

WCSOA Membership Meeting

Minutes of meeting held Oct. 16, 2012

Location: Chase Collegiate School

Meeting: This is the final regular season meeting of the WCSOA for the 2012 season.

Time: Meeting called to order by Vice President ANDY SAVO at 7:03 p.m. (President ED BEBYN absent)

Opening remarks

Vice President ANDY SAVO opened the meeting with general comments and the agenda for the meeting.

Interpreter presentation

ART HAMM began the night with a power point presentation on the rules (this presentation in full can be found at wsoa-ct.org).

1. Art explained a difference between boys and girls preps, which is noted on the WCSOA Web site.

Emphasis

- a. offsides call critical
- b. Protect goalkeeper (watch players and not flight of ball)
- c. All officials MUST be consistent with calls and mechanics
- d. Fitness includes presenting a good on-field presence
- e. Selling the call easier when fit and in position
- f. Control the 'controllables'
- g. Focus: maintain focus for entire game

Presentation met with well-earned applause

Vice president's report

1. Congratulates Art on presentation
2. Power of Web Site. Andy shows some of the features of the site.

Lee and Art recognized from podium

3. Andy announces that Gary Dunnigan's mom died.

4. Andy recognizes Joe Christiano for helping JOE DELBUONO with assignments when Joe D. was not feeling well this fall.

5. Andy recognizes letter from Wolcott Tech thanking Robinson Leech and Phil Marcoux for their work at a game.

Treasurer's report

1. JIM SMITH presented financial information.
2. Banquet: guests cost \$30 each before banquet, \$35 at door
3. Dues: are due by Nov. 1 to avoid late fee (note: later amended by vote of EX Board to Nov. 9 due to storm that affected power in are for several days)
4. Jim's phone rings and he says it's his wife and he's not answering it.

Commissioner's report

1. JOE DELBUONO talks about his health and support he got from WCSOA members. He also recognizes Joe Christiano.
2. Cancellations: Officials should notify Joe when games are postponed.
3. If there is an issue, officials need to keep Joe informed or the payment might not be forthcoming.
4. Game reports: MUST be filled out.
5. Complaints from schools, officials about tardiness of some officials at game site.
6. Home team is responsible for determining whether field is OK for play. Officials have no say before match starts.
7. POSTSEASON: Officials should update Arbiter about availability between 1 p.m. and 10 p.m. on all days through middle of November.
Joe's appearance met with applause.

Sportsmanship voting

1. Voting will begin this week and end Oct. 31

Nominations

1. The report of the Nominating Committee is read by member David Ricci. It nominates the following:

VP: Robinson Leech; **Commissioner:** Joe DelBuono; **Secretary:** Lee Lewis; **Treasurer:** Jim Smith; **Interpreter:** Mike Solla

2. Nominations from the floor: Andy Mozalak nominates ART HAMM; Tony Gorman 2nd on ART HAMM for interpreter

3. No other nominations

4. VP, Commissioner, Treasurer, Secretary all ELECTED by one vote from secretary (who did vote for himself)

5. ANDY SAVO announces that election for interpreter will be held by paper ballot at the banquet meeting.

6. Suggestion made whether vote could be submitted electronically, JOE DELBUONO points out that such a vote must be made on paper ballot due to by-laws. There is agreement that this should be looked at as possible change in future.

Meetings

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

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 8:04 p.m., seconded by multiple members. Motion carried with enthusiastic and unanimous support.

Minutes submitted by WCSOA Secretary Lee Lewis.