

Over the Hill – April 1, 2007

Introductions

Rob Sorensen – President
Heidi Barr - Secretary
Angie Myres – Red Star
Joe Roth – United FC
Richard Mull – Ames
Dan Paulson - Soccerwest
Josh Konkel – Mojos
Mike Whittie – Celtics A&B
Larry Williams – Northwest

Mike Watne – Johnston
Jason Morton – Carlisle Pride
Sergio Correa – Latin Rhythms
Jason Pritchard – TST United
Dina Dulaney – Pulse
Angela Campbell – Committee
Lindsey Aikin – Clockwork Orange

Harold Kahler – Iowa Soccer Association

1. Handles the registration of the children and adults. Adult soccer seems to be a focus for growth, especially Hispanic leagues.
2. Why adult leagues affiliate with the association?
 - 1 Insurance
 - 2 Excess medical insurance
 - 3 Utilization of certified referees
3. \$22 = \$16 goes out the door to pay expenses + \$6 to used to help develop soccer in Iowa
4. Active.com – online registration
5. Moving in the fall 2007 – Credit card pass – ISA has the software (League One), we provide the picture (hard copy or email)

Currently, OTH is unable to provide ISA the registration information from Active.com. What will this do to the OTH season?

- OTH league, referees and ISA will need to agree on how to handle delays with the player passes. ISA will allow us to start the league without them, but we'll need to put procedures in place. ISA states that ID cards and rosters will be required to play.

If a player registers late, he will need the Active.com registration, picture id and notification from Rob

What is the turnaround time for a lost player card? Should be less than 1 week. Can be sent by mail or picked up.

Fall 2006 Player cards are still usable for Spring 2007 season.

Treasurer Report

Estimated Current Balance	\$ 3500
Expenses	
Field Costs	
Altoona 5 weekend games at 11 games per day x \$35	\$ 1925
Cownie 2 weekend games x 11 games per day x \$60	\$ 1320
Cownie 1 weeknight games x 11 weeks x \$90	\$ 990
Estimated Tournament Cost at Cownie	\$500
Referee Costs	
88 games x \$80/game	\$ 7040
Tournament Costs	\$ 600
Ref Administrator – Mike DeLeon	\$ 500
Miscellaneous	

Season Tournament Payout \$125 x 2 divisions	\$ 250
OTH Meeting Costs	\$100
Postage/Costs	\$25
Software/Bank Charges	\$100
Player ID Card Laminating Charges	\$100
Insurance due ISA	\$1650
Total Expected Expenses	\$15100

Revenue

Registration	
440 net paid players x \$35 league fee x .935 service fee	
- \$440 (Active.com \$1 charge/player)	\$13959
75 players x \$22 insurance fee x .935 service fee	\$1542
Total Expected Revenue	\$15501
Estimated Ending Balance \$3500 - \$15100 + \$15501	\$ 3906

Active.com

Dan Mullins doesn't have administration rights yet. Dan and David are working together on the transition
 Expect to work on the data transfer mechanisms of Active.com data.
 Team rosters will be posted to the OTH website.

Division of Teams -22 teams

Discussion

- 1 division A – 8 division B – 8 division C
 - Cross division games – some misconceptions about the level of play. Depending on who shows, games can be very competitive across divisions.
- 2 8 divisions A – 8 division B – 6 division C
 - Lower division would be comfortable with 6 teams.
 - Latin Rhythms and Pulse would be comfortable going up. New teams will have input where they go. The upper 2 teams and lower 2 teams will also have some input into the relegation process.

Decided to go with option 2

Division A	Division B	Division C
Red Star	United FC	Clockwork Orange
Johnston	Metros	Ames
Recipe	SoccerWest	Carlisle Pride
Latin Rhythms	Committee	Northwest
Pulse	Midnight Mojo	Celtics Reserves
Celtic A	Honduras Veterans	Strikers
Rebels	Barcelona	
TST	Invictus	

Schedule

May 19 – Altoona is not available after 3 pm. Games will be scheduled at 9, 11, and 1. Let Rob know by 4/3 if you have problems with this scheduling.

Old Rules

Appeals Process

If a player has been suspended by the OTH league for more than one game, then he/she may request a special appeals group hearing by contacting the commissioner at any time after the original suspension. This group hearing will consist of five team reps that are not from the suspended player's own division, if possible, and not from the original disciplinary committee group involved in the player's suspension. This appeals group will review the details surrounding the incident which led to the suspension including, but not limited to, referee reports, team rep emails, and written correspondence from the involved parties.

A simple majority vote will be required to overturn a suspension. The result of the appeal will be sent to all team reps + ISA via email immediately following the hearing. In order to prevent abuse of the appeals process, there will be a limit of one appeal per player/team suspension.

Motion to include wording but eliminate the fee - Motion passes unanimously

Team Switch

If a player wishes to change team after already having signed up via online registration, then these are the procedures which will need to take place:

- A) Player contacts commissioner (preferable by email) with an indication of intent to change teams.
- B) Commissioner will contact both team reps by email or phone to advise them of the player's intent to change teams;
- C) Commissioner will advise both the individual handling online team rosters for the league and ISA by email of the needed team affiliation change.

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Substitutions

Substitutions can be made at the following times with the consent of the referee:

- At any quarter break
- After any goal is scored
- On any goal kick
- On your teams throw-in or corner kick
- On your opponents throw-in or corner kick ONLY if your opponent has requested a substitution
- After an injury both teams may sub equally
- Upon receipt of a yellow card, the player MUST be substituted

Players should be ready to enter the field of play at the time the substitution is requested. This is especially true when subbing on an opponent's opportunity. Substitutions should be made as quickly as possible to allow the game to resume.

Suggested Rule Changes

1. Two women players on the field or the team plays short for each woman it is short.
Rationale: The league has tried 3 women for several seasons, and there does not seem to be enough women to supply teams with 3 field players and substitutes consistently. Most teams have twice as many men on their roster as they field. This allows for absences and injuries and still enough men to play each week.

Motion – Change the league to 2 women. Motion denied (5 for, 11 against)

- Women shall be 18 years of age on or before the first day of the season. Rationale: Women would most likely be out of high school and more physically mature. High school students cannot play in the spring during interscholastic season.

**Motion to raise the age limit of the female players to 18 for the fall season.
Motion denied (7 for, 9 against)**

- When both teams have less than 3 women at game time, they may play more men based on the number of women available. The team with the most women will play with 11 players and the other team will play 1 player short for each woman less than the first team. If team A has 2 women and team B has 1, A will play 11 and B will play 10. If both teams have an equal number less than 3, than both teams will play 11. See chart:

Number of Players Allowed (A, B)

9,11	10,11	11,11
10,11	11,11	11,10
11,11	11,10	11,9

If the number of women changes after the start of the game, late arrival or early departure, adjustments will be made at quarter breaks or other long stoppages of play such as injuries or weather.

Rationale:

When two team's women cannot attend a game, it is no fault of the other players, and they should have the opportunity to play as much as possible. That is why they join the league and play their fees.

This has been an unwritten practice under the same rule at 2 women for over 20 years, and was always done with the rule in mind. That is why the maximum number of women available was always on the field. This puts it in writing.

Motion than if both teams have less than 3 women, the team representatives can decide to play with additional men. The number of men allowed will be based on the team with more women. If both teams have 2 women, each team is allowed 1 additional man. If Team A has 2 women and Team B has 1 women, each team is allowed 1 additional man. Team B will play one player short.

Motion is passed (9 for, 6 against, 1 abstain)

- Team players want this rule each time the situation arises on the field. Team representatives should consider this.
 - Explore an Over Forty Division for possible implementation in the fall of 2007.
 - Rationale: Many Over-The-Hill that are getting older than forty would like to continue playing with players of similar age and intensity and some Hispanic players. Everyone who is presently playing will get to this point someday. It is another dimension the league can offer.

Next Meeting

- Consideration for changing the name of the league. One suggestion would be Des Moines Adult Coed Soccer League.