

# WCSSOA membership meeting

## Minutes of meeting held Sept. 8, 2014

**Location:** Chase Collegiate School

**Meeting:** Second meeting for 2014 season

**Time:** Meeting called to order by president Andy Savo at 7 p.m.

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

## Interpretation

1. Art Hamm presents award to honorary life member Terry Schanbacher, honor that was inadvertently skipped at the 2013 banquet. Terry accepts plaque and makes remarks about his entry into the business of officiating. And talks about trying to raise level and awareness of the sport in Connecticut.

2. Art's observations from scrimmages:

a. Make sure all socks are solid, single dominant color. Needs to be addressed at start of season for everyone's good.

b. Profanity. Whether incidental or not, should be addressed at start of season. Needs to be target for all officials. Yellow card automatic for profanity.

c. When match is over, cards can not be rescinded after you leave the field. If a correction needs to be made it **MUST** be made on field with both coaches present.

Joe DelBuono emphasizes that officials need to know which infractions are Yellow and which are Red.

d. "Call them both ways" ... no right way to handle it, but needs to be dealt with early if possible.

### 3. PREP GAMES

Art goes over significant differences between NFHS and prep games (posted on WCSSOA web site)

Presentation met with applause

4. Anchoring goal posts: Officials need to inspect goals and they must be unmovable. If any doubt then school must deal with it **BEFORE** match.

## **By-Laws**

1. Jim Smith explains changes to by-laws that are proposed tonight (**posted on WCSOA web site**)

Discussion must wait to next meeting.

Changes include cleaning up language concerning fines and adding three Ex-officio members to the executive board.

## **Audit committee**

Al Schoenbach and Gregg Hunt report that everything looks fine with the books

**MOTION:** Brian White that Audit Committee report be accepted; 2nd by Rufus de Rham.

PASSES

## **Officer reports**

### **President**

1. Scrimmages have gone well according to feedback from members

2. **MOTION:** Al Schoenbach to accept minutes from interpretation meeting as posted; 2nd by Rufus de Rham. PASSES

3. Lee Lewis explains on how to report cards (detailed instructions on WCSOA web site)

4. Everyone ignores small bird flying around room.

5. Probationary members moving to full status. AS reads list of names:

Ojaye Allen

Ken Benoit

Pedro Bettencourt

Arben Coma

Manny Lopes

**MOTION:** by Mike Solla to elevate the above listed members to full membership status; 2nd by Al Schoenbach. Motion Passes

6. October meeting important for nominations and by-law changes.

7. **VOTING** on nominations will be conducted at banquet meeting.

8. VOTING on by-laws changes will be conducted in October.

## **Treasurer**

1. Jim Smith on dues: Need to be paid for 2015 season
2. Banquet count will be taken at October meeting. Guest fee is \$30.

Jim's presentation met with scattered applause

## **Commissioner's report**

1. Joe DelBuono talks about Mike Verrico being ill, and will take leave of absence
2. Many sub varsity seasons have been cancelled, costing members games. JD goes through numbers and stresses that 2,000 matches are sub-varsity and less than that varsity. Need is to get these matches at all levels covered.
3. Game reports in Arbiter: No. 1 ref as listed must complete game report. Especially important if anything unusual happens in the match.

## **OT**

FCIAC, SWC, Prep no OTs

10-minutes: NVL

Everyone else 5 minutes

No golden goal

## **Meeting dates**

### **WCSOA**

Tues., Oct. 7: Third meeting at Chase Collegiate, 7 p.m.

Mon., Nov. 17: Banquet (details forthcoming)

**Meeting ended around 8:21 p.m. as room quickly emptied**

**Amazingly nobody mentioned the bid that was flying throughout the room.**