

WMSOA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

6:45pm

November 19, 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

Fall Season Recap...Greg and Matt reported that WMSOA assigned officials into 5400 slots for high school and college games combined. There were very few issues with Arbiter. It was noted it went better with officials just working JV/Var games when a triple header was being played. Greg and Matt are responding strongly to schools that change game details and inform the assignors at the last minute that they will not receive officials.

Treasurer's Update...Doug gave Bob's report that schools have been invoiced and that invoices to WMSOA/NISOA members will be going out very soon. Paul expressed frustration with the delay in expense reimbursement.

NISOA News...Greg said he has heard rumors that NISOA desires to experiment with goal line technology.

MHSAA/OK Conference News...Greg and John Crumb will again attend the OK Conference meeting in February 2015 as liaisons for WMSOA. Greg and Doug met with the West Michigan Conference on October 8 and the meeting went well. Jackson-area soccer officials are the highest paid in the state, areas of Saginaw and Detroit are next, then WMSOA officials are the next highest paid.

Postgame Protocol...Doug will write up a draft of recommendations for postgame protocols for high school soccer games in Michigan. The Executive Committee will vote and, if approved, the recommendations will be sent to the MHSAA asking them to consider standardizing postgame protocols.

Pre/Mid/Post-Season Meetings...Though Nick reported hearing very good feedback on the use of PowerPoint slides to help keep meetings on track, attendance at WMSOA meetings – especially midseason meetings (Cracker Barrels) – continues to be underwhelming. The Executive Committee has tried asking schools to leave one date free and has tried offering door prizes without great success, so the next attempt will be to try holding the spring meeting(s) on a Saturday morning.

December AGM...Our next Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Saturday, December 6, 2014, at Grandville HS. The secretary will send an email to the membership with a reminder about the meeting, a request to RSVP, a reminder about the new process for nominating for openings on the Executive Committee, and an ask to donate old referee jerseys. Each presenter will get their talking points to Nick prior to the meeting so he can compose the PowerPoint.

Goals of the Association...The discussion on goals for the association surrounded two topics: (1) identifying a point of contact for the Lakes 8 and West Michigan Conferences and (2) improving attendance at association meetings.

Other/Miscellaneous...A motion from a previous meeting to purchase black short-sleeve moisture-wicking shirts with the WMSOA logo to distribute to members who attend Cracker Barrels was brought up again by Duncan. It is intended this will be done for the spring midseason meeting. The idea of rekindling a summer golf outing was brought up and Mark will consider it as he enters his term as President.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Duncan Purvis / WMSOA Secretary