

WCSOA membership meeting

Minutes of meeting held Sept. 21, 2015

Location: Holy Cross High School

Meeting: Second meeting for 2015 season

Time: Meeting called to order by president Joe DelBuono at 7:05 p.m.

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

Remarks

1. Both web sites from WCSOA, CSOA should be checked.
2. Dues: must be paid by banquet meeting
3. Treasurer's report will be heard at next meeting.

Minutes

Motion: Al Schoenbach to approve minutes from interpretation meeting, Marianne Dubuque

2nd ... Passes

Interpretation

1. Art Hamm presentation.

FIRST: presentation to Elmer Deschaine of his award for 40 years of service. Elmer makes some remarks that are well received by the audience. In those remarks says that he didn't officiate hockey because he can't skate.

Art makes remarks praising Elmer, as well.

2. Art makes point about officials checking players' equipment before matches. His issue in this regard socks. And check goals and all other things that are mandated in the rule book. His point is that if previous officials didn't do that, then when you show up and try to enforce rules you are treated as bad guy.

3. Preventive mechanics important in proper officiating. For example: when ball goes out of bounds, subs must already be at table. Little things can make a difference in a good match.

4. Prep school rule differences.

(on our web site)

Important to note that not only are rules different from NFHS to preps, but also might be different between boys and girls preps.

Advice to always check with prep coaches PRIOR to matches on rule differences.

Home team must make sure that their uniforms 'contrast' with those of the visitors.

In Preps, goalie does not have to come off field for an injury even if trainer has been called onto field. Also, all substitutions are on a 1-for-1 basis (for both injuries and cautions).

Girls do not have to leave field on a caution.

AFTER MATCH: In all matches, officials leave immediately at conclusion of match.

IMPORTANT: Joe D. says that we should not stay after any match. That is the directive from the state board (CSOA). Joe stresses that the only time there will be a problem is if official stays after match and gets involved with some kind of incident. Official must explain why he/she was still at field after conclusion of match.

Art's presentation met with applause as usual.

Better officiating

1. Mike Solla makes his presentation.

2. Professionalism.

Show up to game site ready to officiate, dressed properly and on time. Mike stresses importance of showing up on time (at least 15 minutes early)

Members can contact WCSOA interpreter Art Hamm with questions on any match situation.

Question: why take up everyone's time with problems that are being caused by only a small percentage? Joe D. answers the question that the actions of a few can mar the reputation of the entire board.

3. Dissent.

How to deal with dissent is an important matter for all officials. There are many tools to deal with this: warning, cautions, etc.

4. Tactical fouls.

Mike talks about identifying them and how to deal with them.

And of Mike's discussion met with applause.

Commissioner's report

1. Joe points out travel issue for officials going to Weston.
2. Official listed as No. 1 in Arbiter MUST complete game report after each match.

Joe threatens to use failure to complete the game reports as a criteria for assigning tournament and postseason matches.

Bottom line: fill in the damn things (it takes a few seconds)

3. Some officials are having trouble with email notification system that the Arbiter uses. Joe would like to hear from anyone who has been affected.

4. Ref Pay: 3 schools -- Taft, Plainville, Brookfield -- are using it. If you are working one of those schools you MUST HAVE an account.

5. If you are not paid for a scrimmage by 1st week of October, contact school. Do not wait longer than that for games worked very early in season.

6. Let Joe D. know if there are game cancellations since school may not contact him.

7. Banquet: If going to bring guest \$30 ... need to pay before banquet.

8. Card reporting: timely and accurate

By-Laws

Wording of changes see below

1. Inactive status: change in fees

JD explains reasoning for the change. It can cost the WCSOA time and treasure if a member decides to go inactive at the last minute.

APPROVED by unanimous voice vote

2. Meetings

By-laws say that required to have 5, but this has not been the practice for several years.

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CHANGES

SECTION 2. INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

- d. Dues for inactive members are \$10 per year.

Request for inactive member status after Jan. 1 inactive dues are \$20 per year.

Request after June 1 inactive dues are \$30 per year.

ARTICLE VII – MEEETINGS

SECTION 1.

The Association shall meet four (4) times each year.

Fitness test

Some quick conversation about fitness test. Joe D. gives a brief explanation on the recent history of the fitness test and would like member input for the October meeting.

Meeting dates

3rd meeting: Wed., Oct. 7

Banquet: Mon., Nov. 23

Meeting ended around 9 p.m. as room quickly emptied