

WCSOA membership meeting

Minutes of meeting held Oct. 17, 2018

Location: Holy Cross High School

Meeting: 3rd regular season meeting for 2018 season

Time: Meeting called to order by president Gary Watts shortly after 7 p.m.

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

SECRETARY REPORT

MOTION: Al Schoenbach motion to accept minutes from Sept. 18, 2018; Dave Ricci second. PASSES.

- Lee Lewis speaks about importance of correctly reporting red cards, especially late in season when games might be daily and the stakes are higher.
- Lee also says that our sportsmanship voting will begin shortly.
- Gary Watts adds that a good idea is to record the number on the red card report as submitted to CIAC and then enter this into Arbiter game report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Juan Rumino reports the following balances as of the meeting date:

Checking: \$11,442.90

Savings: \$9,628.37

Total: \$21,071.27

1. Dues for 2019 are \$109 and may be paid to Juan up until banquet with no late fees.
2. Luciano Governale raises question about the WCSOA dues. He says he knows that other state soccer boards have annual dues that are a varsity game fee. He asks Juan why our dues are so high. During this discussion, Andy Savo speaks directly to Luciano at back of room (couldn't hear what was said from front).

After some discussion among members, Andy suggests that the EX Board review our dues structure and compare it to other state boards. Luciano agrees with this idea and that is how issue is left.

MOTION: Al Schoenbach motion to accept treasurer's report as presented; Paul Block second. PASSES.

Uniforms

1. Gary reports that he has gotten complaints from people about our appearance at games. He stresses that it is a priority that our officials dress alike during any match. As has been pointed out at previous 2018 meetings, the jerseys don't have to be a certain color as long as they are alike.

He also says that he has received reports of officials wearing pink socks, for example, that don't match our dress code. These socks are worn by teams for breast cancer awareness. After some heated discussion, Art Hamm interjects and says that if an official wants to support that cause with pink socks, he should make sure he has two pairs so his partner can also wear them. Art's point is that the overall issue here is to have officials match on the field (jerseys and socks).

Rosters

1. As is stated in the rule book, officials must get rosters from each team before a match. Gary stresses that it is important to get the names of every person on the bench on the roster (coach, assistant coaches, etc.).

Trainer

1. Art reminds that when a player is injured and the official calls medical help onto the field, if there is a trainer present he or she is the only person allowed on the field. Not the trainer AND coach, just the trainer (or coach if no trainer present). Exception to this is for an obvious serious injury in which anyone can enter field (coach, trainer, parents).

State tournament

1. Gary reminds that these games generally begin at 2 p.m. so officials need to make sure their Arbiter pages are up to date with availability if they hope to get any state tourney assignments.

Late starts/late payments

1. Gary notes that as daylight gets more sparse schools are trying to start earlier so be aware of unusual kickoff times.
2. If you have not received payment for games in August or early Sept., you should contact school and inquire.

Rules interpretation

WCSOA rules interpreter Art Hamm made his presentation.

1. Main portion of Art's early presentation on officials being an "Afterthought" to the games. He talks about many parts of the officiating process that we could handle better, and other parts of how we are treated with either no respect or no thought at all.
2. Art accompanies his presentation with several boxes of candy that are passed around the room. The candy is appreciated by the members.
3. On the field, Art stresses that it is very important for each official to clearly indicate whether a free kick following a foul is direct or indirect.
4. He says that it is always preferable to control bench personnel early in a match to set the proper tone for the game.
5. Art reminds that our official warmup jacket is the black jacket with 3 white stripes. This is the jacket that all officials should wear when entering the field at late season games.
6. Art reviews timing procedures for a game with these high points:
 - a. Official time is always on an available electronic scoreboard
 - b. We do not add on 'stoppage time'.
 - c. If no timer present, official on bench side of field has official clock.
 - d. Electronic clock is never turned off unless there is an issue with it working properly.
7. Art reviews state tournament procedures for any officials who might have games. These rules are also on the CIAC web site and should be reviewed before any tourney game (also not bad idea to print and bring with you). High points:
 - a. Higher seeded team calls EVEFY coin toss.

- b. OT is 2-10 minute periods played to conclusion, following by PKs. That is set of 5, followed by another set of 5 if still tied. Players taking PKs do not have to be on field at end of game, anyone on roster eligible.
- c. Good suggestion to find a site director BEFORE the game starts.

Sportsmanship

1. Gary spends a little time talking about sportsmanship and how it is not a good idea in general to interact with fans at a game. He then calls on Tony Addona to speak for a little on this topic.
2. Tony talks about managing game sites and how to not be afraid to use cards to control a match. He also adds that he thinks that the 16-card limit currently used by the CIAC is a bad idea in that it limits the amount of cards that are often given during a match. He thinks that the CIAC should abolish this rule.

Jackets

1. Gary points out that he thinks the board should purchase warmup jackets with our WCSOA logo on them and points out the jacket that Tony Addona is wearing as an example. Gary says that such jackets could be purchased for \$35 per from the manufacturer. There is brief discussion on this before ...

MOTION: Luciana Governale moves that “the board purchase jackets with the WCSOA logo on them for all members who have been on the board for at least five years.” Second by Al Schoenbach.

This leads to plenty of discussion including (but not limited to):

- a. Question whether Commissioner DelBuono (not present at meeting) is aware of this idea. Answer from Gary is “yes”
- b. Andy Savo suggests that probationary members could get jackets at their own cost and then be reimbursed if they were promoted to regular member after two years of probationary status.

- c. Idea to limit to five-year members (in original motion) was to reward officials for staying on board.
- d. Question on our finances by David Lawlor. He asks whether our current dues structure is sufficient to handle an expense such as this. Will purchase of these jackets for all members as stated above hurt our financial balances. There is no real answer to his question, so Lawlor urges patience with this idea.

There is more discussion in unorganized fashion about this with Gary at one point agreeing to postpone any action on the jacket issue at this meeting.

Lawlor points out that a pending (and seconded) motion is still active and that he thinks it should be voted on. At this stage, Andy Savo reworks his suggestion on probationary members and asks Luciano if it is agreeable to him to have an amended motion. Luciano agrees.

A vote is called on following:

“WCSOA will purchase black warmup jackets with our logo on them for all members who have passed probationary status. For any members currently in probationary status, they have option to purchase same jackets and will be reimbursed once they pass through probation.”

Motion passes on show of hands by wide margin (not unanimous).

Nominations

1. Gary Watts introduces Andy Mozelak, chairman of the Nominating Committee to present the slate of officers that group endorses for election for terms to start at conclusion of the 2018 season.

The nominations as presented by Mozelak:

President: Jim Matranga

1st vice president: John Murphy

2nd vice president: Brad Fidler

Treasurer: Gary Duquette

Secretary: Lee Lewis

Commissioner: Joe DelBuono

Rules interpreter: Art Hamm

2. During discussion on the presented officers, Juan Rumino asks Andy about his name not being included on the list for treasurer. At this point there is commenting from several directions with no order. It is asked whether candidates may be nominated from the floor, which Andys confirms is possible.
3. Two nominations are offered at this stage:

Treasurer: Juan Rumino

Rules interpreter: Phil Monteleone

4. There is then question about whether current president whose term expires at end of season can run for election again. There is no clear answer to this, but Tony Addona does nominate the following:

President: Gary Watts

To recap the nominations:

	Nominating comm.	Floor
<u>President</u>	<u>Jim Matranga</u>	<u>Gary Watts</u>
<u>1st vice president</u>	<u>John Murphy</u>	
<u>2nd vice president</u>	<u>Brad Fidler</u>	
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Gary Duquette</u>	<u>Juan Rumino</u>
<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Lee Lewis</u>	
<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Joe DelBuono</u>	
<u>Rules interpreter</u>	<u>Art Hamm</u>	<u>Phil Monteleone</u>

At this point the meeting dissolves and a motion to adjourn is heard.

Meeting ended at 8:30 p.m. as room quickly emptied.

2018 remaining meeting dates

Banquet: Nov. 19, Aria in Prospect