

WMSOA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**7:00pm****June 17, 2014****Sunnybrook CC**

Officers Present: Doug Turkstra, Mark Lundvick, Duncan Purvis, Paul Holwerda, Nick Balcer, Matt Koekkoek

Officers Absent: Bob Powers

Also Present: Greg Pilbeam, Keith Miller

Spring Season Assigning...Greg reported that WMSOA assigned officials into 2199 slots for regular season games and 191 slots for district games. There were five red cards in the spring season. There were two games that were canceled during the season because we could not find officials to work them. The first day of districts had every single official working, including some working double duty. This day in both the spring and fall seasons continues to be by far the busiest and most difficult day of the year for assignors. It was suggested the secretary send a reminder email to the members in advance of this day to remind them to update their availability so assignors do not have to call multiple officials who show as available, only to be declined.

MHSAA Changes...The Executive Committee discussed the upcoming implementation of new clock-stop rules, home team uniform requirements, sock tape color requirements for players, and new referee jersey color options. Specific wording was agreed upon to communicate the new jersey color options to our members so as to be sure to have a consistent message on the website, in Greg's emails, and in communication from the secretary. Some of the significant rule changes will be covered in detail at the fall preseason meetings.

NISOA Changes...The Executive Committee discussed the need for our NISOA officials to be correct and consistent on college substitution rules. To assist with this, Doug will create a "cheat sheet" for distribution at the fall preseason meeting.

Fall Preseason Meeting...Our fall preseason meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 2, at Grandville HS. The fitness test will begin on the Grandville track at 8:00am. The makeup fitness test and meeting will be held at Grand Rapids Christian HS on Monday, August 11 at 6:00pm. The new emphasis on improving the content at WMSOA meetings and trainings was very well received and members desire for it to continue. Presenters adhering to the PowerPoint was much appreciated and should continue. A trainer whom Paul knows will be one of the presenters at this fall's meeting, in addition to our normal agenda. Paul will be sure to post the details of the two meetings on the website, and Duncan will send a reminder email. Duncan will total the RSVPs for each meeting and communicate them to the Members at Large, who will be responsible for purchasing and bringing refreshments and ice.

Association Items...Bill Wagner needs some data from Bob before being able to renew WMSOA's "Approved Association" status. Bill Dripcheck (sp?) will begin assessing some games for WMSOA. Bill will work his first few assessments with Tom Walters to make sure the two are consistent with their message to our officials. They will be expected to continue to provide written feedback to the officials and to the entire Assignment Committee.

Training Topics for Fall Meeting...It was decided the portion of the fall preseason meeting dedicated to training should focus on reviewing "clock stop scenarios" as well as using common sense on the new jersey/sock color rules and how to report problems with those new rules.

Other/Miscellaneous...An email went out recently reminding members of the WMSOA bulk order from Official Sports and of the deadline to register with the MHSAA for the 14-15 school year. Ideas for a camaraderie-building referee outing were discussed. Ideas included golf, a Whitecaps game, a beer festival, and others. It was decided to host an informal "watch party" for the upcoming USA World Cup game vs Germany. Duncan will send an email invitation to the members. A motion was made by Paul to purchase more WMSOA flipping coins to distribute to members. It was supported by Matt, and passed unanimously. A motion was made by Duncan to purchase black short-sleeve moisture-wicking shirts with the WMSOA logo to distribute to members who attend Cracker Barrels. It was supported by Nick, and passed unanimously. A motion was made by Duncan to recognize the upcoming retirement of one of our long standing members at the AGM. It was supported by Nick, and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Duncan Purvis / WMSOA Secretary