

WCSOA Membership Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday September 3, 2015

Location: Holy Cross High School (Lecture Hall)

Meeting: Annual interpretation meeting for 2015 season

Time: Meeting called to order by Commissioner/President Joe Del Buono at 7:09 p.m.

Joe Del Buono welcomed all in attendance with a few general remarks.

There were 12 coaches or referees from another board that signed in and took in our interpretation meeting.

WCSOA Interpreter Art Hamm presented Referee Reggie da Silva with a plaque to recognize his 20 years of service to the WCSOA board.

Next meeting a 40 years of service plaque will be presented to Referee Elmer Deschaine who was not in attendance this evening.

Interpretation

WCSOA Interpreter Art Hamm reviews some old rules.

- Throw in that does not go into the field of play is a turnover. No retake on throw in.
- For any type of kick the ball has to be kicked and moved in order for the ball to be considered in play. The players can no longer merely tap the top of the ball.
- When match is over officials should meet at midfield and leave together. We are not required to stick around for post game handshakes.

Cards

- Recording yellow cards and red cards is a must. Coaches and referees must record cards and report them to CIAC. Whoever gives the card must report it.
- Card reporting went from poor, to good, back to average. WCSOA card reporting is above average per Joe Del Buono.
- Communicate to the coaches what the offense is but do not have a discussion about the card.
- If a field player receives a yellow card that player must come out of match. That player may return to the match at the next legal substitution opportunity. They no longer have to sit out 10 minutes.

Phil Marcoux asks a question: What is the procedure if a player receives a yellow card and leaves the field of play and the team does not substitute?

Art Hamm answer: That player may return to the match at the next legal substitution opportunity.

Jaimi Lyn Schieb asks a question: Where do we go to report cards?

Art Hamm answer: You can go to our WCSOA website and click on the link or you can go directly to the website www.casciac.org/cards.

- If clock is stopped for an injury that player must come off the field including the goalie. The team does not have to sub. If the team chooses not to sub then that injured player may return at the next dead ball.
- As the referee of the match you have the discretion to stop the match and call for a water break to prevent heat stroke.
- The trainer or the coach makes the decision if a player returns to the game after being checked for a concussion. It is not the referee's responsibility to decide if a player has a concussion. If the referee notices that a player looks out of it, the referee may send that player off to be checked on.
- A player may wear a face mask that is rounded around the nose piece. That player must have a doctor's note in order for that player to participate in the game.

There are two new rules for 2015 season.

- 1) If you give a red or yellow card to bench personnel and subs are at the table you may beckon them onto the field. It does not matter who has the ball or who the card was against. At this stoppage both teams can sub.
- 2) Goalkeepers socks must be a different color than field players socks

It is mandatory to have three game balls that are properly inflated along with two ball persons. Brine soccer balls must be used during state tournament. If home team does not have Brine soccer balls we will use the visiting teams Brine soccer balls.

Next meeting on Monday Sept. 21. Art Hamm will talk about the differences between prep school and high school rules.

Old Business

Joe Del Buono asked for a motion to approve the minutes from our annual banquet held on Monday November 17, 2014. Bruce Herrel made the motion and Jaimi Lyn Schieb 2nd it. Passes by voice vote.

Treasurer

Juan Rumino informs the members that we have moved our banking accounts from TD Bank to the Fire Fighters Credit Union.

Juan Rumino reported that our CD has \$7,141.14 and our Savings Account has \$4,494.29.

Motion to approve treasurer's report was made by Al Schoenbach and 2nd by Dave Ricci.

President

Joe Del Buono explains that we are spending more money than what is coming in over the last couple of years.

Joe Del Buono broke down some of our costs that total \$100 per person.

CSOA = \$8

Arbiter = \$8

Insurance = \$17

Executive Board Insurance = \$4

CIAC Fee = \$13

Secretary / Treasurer = \$7

Banquet = \$30

Paper & supplies = \$6

Rule Book = \$7

Joe Del Buono compared our board to other boards to show how many members they have and how much money they have in their account.

Central Board 175 members \$15,000 in their account.

Coastal Board 55 members \$11,000 in their account.

Eastern Board 105 members \$5,000 in their account.

New Haven Board 65 members \$10,000 in their account.

Southern Board 70 members \$15,000 in their account.

Western Board 130 members \$11,000 in their account.

Joe Del Buono explains how it is necessary for our board to increase our dues and add back in the \$13 CIAC charge.

A vote was required to add back in the \$13 CIAC charge into our dues. That would make our dues \$92 game fee + \$13 CIAC fee totaling \$105 for 2016 dues. **Dues are due by Nov. 23, 2015** at our banquet.

Voting was done by hand and all members were in favor. Motion passed.

18 new members were introduced by Joe Del Buono and they were all greeted with a warm welcome.

Joe Del Buono brought forward two by law changes.

1) Article 2 Section 2 D Inactive Members

Inactive members currently pay \$10 to go inactive for the season.

The executive board is proposing that after Jan 1 if you go inactive it will be \$20 and if you go inactive after June 1 it will be \$30.

This puts some accountability on the members and tries to prevent last minute decisions by members.

This by law change will be voted on next meeting.

2) Article 7 Section 1 Meetings

We just need to update the by law and change meetings from 5 to 4.

Awards Committee

Joe Del Buono presents Ralph Lawson as an Honorary Life Member to the membership. Joe Del Buono explained the requirements of the award and also gave a brief overview of who Ralph Lawson was and what he meant to the WCSOA organization.

A vote was done by paper ballot needing 2/3 of vote to be named Honorary Life Member.

Vote passes 95 - 5 and Ralph Lawson will be introduced as an Honorary Life Member at our Nov. 23, 2015 banquet.

Art Hamm proposes to the membership Pomperaug AD Joe Velardi as the recipient of the Paul Bourdeau Outstanding Service Award.

A hand vote was conducted and all members were in favor except 1 member.

Vote passes and Joe Velardi will be honored as the recipient of the Paul Bourdeau Outstanding Service Award at our banquet on Nov. 23, 2015.

The CSOA has a new website www.csoa-ct.org.

Joe Del Buono is looking for members to help manage the website. If interested please contact Joe.

Mike Solla Presentation Better Officiating

- Mike gives a recruiting pitch on getting new members and how to retain them.
- Mike goes over mentor program and expectations of the mentors.
- Mike gave a power point presentation about contact above the shoulders and gave different scenarios.
- Safety is our number 1 priority and we want to protect the players.
- Another segment on free kicks and restart management was given.
- Indirect free kick both officials must raise hands.
- According to Joe Del Buono 60% of goals are scored off of a restart.
- Crowd gets wound up when Mike encourages members to use your voice and personality instead of going straight to your pocket for a yellow card. Presence = Prevention
- Trail Official counts the 10 yards.
- Lead Official blows whistle for restart.

Commissioner's Report

- The season starts 4 days earlier this year.
- Joe reminds all to check arbiter and your email as frequently as possible.
- You have to respond to cancellation email from school. If you do not respond to email the school must call you to notify you of cancellation.
- 10 people showed up at Chase because they did not check the arbiter or read their emails about location change to Holy Cross High School.
- Three schools are currently using repay. Those schools are Taft, Plainville, and now Brookfield.
- The CIAC is strongly considering using repay to pay officials for the state tournament.
- We prefer you to show up at your game 30 minutes prior to kickoff, but 15 minutes is acceptable.
- We are not under any circumstance to contact an AD about a complaint. If you have a complaint contact Joe Del Buono or Lee Lewis and they will take care of the situation for you.
- When using the 3 man referee system the center referee is responsible for bringing the flags.

Lightning Policy is reviewed. When thunder is heard or lightning is seen you must wait 30 minutes from the last strike before the match may resume. We give 3 chances before suspending the match. If the match gets to halftime then the match is considered a legal match. The policy can be found on our WCSOA website.

New Members and second year officials will be at St. Paul's on Saturday 9/5/2015 to use the jamboree as a training tool.

Remaining meeting dates

Monday September 21, 2015

Wednesday October 7, 2015

Monday November 23, 2015 (banquet)

No new business was brought up by the members.

Joe Del Buono asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Guy Gavitt made the motion and it was 2nd by Jaimi Lyn Schieb.

Motion passes and meeting was adjourned at 9:17p.m. as the lecture hall emptied very quickly.