

WMSOA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**6:30pm****February 25, 2015****Sunnybrook CC**

Officers Present: Mark Lundvick, Paul Holwerda, Duncan Purvis, Bob Powers, Jim Krol, Adam Carlson, Matt Koekkoek

Officers Absent: None

Also present: Greg Pilbeam, Doug Turkstra, Bill Wagner

New Executive Committee Member...Mark opened the meeting by welcoming Matt Koekkoek as a new Member-At-Large, filling the seat vacated by Nick Balcer's resignation, and thanking him for his willingness to serve. Mark also congratulated Greg Pilbeam for being inducted into the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association's Hall of Fame.

OK Conference Report...Mark and Greg attended a meeting with OK Conference Commissioner Jim Haskins and a large number of the soccer coaches of the OK Conference. Mark and Greg educated the coaches on WMSOA's roots and history, our association's mission and efforts, and a description of the diversity amongst our membership. They reported there was not much input or feedback from the coaches, so ideas were discussed on possibly hosting a smaller group meeting in an attempt to generate meaningful conversations.

Assignment Committee...Greg explained a new feature available to us through Arbiter with which we can post an informational or instructional video for our membership to watch. Videos can be targeted to specific members or sent to everyone. In addition, a feature exists that would allow the administrator to be able to see who has watched the video and who has not. A vote was taken and the Executive Committee unanimously approved the modest expenditure to purchase these options. Discussion followed on whatever happened to the video a few of our members created long ago, and whether we would possibly be infringing on any copyright laws if we posted videos made by other associations – like the US Soccer Referee Development videos for example.

Spring Preseason Meetings...Logistics for the meetings, duties of the officers, and an agenda for the meetings was discussed. Duncan will send out the invitation and information email to all members very soon. It was decided we would stick with the PowerPoint and Adam will handle its creation. Members-At-Large are responsible for bringing drinks and ice. As an incentive for members to attend this meeting, WMSOA will hand out a newly made WMSOA t-shirt to each attendee.

End of Game Protocol...As mentioned at the 2014 AGM, due to a few unfortunate instances of referee abuse that happened lately, the Executive Committee is working on drafting a letter to the MHSAA asking them to consider implementing suggested metrics to improve referee safety, specifically a recommended referee postgame protocol. If passed by the Executive Committee, the letter will be sent to other associations too, with hopes they will also send something similar to the MHSAA.

NASO Model Legislation on Referee Abuse and Assault...The Michigan Referee Committee recently distributed information on two bills being considered by the Michigan State Senate that would increase the penalty for someone convicted of assaulting a referee. Discussion followed regarding the position the MRC is taking as compared to the position the MHSAA is taking. Duncan will draft WMSOA's position with respect to the legislation and email it to the Executive Committee for a vote. If passed, he will forward our statement to the WMSOA membership with a suggested call to action.

WMSOA Constitution and By-Laws...Mark asked Paul to put together a committee to review the WMSOA Constitution and By-Laws. Some suggestions were thrown out as to possible improvements/additions to the document. Paul asked Duncan to serve on the committee and Duncan accepted. Paul will name other committee members as needed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Duncan Purvis / WMSOA Secretary