

# WCSOA membership meeting

## Minutes of meeting held Sept. 7, 2016

**Location:** Holy Cross High School

**Meeting:** Interpretation meeting for 2016 season

**Time:** Meeting called to order by vice president Gary Watts at 7:10 p.m.  
(some technical difficulties again; plus late arriving crowd)

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

## Interpretation

1. Art Hamm presentation.

Review of last year's major changes

- a. Game stopped for caution, unlimited subs as long as they are at table.
- b. Goalie socks: must be distinctly different than opposition.
- c. Socks: no tape unless it is same color as socks. 3 stripes at top OK.

### 2016 new rules

- a. Players can wear soft head bands that are padded (usually seen for concussion issues)
- b. Team areas: must be marked this year. Does not have to be paint, but can be marked with cones or other manners.
  - c. Spectator areas: any place where there are no bleachers there can be no spectators behind the goals. If there is seating, then fans can sit there.
- d. Captain's arm bands: must be worn on arms.
- e. Penalty kicks: slight change
- f. Offside: ball that is deliberately played by defender ... key to this is the ball must be played by defender and not just deflected.

Mechanic here would be to hold whistle until sure that defender is not going to play the ball.

Shot on goal, save but ball deflected to a player in offside position. Offside.

Same would apply if a defender stops a shot on goal.

(more debate on this than might have been expected)

Visitors leave room (solid turnout of officials from other boards .. probably most we have had in some years)

### **Exam review**

- a. #3 portable goals: must be anchored or game CAN NOT start.
- b. #10 subbing after caution ... subs from other team must already be at table.
- c. #11 subbing from bench: still must be at table.
- d. #14 tape on ears: wait until next stoppage and caution coach. Player must leave field.
- e. #16 subs wear pinnies: not mandatory, but recommended.
- f. #26 coach gets 2nd caution: coach must leave premises, a player must stay on bench.
- g. #41 offside issue: deflect is key
- h. #43 offside, deflection off goalie
- i. #46 red card issues ... if a goal is scored on a play then card is yellow

### **Observations**

- a. In 2-man system should always be checking to see if any players at table waiting to come into the game.
- b. In diagonal system officials need to be able to box the play, but have to be in position to call the offside. Do not get caught in the play with players going on both sides of you ... above all else, do not miss offside call.
- c. When whistle blown for a foul, must point direction for the play to continue. This affects the play and your partner.

### **Minutes**

Motion: Guy Gavitt to approve from previous meeting, Harold Devanney 2nd ... Passes

### **Treasurer's report**

1. Juan Rumino

Balances as of Sept. 4

savings: \$8,815.22

checking: \$5,105.35

Question: why have such a large balance in savings account?

- a. must pay for additional members
- b. awards
- c. banquet

... so half of the balance is used with other expenses. Our cushion is probably less than \$4,000 so the actual savings balance is not that high.

Jamie Schieb: ponders whether some of balance could be used to supplement the mentor program or some other training issues. JD asks for her to submit a proposal.

Tony Addona: suggest exploring headsets with some of the balance. JD asks for a proposal.

Luciano: Maybe save on rule books.

**Motion:** Al Schoenbach to approve report, Phil Marcoux 2nd ... passes

## **Better officiating**

1. Andy Savo makes his presentation
2. Emphasis on being short with pregame meeting ... get it done as smoothly as possible.
3. Pages 92 and 95: these should be reviewed.

## **By-Laws**

### **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.

**MOTION: Rufus de Rham to approve, Dave Ricci 2nd ... PASSES**

2. Section 8 Officers.

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

**MOTION: Al Schoenbach, Gary Duquette 2nd ... Passes**

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

**MOTION: Al Schoenbach to approve, David Lawlor 2nd ... Motion DEFEATED by overwhelming margin**

**Discussion about possible 5th meeting:**

1. fine will apply to each meeting (except banquet).
2. question on making 5th meeting just for probationary members ...
3. suggestion on making a fifth meeting more valuable than just holding it, but find way to combine other elements and make it worthwhile. Goal is to get better.
4. suggestion that having 120 members on the field at a clinic is not practical.
5. suggestion that meetings are too long in general.

## **Commissioner's report**

1. Joe's thoughts:

a. Have uniform with you as you don't know when you might be called into action

b. Know where you are going (school field, off-site field ... know ahead of time which field you are at)

c. Give yourself time to be at game on time ... aim for 30 minutes before game.

d. Cards: expect 100-percent to be handled correctly.

e. CIAC Officials Assoc. cards "in the mail"

f. Missed meeting fine is \$15.

**g. OT:** CCC, BL play 2-5 minute periods played to conclusion.

NO OTHER leagues play overtime.

Sub-varsity does not play overtime in any league.

Home team rules apply on OTs if a non-league game.

h. Mentor program: contact should be made between officials

Elmer makes standup comments to widespread laughter.

## **2016 meeting dates**

### **General membership:**

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

Tues., Oct. 4

Banquet: Nov. 21

**Meeting ended around 8:53 p.m. as room quickly emptied**