

Theho United Futbol  
Board Meeting September 17, 2006

Those in attendance were: Jim Bixby, Gordon Williamson, Jessica Carl, Karen Gallaway, Tim Kay, Trina (John Dryers team), Kent McCarty and Debbie Whitaker

Gordon made a motion to accept the Minutes from the July 16 and July 30 meetings. Bill seconded the motion. *Motion passed*

**Fields:** The turf field at Alder Creek will be opening soon. October 2<sup>nd</sup> is a proposed date for a reopening ceremony by North Clackamas Parks and Recreation. Information will be sent out when we know more.

Efforts are being made to address safety issues at Alder Creek upper field. Sod is dieing, we'll try another covering for the metal plates. Teams need to remember their own corner flags for the upper Alder Creek field. Gordon is willing to loan corner flags out if teams still need them.

North Clackamas Soccer wants to make sure that it is understood by the Thelo board that they would only pass on the fees that were incurred from the use of their fields by Thelo, they are not trying to make a profit.

Tim also articulated on behalf of North Clackamas soccer that it is their understanding that Thelo United has permission to use the upper field at Alder Creek by the Tennis courts, and only NC has the Turf field. NC may be willing to share the Turf field with Thelo, but do not know what that would look like. NC would like to offer the turf field to their teams as a practice field on week nights and Sunday. Discussion followed: Field issues have got to be resolved within all the clubs. It does not appear that we are all working together, at times we seem to be working against each other. We need to meet with all the local recreational clubs to discuss fields, and field availability before Spring league starts. We don't want to be competing entities. Lot Whitcomb East will be finished this Spring. Milwaukie Covenant is an option but it is not any better than the fields we have currently for practicing. Maybe even worse.

We need to define what are club responsibilities and what are coaches responsibilities regarding fields. This is a volunteer ran organization and we all need to help out wherever needed with fields. Coaches need to communicate regarding field conditions as soon as they see something that needs to be addressed. It takes time to coordinate getting out to a field to deal with issues. Porta potty keys for Alder Creek were handed out to the teams that were represented at the meeting. Bill will communicate with managers to lock potties when leaving the field. If the potty is **not locked** and it is vandalized the club (team?) will be charged for clean up or even replacement.

**Equipment:** There was a Thelo youth medium jacket #22 found on the field. If you have a player missing it contact Gordon. Tursi is paid and equipment has been picked up. Equipment mix-ups, availability, and delays are not all Tursi fault. Nike seemed to drop the ball on more than issue. We need to draft a letter to Nike from the Thelo board to send via Tursi. E-mail Jessica your concerns so they can be included in the letter.

Debbie asked for permission to donate the old MGU uniforms. The board said yes.

It would be a good idea for the Thelo to send a thank you to Gladstone Athletic director. Also a letter needs to be drafted to send to OYSA regarding the lack of referees at classic games. We would request 3 referees at all games.

Jim had a sample of the headgear that we can get at a substantial savings, \$28.

**Communications:** Teams will need to schedule their own picture times. Jessica and Kent will get Jim some names of local sports photographers for teams to call. Jim will send out e-mails to teams as well as post this information on our web site as soon as he has the information. Teams and parents are looking for team spirit apparel. Jim will send bid information to all companies interested in providing this service. We will need bids right away so get Jim names ASAP.

Possible club fundraiser U of P night regular \$8 tickets we could sell for \$6. Our club would keep \$3 of each ticket sold. Gordon will call for availability, and Jim will find out if teams are interested.

Jim continues to work with the website. Teams now have their own pages which can hold team specific information and photos. Jim will send this information to managers.

**End of season tournament:** Team managers should have received end of the season tournament information. Teams need to get them filled out and request a check for their team early.

**Player funds:** There was much discussion regarding refunding player funds if players over fundraised. What has been communicated already and how do we deal with it? Is this something we can legally do? How would we account for this? We need to have a written policy for this. It is recommended to have an executive meeting to draft a policy for player funds.

Tim made a motion that the Thelo Executive board meet before our next meeting to draft a policy for player monies. Kent seconded

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