

WMSOA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**6:00pm****November 18, 2015****Sunnybrook CC**

Officers Present: Mark Lundvick, Paul Holwerda, Duncan Purvis, Bob Powers, Jim Krol, Adam Carlson, Matt Koekkoek
Also present: Greg Pilbeam, Keith Miller

Season recap...Greg provided a recap of the fall 2015 season. All games scheduled to use the 3-man system were filled by the assignors. A record 38 red cards were issued. Greg estimated 15 or so were for second yellow. Several verbal assaults and one physical assault resulted in "concern reports" being filed. We lost a few officials to injury and thanks were given to those who stepped up and took extra games. The average age of an MHSAA official (not just soccer) is 52, while the total number of MHSAA-registered officials is down for 2015-2016 school year. There was no fall 2015 midseason meeting because it was simply too difficult to identify an appropriate date with few games.

Recruiting...The need to recruit new soccer officials was discussed. The committee was reminded that a new official has his/her first year WMSOA dues waived. Duncan made a motion that if a current member recruits a new member who registers with the MHSAA and – by 11/1/16 – sends list to the Secretary of 2016 WMSOA games worked plus a note of whom the 'recruiting' member was, that recruiting member will have his/her 2017 WMSOA dues waived. Paul seconded. It passed unanimously. The incentive will be announced at the AGM in December. It was also requested by Greg to create a notecard to use for recruiting new officials to give to high school Athletic Directors to give out to graduating seniors. It was also suggested to tap into GVSOA's list of registered USSF officials to see if any desire to work high school games once they are of appropriate age.

WMSOA dues...Paul suggested raising WMSOA dues as they have been the same for at least 3 straight years but the idea was tabled for later discussion.

Open positions...At the December AGM the membership will vote on a new Treasurer to replace Bob Powers and serve a three year term, as well as a Member-At-Large to replace Adam (who replaced Paul) and serve a three year term. Duncan will send a reminder to the membership to submit nominations. The nominations committee will do their work after the nominations period closes and will inform the executive committee of whom the nominees are for each position.

NISOA Liaison...Greg reported that NISOA is holding their registration fees at \$80 and increasing the late fee to \$50. Invoices will go out soon to the membership – they should be received by the membership by Thanksgiving so members can pay at the AGM. It was more of a struggle this fall than any other to fill all college game slots. As of now, Kim Vieira will not assign anyone to a fall 2016 college game if he/she is not 2016 NISOA certified.

Assignor compensation...Mark suggested it is time to increase both the fee WMSOA charges schools to assign as well as the fee WMSOA pays assignors. For at least the last several years, WMSOA has actually been turning a profit off what schools pay WMSOA compared to what WMSOA pays its assignors. The committee decided it was fair to increase both to a point where it's close to a "wash" while still leaving a little wiggle room in case some schools don't pay. Duncan made a motion to increase what WMSOA charges schools from \$100/season to \$120/season starting in the spring of 2016 through 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 while also increasing what we pay assignors from \$2.50/slot to \$3.00/slot for 2015 and \$3.25/slot starting spring 2016 and ongoing. Mark seconded. It was approved unanimously.

AGM Prep...Greg will order food. Bill will pick up food. Jim will pick up beverages. Matt is bringing ice. Mark is bringing containers for the ice and drinks. EC asked to arrive by 7:30am for set up. Duncan will send RSVPs to committee on Wed or Thurs before. Mark will send an agenda in advance detailing responsibilities of members.

Fall Preseason...There was talk about holding an AR clinic/skills training on the field after the August fitness test in favor of less classroom material. Further discussion will follow.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Duncan Purvis / WMSOA Secretary