

# **WCSOA membership meeting**

## **Minutes of meeting held Oct. 10, 2019**

**Location:** Tyrrell Middle School, Wolcott

**Meeting:** Final regular season meeting for 2019 season

**Time:** Meeting called to order by president Jim Matranga at 7:07 p.m.

Jim opened with some general remarks and welcome to all in attendance.

## **Secretary report**

**MOTION** to approve minutes from 9-10-19 meeting as posted on web site. Rufus de Rham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Marcoux. PASSES

## **Treasurer's report**

Presented by Gary Duquette.

**MOTION** to approve report as presented ... Gregg Hunt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Maloney.

PASSES

## **Old business**

1. Joe DelBuono says that our annual banquet will once again be held at the Aria in Prospect since we will be able to get the room for same price as last year. It is scheduled for Nov. 25.

2. Sportsmanship voting will begin by the end of the month.

## **Better officiating**

1. Ian Mangione announces that 3-man training will be held in the spring, likely sometime in May, for members who want to learn more about this system going forward.

2. Joe D. says that for next year he wants to get a list of members who are certified on 3-man officiating system.

**Question on 3-man system:** Angelo Napolitano asks if the referee (man in middle) gets paid more than the Ars. Joe explains how he has protested this at the CIAC level (prep schools do pay center ref more), to no avail so far. He will continue to pursue it.

**Bourdeau scholarship:** Art Hamm again announces this program and explains that any member interested should contact him.

## **Rules interpretation**

1. Nets: we should continue to check the nets before the game and immediately before the kickoff when teams are huddling.

2. Should always keep eye on what is happening on the field, for example not taking time to write down who scored goals.

3. On corner kicks lead official needs to be on angle watching players in front of net, especially when the kick is being taken from that side of the field.

4. When a goal is scored do not allow the player who scored to go get the ball out of the net.

5. There is no need to count down the final 10 seconds of the game.

6. Important issue: Recording of cards, both officials and both coaches should be aware of not only who got card but for what reason.

7. Game management: Art says that 60-70% of our job involves this. Our job requires focus and concentration for the entire 80 minutes. Our principles are to a. protect players; b. control the match; c. don't take any abuse for doing the first two things on this list.

Jim Matranga emphasizes Art's remarks and amplifies the importance of these issues.

## **Commissioner's report**

1. Several schools using Arbiter Pay ... all Bristol schools, Brookfield, Gunnery, Joel Barlow, Kent, Naugatuck, Pomperaug, Newtown, Oxford, Plainville, Shepaug, South Kent, Southington, Taft, Ridgefield, Bethel, Wooster, Woodland, Westover

2. Do not use cell phones at any time once you report to the field, including during halftime.

3. Joe suggests it is open for debate whether we service middle school games in the future.

4. Torrington-Derby incident from Sept. 25

Joe speaks about the incident to the membership. Explains the incident and that we have found many inaccuracies in the reports about the incident. Often the biggest issue is calls that were not made, rather than too many calls being made.

Art explains our procedure if there is a fight (we do not get physically involved).

Joe says we don't get involved but we must find way to control the fight if there is one.

Things that happen behind the play are real important to keep an eye on during games.

Joe says that the EX Board is still dealing with the issue and talking with the schools. The Torrington player who was the victim has apparently followed through with the police.

This was a serious issue.

In a case like this, everyone involved should get a red card and let the schools straighten it out after the fact if necessary.

Finally, Joe reminds all members that both are actions and inactions have consequences.

Joe also says that he is concerned that some of our members are talking incorrectly about various incidents (including this one) when at games, and not supporting our members.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.**