

WCSOA membership meeting

Minutes of meeting held Sept. 4, 2019

Location: Tyrrell Middle School, Wolcott

Meeting: 1st regular season meeting for 2019 season

Time: Meeting called to order by president Jim Matranga shortly after 7 p.m.

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

Secretary report

Minutes from last meeting were posted on web site.

MOTION: Andy Mozalak motion to accept minutes from Nov. 19, 2018 (banquet) meeting; Rufus de Rham second. **PASSES.**

Treasurer's report

Gary Duquette report; introduces himself and goes through the report highlights as distributed to the membership before the meeting.

Balances as of Sept. 4, 2019:

Checking: \$4,346.77

Savings: \$9,628.37

Total: \$13,071.89

MOTION: Richard Greco to accept treasurer's report as presented; Robb Banyai second. **PASSES.**

Mentors/mentees

VP John Murphy introduces the new officials who are on hand for the meeting. 12 new members for the 2019 season.

Rules interpreter Art Hamm explains the mentor/mentee program and how it has evolved.

Committees

Jim Matranga speaks about the committee assignments. Commissioner Joe DelBuono explains how these work and goes through the list, including the liaison to the executive board.

- The full list has been posted on our web site.

Better officiating

Jamie Lynn Scheib makes brief presentation:

- Arrive 30 minutes before game
- Contact partner(s) day before game
- Look professional when you arrive

Jamie reported that those were the basic topics she addressed when she met with the new officials in the meeting before the general meeting.

Rules interpretation (opening items)

WCSOA rules interpreter Art Hamm made his presentation (which started with following uniform issues).

1. **Uniforms:** Explains that Official Sports has made changes to the basic uniform. Art makes clear that the old gold grid uniform is still the uniform shirt we use predominately. If both officials have same shirt that is different that is fine. They just must be the same.
2. **Warmups:** our official warmup is the 3-stripe black warmups (adidas brand meets this requirement).
3. Joe points out that the issues about not wearing this warmup and not being allowed to do postseason games is a policy from the Executive Board.
4. Joe also says that the state board could mandate a new uniform, but this will not happen until the Jan., 2020 state meeting, so does not affect the current season.
5. Bottom line: As long as both officials at a match are wearing SAME uniform, there is no problem.

Rules interpretation

Art speaks about the rules test that is administered online. He reviews the 10 questions that people had most trouble with on the video screen, which prompts some discussion.

Art remarks on **dissent**.

- He says that there is much more from both coaches and now players than there has been in past.
- Each official has different style of dealing with this, but it should be dealt with from the pregame to avoid later (often more serious) problems.
- The way this is dealt with should be consistent from start to finish of the match.
- Art goes through several ways that dissent can be dealt with during the game, ranging from eye contact to cards.

Commissioner remarks

- Joe D. says that Arbiter is going through a transition with the way that schedules are being input by the schools and how the system deals with the changes.
- BL: several of the schools do not have JV teams ... that is causing many changes. Some of the schools want to play a shortened game following the varsity game (40 minutes). They would like a varsity official to remain and handle that for JV fee. Joe asks for any objections from members and there were none.
- Our roster size is 121 total, but that isn't a true reflection of the number of officials who are available on a daily basis.
- Joe explains the fine system for missed meetings.
- He also briefly speaks about reporting cards and the procedures to do so.
- Best practice is to arrive 30 minutes before match whenever possible.
- Varsity games NEVER played with just one official (even if both coaches agree to that before the match begins).
- Lightning policy discussion. Joe stresses that common sense must be used, even with the 1 hour limit on time that game may be delayed.

New business

- Jim M. on Bourdeau scholarship fund money. Money will be awarded to family members of the membership. Details forthcoming.
- Joe D. explains why we are meeting at Tyrrell (hint: because it is free to us to use).

2019 remaining meeting dates

Tues., Sept. 10 (mandatory interpretation meeting)

Thurs., Oct. 10

- Both of above meetings at Tyrrell Middle School starting at 7 p.m.

Banquet: Nov. 25 (location TBA)

Adjournment: at 8:34 (tidy hour and half)