solutions would be for James to come at the beginning of matches and take pictures just before the match begins for the team picture, then after the matches for individual pictures.
6. Stepan will design a storage cage to be placed in the building. This will be used to keep the OCSL material separate from other items in the building.
7. After discussion, a vote was taken to approve Tim Taylor to solicit 3 bids for fertilizer and pre-emergent for the fields. Tim Taylor also was approved to approve the best bid and move forward with the process.
8. Rob Sherwood proposed to the board that the Georgia Military College Middle School soccer teams would like to use the complex the weekend on 2 and 3 March for a 16 team middle school tournament. After discussion, a vote was taken to approve this. A concern was raised about select team matches on the 3rd of March. An agreement was made that it is possible to work around this. Tim Taylor will now take this proposal before the Rec Department.

Meeting adjourned.