

# WCSSOA Membership Meeting

## Minutes of meeting held Sept. 10, 2012

**Location:** Chase Collegiate School

**Meeting:** This is the second general membership meeting of the season and was preceded by the makeup date for the physical fitness test on the field at Chase Collegiate School.

**Time:** Meeting called to order by President ED BEBYN at 7:05 p.m.

### Opening remarks

President ED BEBYN opened the meeting with general comments and the agenda for the meeting.

### Commissioner's report

1. Notes that injuries have taken away officials at last minute and many games will need to be re-assigned. Among the veteran members on disabled list are Doug Mariano and Jack Santos.
2. JOE DELBUONO went through the schedule for the next several days and made many corrections.
3. OT policy:  
No overtime played: FCIAC, SWC, prep schools, all sub-varsity matches  
2, 5-minute periods: BL, tech schools, CCC (Bristol, Plainville, Southington)  
2, 10-minute periods: NVL  
None of these OT policies involve golden goals
4. Down to close to 130 members now with injuries and other issues. Other boards statewide average above 150 members.
5. Accurate game reports important. Include whether a team was late.

### Vice president's report

1. ANDY SAVO recognizes probationary members who attended Nonnewaug jamboree on Sept. 8 (**LIST**)
2. AS emphasizes how important to the first and second year members the clinics and meetings are to their development.

3. Andy had a prepared presentation for the members titled:

### **3Ps for successful game**

#### **Preparation**

- a. preparation for pregame: contact partners before match with information such as uniforms, parking, time of arrival.
- b. site inspection: goals, nets, field itself. Visually inspect the players during the warmups.
- c. Game management: talk with partner about the game before it begins.
- d. Introduction to coaches: short and cordial; timers, ball keepers, inspect balls
- e. Captain meeting: Ask head coaches if players are "legally and properly equipped".

#### **Positive**

- a. Attitude important ... don't argue with people. Don't be confrontational. Understand difference between question and comment.

#### **Professional**

- a. Act professionally all the time. You represent the WCSOA and yourself. This applies for entire trip (before, during and after games)

*Presentation met with rare and spontaneous applause (usually reserved for adjournment)*

### **President's report**

1. Shin guards.

Mechanic not changed in respect to the pregame. Ask coaches as noted above about legally, properly equipped. NOCSAE seal critical and must be present.

2. Fields.

**Directive from NFHS:** Field diagram in rule book not to be interpreted as a mandate, but rather as a recommendation in regard to the 10-foot clearance around field.

Officials still have discretion to decide on dangerous situations with the fields.

Portable benches: Must be moved if within 10 feet of side of field.

Question: If 2 game officials disagree on field conditions, what happens. This prompts rare sidebar meeting of officers.

Decision: If college official present he rules ... otherwise senior official in terms of years experience.

If any question on fields, alert WCSOA commissioner and/or president that night.

## **Interpretation**

1. ART HAMM explains further the field issue in regard to 10-foot rule, noting that it is a guideline and not the rule.

2. Shin guards. What is the proper procedure?

Player must be removed from field; coach given yellow card; player may return at next legal substitution opportunity. On 1st offense player does not sit out 10 minutes, but team must play short until next legal sub opportunity.

2nd offense: Yellow card for that player, who must sit 10 minutes.

3. Concussions.

If official suspects concussion and player is removed, in Connecticut the burden is gone for the official. Player must be approved to return to game by medical personnel (coach not able to do that unilaterally).

Official does not ask questions about returning player as the legal burden has been put on the coaches.

Sub-varsity: Extra caution needed since there is often no medical personnel available.

Prep schools: Trainers typically present ... if not, official can use discretion on whether player may return to game.

## **Rules test review**

Question 4: On team areas being marked.

Question 7:

Question 9:

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When whistle required for a restart: on any free kick it is always the lead official who will restart play with a whistle when necessary.

Presentation was cut short, but well received.

*AH presentation met with applause*

### **Auditor's report**

1. Phil Marcoux presented his opinion that the WCSOA books, after his professional review, were in good shape with no issues.

MOTION: AL SCHOENBACH moves to accept audit report. ROBINSON LEECH second.  
Motion carries on voice vote.

### **Officer reports**

1. Due to the late nature of the meeting, no other officer reports were heard.

### **Old business**

There was no old business.

### **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.**

### **Web site**

Note for record that much more material on interpretations and soccer issues can be found on our web site at: **WCSOA-CT.org**

**Adjournment: Motion made by many to adjourn meeting at 8:38 p.m., seconded by multiple members. Motion carried with enthusiastic and unanimous support.**

**Minutes submitted by WCSOA Secretary Lee Lewis.**