

WCSSOA membership meeting

Minutes of meeting held Aug. 28, 2014

Location: Chase Collegiate School

Meeting: Annual interpretation 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

State interpreter Jim Tebo made presentation on rules and any changes for the new season.

This began with a video from NFHS.

(POSTED on WCSSOA site are highlights of Tebo's presentation)

Among most notable differences is a change to the end of game mechanic for officials, who will now leave the field as soon as game ends and not stay for handshake lines or any possible discussion with coaches/players/parents.

Question:

Art Hamm asked Tebo a question about end of game timing when an electronic scoreboard is present. Tebo said horn sounding is official end of game.

Visiting coaches: 7 coaches signed in for the interpretation portion of the meeting: Roland Lorenger and Bill Sweet (Bristol Eastern); Chris Perkins (Terryville); Ken Norton (Brookfield); Jared Stotler (Northwestern); Tara Flaherty (Shepaug) and George Smith (Terryville).

Visiting officials: Just 2 officials from other boards signed in, both from CCSOA.

Art Hamm's presentation

1. Trouble getting control of room.
2. Some members have not yet taken physical fitness test. AH addresses this issue.
3. AH has turtlenecks available for sale. Members can purchase one by contacting Art.
4. AH reviews 14 rules off of 2014 rules test.

5. Reviews post game procedure that Tebo mentioned

6. Reviews lightning procedure (posted on WCSOA site)

7. Before match starts officials have no say over field conditions, decisions up to school; once game begins it is responsibility of the officials.

8. Games become official at halftime.

9. Restart after injury: If team in clear possession of ball, indirect kick; if not drop ball

10. Be aware of World Cup hangover: players arguing more; faking fouls

11. Goalkeeper **MUST** come off after injury if clock is stopped

Officer reports

President

1. Recognize Scott Temple for use of Chase meeting room and preparation of room.

2. NO CLEATS in room at Chase

3. Andy reviews mentor program ... details of which are posted on WCSOA site.

4. Urges officials to be prompt and professional at game sites.

Treasurer

1. Jim Smith reminds new members of financial responsibilities (details of which are posted on WCSOA site)

2. Dues for 2015 are \$90. They can be paid at any time from now to due date.

3. Financial report: 2013

Jim reviews report and says all is typical for this time of year.

4. Audit committee will review data and report at future meeting

MOTION: JOE DELBUONO motion to approve treasurer's report; 2nd by RUFUS DE RHAM. Passes by voice vote

Commissioner's report

1. Joe DelBuono reviews postponement policy which has not changed. 2 hours before for weather issues; non-weather 24 hours notice

2. Several new ADs ...

3. Arbiter listing is the final word on games.

4. Reviews Social Security numbers and what should be done at game sites.
5. DO NOT start varsity match with just 1 official
6. JD reviews CIAC site
7. Photos on site (Arbiter) ... all members urged to put photo in their profile. (details on how to do this posted on WCSOA site)

Meeting dates

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Mon., Sept. 8: Second meeting at Chase Collegiate, 7 p.m.

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

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

Meeting ended around 8:52 p.m. as room quickly emptied