

WCSOA membership meeting

Minutes of meeting held Sept. 18, 2017

Location: Holy Cross High School

Meeting: Second meeting for 2017 season

Time: Meeting called to order by president Gary Watts at 7:10 p.m.

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

Special presentation

1. Meeting began with presentation by Lou Levine, who had journeyed 125 miles to speak to the WCSOA representing "Officials vs. Cancer".

Lou said his group had raised \$350,000 to help with cancer research and that he personally donates his game fees to the cause. Lou was wearing his game socks having come directly to Holy Cross from the sidelines of his game that day.

Lou said he had visited with all CT soccer boards with similar presentation. He gives interested officials a pink whistle for a set donation. He moved about room after he finished receiving strong support from WCSOA members.

MOTION: By Gary Watts to have WCSOA donate \$1,000 out of the treasury to purchase pink whistles for the members. Motion seconded.

Discussion: Joe DelBuono spoke against motion saying treasury not as bulging as it might seem.

Andy Savo said he thought it was a great idea but should be an individual decision.

Jaimi-Lyn Schieb though perhaps a smaller total donation would be better.

At end of discussion, decision made to let individuals purchase if desired. No vote taken on motion that was withdrawn.

Secretary report

MOTION: To accept minutes from interpretation meeting as posted. (Al Schoenbach); 2nd by Dave Ricci. **PASSES**

Old business

1. Make sure commissioner's fee (first half) is paid to Joe DelBuono.
2. Ref 1 as listed in Arbiter should be communicating with his partner night before game. his new system has been met with mixed results.

Commissioner's report

1. On reporting cards, ALL yellows for any level of a HS match must be reported online to CIAC.
2. Ref 1 as listed in Arbiter should complete game report immediately after game. If nothing unusual happens, just the final score. This information can be used if disputes arise.
3. Schedule constantly changing, even without major weather issues, so stay up to date with Arbiter.
4. Dues for 2018 are \$108 and must be paid in November, 2017.
5. Appeal to veteran officials to work more closely with all probationary members, helping them improve.
6. Joe explains there are 800 or so varsity matches and 1,500 sub-varsity matches that must be served, hence veteran officials handling the latter more often.
7. On complaints by schools: Joe says one of the biggest issues this year is our officials just not making calls.
8. Goals MUST be secured before the match may begin.

President's report

1. Be consistent with application of all rules as it helps the next official to work at that school or with that team.
2. Rosters: Must have for any high school match (CIAC or prep). Not required for middle school games.

Interpreter's report

1. Art reviews procedures for different PK scenarios. Since this is such a critical call in a game, Art advised being strong with that call and leaving no doubt about what you have called and why.

2. Art again said that we should not be worried about writing down goal scorers, etc., after a score since that is often when bad things happen.

3. Usual meeting debate on socks.

4. Clock starts when ball is put into play, not when whistle blows.

5. Art reviews offside rule on Page 43 of rule book, concerning whether ball was "deflected" off defender or was "deliberately" played.

6. Lightning policy, which is posted on our web site, is reviewed with help from Joe DelBuono.

Joe adds that the same policy of waiting no more than an hour exists for late bus arrival. However, if school has been advised that bus is delayed officials must wait for team to show up.

7. Art reminds that it is important to know which players in a game have received yellow cards since a subsequent caution means ejection.

8. On page 89 of rule book is a useful chart on when (and who) to blow whistle on restarts.

At this point a lull in meeting at which we probably lost some members out back door.

Joe fills some of time answering random questions from floor and discussing state budget woes.

Better officiating

1. Jaimi-Lyn begins her presentation.

2. She stresses consistency and sportsmanship.

3. There can be situations when waiting for a second or two before making call is appropriate in determining correct call (or non-call).

4. She goes over dangerous play; free kick mechanics; and 10-yards from free kick rule.

Comments:

Andy Savo: "As long as you are terrible in both directions, the teams will adapt."

Jaimi-Lyn: "Best thing about coming to these meetins is there is no line for the women's room."

Her presentation met with applause.

Treasurer's report

1. Balances as of Sept. 18:

checking \$5,103.75

savings: \$8,820.57

total: \$13,824.32

MOTION: To accept treasurer's report. (Al Schoenbach); 2nd Andy Mozelak. Motion passed.

By-Laws

1. Some minor changes must be voted on at Oct. 3 meeting. The exact wording will be emailed to members and posted on the WCSOA web site.

2017 meeting dates

General membership:

Tues., Oct. 3 at Holy Cross, 7 p.m.

(probationary members meet at 6:15 p.m.)

Banquet: Nov. 21

Meeting ended at 9:07 p.m. as room quickly emptied.