

WCSOA membership meeting

Minutes of meeting held Oct. 8, 2013

Location: Chase Collegiate School

Meeting: Final regular season meeting of 2013 season

Time: Meeting called to order by president Andy Savo at 7:05 p.m.

MOTION: To accept minutes of annual interpretation meeting as posted. Second and pass by unanimous voice vote.

Interpretation

1. Art Hamm observations

(attached on separate sheet)

Cards

Mike Solla presentation on how to write up reports for yellow and red.

Officer reports

President

1. Andy Savo talks about incentive program Danbury and Torrington areas.

MOTION: AS on incentives. For each new member recruited in the Danbury and Torrington areas, current member gets 50% off dues when new member pays all dues for his/her 2nd year.

Maximum of 100% refund for current member. 2nd by Al Schoenbach ... PASSES

2. Physical fitness test dates:

May 7, at Danbury High, 6:30 p.m.

May 17, at Torrington High, 9 a.m.

June 2, at Holy Cross High, 6:30 p.m.

Tony Gorman question: why so early?

Joe DelBuono response: needs information on PT test to make it useful for scheduling purposes. He also stresses that biggest complaint from schools remains officials not keeping up with the level of play.

3. Banquet: 11/18 at Aria in Prospect ... need to know about guests.

4. Sportsmanship award: online voting will be done in late October

5. Bourdeau Award: will be given to Charlie Sharros of the CIAC

6. ANDY's presentation

On being professional at all times. Know difference between questions and comments.

Proactive officiating vs. Reactive officiating

CIAC rule on contacting schools over unusual incidents. It is against current CIAC rules for a school to directly contact an official. All contact must be between schools and executive board.

Treasurer

1. Jim Smith brief report:

dues collection way ahead of last year's pace at this time

dues must be paid prior to Nov. 1 when late fees begin to accumulate.

2. Need number attending banquet, and any guests.

MOTION: by JD to accept treasurer's report as presented; second by Mike Daddona. Pass by unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner's report

1. JD reviews some scheduling issues.

2. Oct. 19 busy day.

3. Get to games on time. If there is an issue, let partner and school know ahead of time if possible.

4. Don't start varsity game if short wait ... more than that get a JV official. NEVER start varsity match without 2 referees.

5. 15 members have not paid 1st half commissioner's fee as of Oct. 8

REF PAY

So far Taft using this system. Must sign up on the Arbiter.

3 ways: direct deposit, check, or manually taking money from account. Fee for everything except manually switching money.

Gary Tomasetti explains procedure

Tax implications: \$600 threshold for individual school remains.

JD ponders options, including negotiating new contract to absorb fees; or whether membership is comfortable with the new ref pay system.

Option of blocking schools.

Willing to go to Taft? About half of members raise hands.

JD will switch members off of Taft games if they desire.

Jim Smith advises that a Federal EIN number can be applied for, and that can be used in place of SS number.

PROBATIONARY members

5 approved moved to regular status: Shannon Sharrack, Ian Mangione, Patrick gelderman, David Gold and David Dysenski. Jim Smith motion, Robin Leech 2nd ... PASSES

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Mon., Nov. 18: Banquet

Meeting ended around 8:56 p.m. as room quickly emptied

Art's observations

Here are some items that have come up since the beginning of the season

1. Trail official has a foul. Make sure you indicate to the lead official if the foul was direct or indirect.
2. When you have a throw in on the opposite side of the field, make sure that you point in the direction that the ball is going, so that the person (hopefully an adult) knows if subs can enter.
3. Lead official to get off the touch line on throw ins or fouls near the touch line, especially near the corner of the field. Also, on lead official throw in near the touch line, be even with the 2nd to last defender.
4. Beckon players (subs) onto the field as soon as the horn goes off for subs. Once you beckon players on then the players going off are now considered bench players.
5. You are going to card a player but lost who that player was, because of players getting involved in pushing, shoving, etc., what do you do? Do you card the captain? Do you card the head coach?
6. Lead official makes a call. Make sure you get in position for an offside call. Let the trail official take care of situations near the foul. If the lead official has to take care of situations near the foul, then make sure the offensive team knows there is going to be a 2nd whistle.
7. 6 white, 3 white, 10 white and 9 white receive yellow cards in the 1st half, along with 22 blue. What can you do to remember who has cards, especially at half time? Go over the cards with your brother official at half time to make sure that the cards are the same. Toward the end of the 2nd half you call a foul on 17 white and you stop the clock. You were going to caution 17 white but you didn't remember if that player had received a yellow card in the 1st half. What should you do?
8. When a foul is called by either the lead or trail official and you are the trail official, don't stay on your side and tell the player from there as to where the ball should be placed. Go to the spot of the foul. This is not the case for offside. In this case just stand (on the line) where the offside occurred.
9. Socks must be of a single dominant color. 3 stripes are illegal. Allow the player/s to wear them but send an email off to Lee Lewis. (New rule change)
10. Tape must be of the same color. (New rule change) I witnessed 6 girls with black tape on white socks.
11. You cannot have 4" solid white tops on maroon socks. I noticed 3 players with this situation and they had to change their socks before the match. These 3 players were allowed to play in previous matches.
12. NEVER allow an assistant coach to use dissent toward you in a match. That is ALWAYS a yellow card.

13. If you have 2 opposite foul calls, what do you do?
14. Officials are still writing down the score after a goal is scored.
15. On an injury a coach is now allowed to coach his players. (New rule change)
16. Make sure you bring both shirts to a match. I witnessed one ref wearing black and the other wearing gold.
17. Pre game: Make sure there is a horn for subs and there are ball persons. Do not start a match without ball persons.
18. If YOU give a card/s, then YOU must report it to CIAC, NEVER your brother official.
19. If you tell a coach that you don't want to hear from him/her anymore, then you better make sure that you do what you say, if not then the match can get ugly.
20. Try to get out of the habit of constantly calling a color on a throw in. Sometimes it is necessary, but when it is obvious then don't say anything. Just point in the direction of the throw.
21. As the lead official, angle toward the post when the play is on the other side of the field.
22. As the bench side official, always check when the ball goes out of bounds for subs.
23. After the corner kick has been played then the lead official needs to get back in position for offside.
24. When you blow the whistle for a foul, then immediately point in the direction of play.
25. If there is a PK, blow the whistle, stop the clock and call out "penalty kick", and point to the PK spot.
26. Pinch in toward the center of the field as the trail official when the ball is opposite your side of the field.
27. As the trail official point to the spot of the ball. Don't get in the habit of retrieving the ball. Something could be going on between players.
28. There is no offside when one offensive player passes the ball back to another offensive player.
29. When a goal is scored that hits the crossbar, then drops into the goal and then out again, the mechanics are: Blow the whistle, stop the clock, call out "good goal" and then point toward mid field.
30. If there is no foul don't say "play on", because that implies that a foul did occur.
Remember, "Silence cannot be misquoted"