

WCSSOA Membership Meeting

Minutes of meeting held Aug. 30, 2012

Location: Chase Collegiate School

Meeting: This was the state-required interpretation meeting for the WCSSOA. It was preceded by the physical fitness test on the field at Chase Collegiate School.

Time: Meeting called to order by President ED BEBYN at 7:02 p.m.

Opening remarks

President ED BEBYN opened the meeting with general comments and welcomed guests and officials from other boards.

Interpretation

ART HAMM began by organizing room (it wasn't easy with little cooperation).

1. New rules (or changes)

Art played DVD from NFHS and explained that there are just 3 new rules for 2012 season

2. Review of rules.

a. intentional hand ball but goal is scored.

b. 2 yellows = red card ... team plays short. Report to CIAC as 2 yellow cards in system.

Official must still fill out red card DQ form and submit to Lee Lewis.

Mechanic is to show yellow, then red on second caution. Separately.

When player gets yellow and the sub is beckoned on, original player is considered bench player. If he gets a subsequent yellow leaving field, he may not reenter game as that counts as a red, but team would not play short since he was actually a sub at that point.

3. Shin guards.

Art recommends that officials check shin guards in scrimmages. Legal shin guards must have official seal from NOCSAE.

This would help prevent problems during regular season.

Question: If bad shin guards should coach get yellow? Art says official should use discretion on that situation.

If player has tape to hold up shin guards, we should have that tape removed. The shin guards cannot be higher than 2 inches above foot.

4. Goalies.

Must have numbers on jerseys.

Mechanic: If a goalie does not have a number, allow player to play, but inform coach about uniform situation.

5. Rosters.

Must be submitted with all players' numbers, including subs. All bench personnel and coaches. Players may be added to roster after game has begun.

6. Field must be free of all obstacles 10-feet around entire field.

Art emphasizes, for benefit of dozen or so coaches in attendance, that WCSOA will not play games when anything is within 10 feet of field.

Bristol Central coach asked: What do we do when fence is within 6 feet?

Art: move field over (that grass field could be re-lined) OR move match to another field. Art says as it stands, no games will be officiated on that field.

All ADs have been notified of this emerging policy prior to the season.

From the floor: If a tree branch is hanging over field, that is OK if base of tree is at least 10-feet away from the field border.

President's report

1. Testing.

Results from both physical fitness and rules testing for 2 years will be compiled and criteria for determining future assignments will be developed for the 2013 season.

Rules: 70 is passing score for WCSOA.

NFHS test is available until Sept. 2.

Correct answers will be distributed at next meeting and be posted on our website:

wcsoa-ct.org

2. Prepare for season.

Emphasis: Read the rule book

3. Committees.

Still need volunteers for some of these groups.

a. Nominating committee: ANGELO NAPOLITANO is chair of that group, need 2 members to join. Interested members to become officers must be nominated to the committee. Candidates can be nominated from the floor at 3rd meeting.

4. Probationary members

These officials have been recommended for full membership:

Juan Cofre, Martin DiTuccio, Dan Denski, Luis Espitia, William Grabowski, Dave Guertin, Mark Larson, David Lawlor, Greg Sullivan, Doug Tarsi, Anthony Addona and Anthony Swiencicki.

MOTION: JIM SMITH moves that the following probationary members (listed immediately above) be moved to fulltime status. AL SCHOENBACH second. APPROVED on voice vote.

5. Lightning policy: 1 hour total time to re-start match. Must wait 30 minutes from lightning flash or thunder.

Example: 7 p.m. there is a lightning flash, may not restart until 7:30 p.m. If there is another flash at 7:20, earliest possible restart would be 7:50. If there is yet another flash at 7:35, match is over since eventual restart would be past 1 hour total wait. **EXPLAIN in DETAIL**

Art Hamm emphasizes that 1st time lightning or thunder is noticed at a site, the game **MUST BE STOPPED** at that point.

Preps? This policy applies to any school that we service (including prep schools).

Officials are not required to stay beyond the 1 hour.

Officials are not responsible to clear field, safety of players and fans. That is the job of the site director or home coach.

6. Red cards

Form for DQ will be posted on web site.

Procedure for cards explained:

Yellow: report to CIAC through their web site

Red: report to both CIAC through web site and the DQ form must be sent to Lee Lewis

Red cards reports: Timely, accurate ... card reports must be done by official issuing the card.

DO NOT EDITORIALIZE in the red card reports.

ALL CARDS must be reported via: www.casciac.org/cards (board and password are both wcooa)

7. Yellows still require a 10-minute sit out. Preps player must leave field, but can re-enter at any time.

8. Ed Bebyn talks about assessment program that he will develop for 2013 season. Ed requests input from membership.

9. Check Arbiter daily or schedule changes. That is the gospel, whatever is on the Arbiter.

Commissioner

1. We have many games (over 2300), of that 900 are varsity. Given our numbers, we have to do both varsity and sub-varsity games. All games must be covered, not just varsity.

We especially need coverage in the NW corner of the state.

2. Emphasis on keeping Arbiter updated.

3. Be on time. No less than 15 minutes before kick ... 30 minutes preferable.

4. Cancellations or ppds.:

If electronic notification (text or email), school must receive confirmation from official that he has been notified. If not they must call.

Non-weather notice MUST be 24 hours. JOE DELBUONO should be contacted immediately if there are any issues regarding this.

5. Quality of service has been questioned by some schools. Maintain professional standards.

6. Game reports. Official listed as No. 1 in Arbiter responsible for filling out report on Arbiter. Details on any issues with the games should be included in the report.

Treasurer's report

1. JIM SMITH noted that the financial responsibilities for any members are posted for all members to view, especially the newer members.

2. Jim reviewed financial sheet as it stands on 8-30-12.

MOTION: AL SCHOENBACH that treasurer's report be accepted as presented, second by ROBINSON LEECH. APPROVED on voice vote.

Vice president's report

1. ANDY SAVO talks about new members that have joined the board for the 2012 season. We have 14 new members.

2. Need members in Danbury and Torrington areas. In the future training clinics will not be held in Waterbury area, to attract members from other areas.

Secretary's report

In effort to help speed up meeting, no report from secretary.

Old business

There was no old business.

New business

Fields

1. Schools have been notified about the issue with fields being in compliance.
2. This has become a major issue in the preseason due to the fact that two of our officials have been sued over this issue from a past incident. Those legal proceedings are ongoing.
3. Ed Bebyn explains where we stand on this issue, with schools and CIAC having been notified.
4. Members should take note of any field issues and immediately report them to Ed and Joe D.
5. Ultimate responsibility is on the game officials to decide in any gray area.
6. Benches and tables **MUST** be moved
7. Players can stand inside the 10 feet limit, but no gym bags or benches or ball bags.
8. Differences with PREP schools, there is apparently some wiggle room with the 10 foot limit ("...where possible") regarding the NCAA rules (which the prep schools play by).

Meetings

Here is the schedule for future meetings of the WCSOA (all at Chase Collegiate School at 7 p.m., unless noted):

Monday, Sept. 10; Tuesday, Oct. 16

Banquet: Monday, Nov. 19 at CoCo Key Resort at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion made by many to adjourn meeting at 9:10 p.m., seconded by multiple members. Motion carried with enthusiastic and unanimous support.

Minutes submitted by WCSOA Secretary Lee Lewis.