

# WCSSOA membership meeting

## Minutes of meeting held Aug. 29, 2016

**Location:** Holy Cross High School

**Meeting:** Opening meeting for 2015 season

**Time:** Meeting called to order by president Joe DelBuono at 7:13 p.m. (after technical difficulties)

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

### Minutes

Motion: Harold Devanney to approve minutes from Banquet meeting, Andy Savo 2nd ...  
Passes

### Treasurer's report

1. Juan Rumino

Balances as of Aug. 29

\$5,105.35

\$7,151.02

Juan explains how the balances don't necessarily reflect what we have because of dues slow in coming in and payments that need to be made.

Joe explains that we are spending more than we are bringing into the treasury. Not in trouble, but on a "fine line" according to Joe.

Motion: Andy Savo to approve, Phil Marcoux 2nd. Passes

### Interpretation

1. Art Hamm presentation.
2. Art has some uniform materials and alerts membership of what he has on hand, members can contact him about uniforms or other gear.
3. Art addresses 5 situations:

a. Page 58: rule concerning language ... Art believes we are letting too much go. Should be automatic yellow if it is heard beyond. Joe adds it is getting worse on the field. We should be on top of this early.

b. Page 21: rule concerning uniforms... socks. Home team must be solid white. Away team solid dark socks. If a problem you still play game but alert WCSOA secretary. Same with uniform shirts.

c. Page 23: goalie socks ... must be distinctly different than opposition. If there is a pregame issue, alert coach.

d. Page 33: rule on lack of a scorer's table, horn and clock, plus ball holders ... these items should be reported to the WCSOA secretary. Concerned most with varsity level.

e. Page 16: rule on concussions ... onus remains on coaches in all cases. You can have player removed if you believe there is a possible head injury situation, but it is ultimately the coach's responsibility.

**CARDS:** Need to report correctly.

**Illegal equipment:** 1st yellow to the coach; any yellow after that on the player. Can't return until next legal sub opportunity.

**SUBS:** Page 16 ... members urged to understand the opportunities for proper and legal subbing.

**Injuries:** If clock is stopped, player(s) must be removed from the game.

**Temporary suspension of play:** Team with clear possession at time of stoppage retains the ball.

## **Better officiating**

1. Andy Savo explains the mentor program. Idea is to match inexperienced members with more senior officials in matches during the season. The mentor program is designed to help the inexperienced officials in how to learn more about the game and its mechanics.

Joe adds that the senior mentor officials should contact the mentees to establish a relationship.

2. Andy makes his presentation, centering largely on pre-game duties and getting match started.

3. Joe explains again our policy on leaving immediately after the game. He emphasizes again that if you stay and something happens, it will be a problem for the official. He adds that school ADs understand this policy.

## **By-Laws**

1. Joe talks about by-laws and explains the process of trying to sync the written by-laws with the CSOA and current practices.

Changes explained and debated tonight. A vote will be taken on changes below at the Sept. 7 interpretation meeting.

### **Proposed WCSOA By-law changes**

#### **1. Section 4: Membership**

##### **c. Procedure ... applicant active membership ...**

2. Add: An Applicant must be 18 yrs of age or older or a high school graduate.

3. (was 4) Add: An applicant must submit to a background check by CIAC and must be cleared by the CAIC to serve as an official.

4. (was 2) Add: NFHS between “pass the” and “rules”. Add: “if any” after “agility test”.

5. (was3) ... Upon successful completion of the written and ... Add: "any other required" examinations. Each applicant shall be placed on probation for 2 years. During this period, each applicant shall be assigned ... Add: "and officiate" a minimum of 10 games to officiate each year. Add: If an applicant does not officiate a minimum of 10 games each year, the probationary period for that official shall be extended until such applicant completes 3 years of officiating a minimum of 10 games per year.

7. Add new: An individual member is subject to suspension by the WCSOA Executive Board for failure to comply with established regulations of WCSOA and/or CSOA or for any conduct contrary to the best interest of soccer.

#### **2. Section 8 Officers.**

a. The Officers shall be ... Change: "1st Vice President". Add: "2nd Vice President", Secretary, Treasurer, Commissioner and Official Interpreter.

3. Change: The Association shall meet five (5) times (currently 4) each year.

### **Examination**

1. Gary Watts reports that 14 new members took test and passed. New members are recognized by the membership and introduce themselves.

2. Joe asks senior members to help new members during early season (and all for that matter) games during season. He adds that the WCSOA turnover rate is high with new members not sticking it out.

Our dwindling membership is one of the reasons more senior members have more sub-varsity games during the season.

The danger of not doing the sub-varsity games is that the whole program of "fringe" schools on our geographic edge will turn to other boards.

### **Audit committee**

1. Joe asks committee to coordinate with Juan Rumino on a date to check the books.

### **Awards**

1. Joe asks for recommendations for Bourdeau Service Award and asks to forward names to the committee.

### **Commissioner's report**

1. Joe's thoughts:

a. About members leaving meetings early. Don't want to punish, but need members to cooperate and stay to the end of the meetings. Joe says we are aware of issue.

b. Checking the Arbiter. MUST DO SO since it affects all the members. Joe has an "enemies" list for members who don't do the basics.

c. Keep email up to date, changing in the Arbiter is one step, then also alert Joe about the new contact information.

d. Watch for changes in the games concerning days, sites, times and almost anything else.

2. Joe explains purpose of new red/yellow cards.

Biggest complaint is the reporting of the reason for cards. There is consequences for schools on the accumulation of cards.

The reporting must be accurate. Coaches **MUST BE TOLD** the proper reason for the cards.

Responsibility for game doesn't end until reports are filed after game (whether on cards or just normal game report on the Arbiter).

3. Interpretation meeting on Wed., Sept. 7

Southern Board meeting was held tonight (8/29), so that board cannot be used by any of our members who were thinking of going to it next week.

4. Missed meeting fine is \$15. No fine for the optional 9-22 meeting (field clinic)

5. Joe asks for feedback from mentors on the less experienced members.

6. RefPay: for sure, Taft, Plainville and Brookfield.

7. Busy dates: Joe asks for cooperation on those dates so we can cover the scheduled games. He asks for help as possible.

8. **DO NOT** start varsity games with one official. **NEVER.**

9. Any turnbacks now will cost \$15, as of end of this meeting.

10. 1st half C-fee due by Sept. 7 meeting.

**Our jobs:** Cover all games and improve overall quality of officiating.

## **2016 meeting dates**

### **General membership:**

Wed., Sept. 7 (interpretation)

*Fifth meeting (optional field clinic): Sept. 22 at 6:45 p.m.*

Tues., Oct. 4

Banquet: Nov. 21

**Meeting ended around 8:50 p.m. as room quickly emptied**