

WCSOA membership meeting

Minutes of meeting held Sept. 8, 2021

Location: Tyrrell Middle School, Wolcott

Meeting: Interpretation meeting for 2021 season

Time: Meeting called to order by president John Murphy at 7:06 p.m.

John opened with some general remarks and welcome to all in attendance and then turned meeting over to rules interpreter Art Hamm for his presentation.

Rules interpretation

1. Art gave his talk reviewing rule changes from last four years as there are not many new rules this year. Among the highlights:

2017: free kick rules and the fact that the kickoff from center field can now go in any direction.

2018: uniform change as home team is in dark and visiting team in white; offside rule tweak on ball 'played' or 'deflected' off a defender; on PK goalie treated same as goal post for deflection.

2019: stop clock in last 5 minutes of game if the team in lead subs; restart with a drop ball after any temporary suspension of play (such as a dog running on field); a wall of at least 3 players, any offensive player must be at least a yard away; on indirect kick both officials in 2-man system should raise arms.

2020: jerseys don't have to be tucked in; ball hitting ref .. if happens in penalty area (which it shouldn't) drop to goalie; on drop ball opponents must be 3 yards away; on PK goalie must have at least one foot on the goal line; on goal kick as soon as ball is touched by defensive team players can enter box.

2021: religious head covering, no special approval needed at field as long as it stays on head and has a soft covering.

2. On game management, Art stresses the importance of getting to field soon as possible to deal with many issues (goals, balls, etc.) that should properly be addressed.

3. Taunting is an automatic red card.

4. The most important call to get right in any game (2 or 3-man system) is the offside call.

Art concludes his presentation, dismisses the handful of officials from other boards who were visiting and is greeted with applause from the WCSOA members.

President's report

John Murphy makes several points:

1. Due to our lack of numbers it is important to keep Arbiter updated with your availability.

2. We have just 3 annual meetings (not counting the banquet) and there are very few valid excuses for missing a meeting. Any grievances should be sent to John Murphy.

3. Vaccinations: CIAC says that officials must either be vaccinated or tested weekly. John says that 90% of WCSOA members are vaccinated and that Joe will be the conduit for this information. John further explains some of the steps that can be taken for those undergoing testing.

MOTION: By Rufus de Rham (second by Al Schoenbach) that the following members be elevated from probationary to full membership status:

- From 2019: Lee Dogramatzis, Susanna Lang, Ricardo Saenz, Sukru Unluturk
- From 2018: Marcio Ananias, Chris DiTuccio, Aileen Hester, Matthew Powanda, Keith Prazeres, Michael Wilhelm

Motion PASSES

Commissioner's report

1. Joe reminds again about importance of reporting cards correctly.
2. OT: Only the BL plays overtime and it is 2 5-minute periods played out in full. Sub-varsity never plays OT.
3. For gams at T-P and Millbrook if unvaccinated officials must wear masks.
3. There will be many changes, some late, due to the evolving bus crisis.
4. If there are problems with fields, uniforms or other such non-game action issues, send Joe email ASAP so they can be addressed.
5. Ref 1 as listed on Arbiter should communicate with partner night before game. That Ref 1 designation also means he/she should report game on Arbiter.
6. Scheduling will be a constant problem this season.
7. Banquet details TBA

Secretary report

Lee Lewis reviews procedures for reporting cards (yellow and red) and reminds members that the steps are all detailed on the WCSOA web site.

Treasurer's report

Presented by Kurt Miller.

Balances as of Sept. 8: Checking (\$3,963), Savings (\$13,310)

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.