

WMSOA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 7:00pm January 22, 2014 Sunnybrook CC

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

Officers Absent: Bob Powers, Matt Koekkoek

Also Present: Greg Pilbeam, Bill Wagner

Spring Season Assigning...Greg reported the switch back to the original Arbiter from ArbiterGame will hopefully reduce or eliminate the number of glitches experienced last fall. WMSOA continues to advocate the 3-man system as better for the game and continues to ask school ADs to allow us to assign the 3-man system on games we feel need it. Some schools comply, others do not. Game reports from our officials continue to improve! Keep up the good work! WMSOA will assign for 70 schools this spring with most games occurring on Mondays and Wednesdays. Priority will be given to officials who update their Arbiter calendars and make the extra effort to coordinate their Arbiter calendars with the increasingly popular GameOfficials assigning site that other associations are using.

OK Conference Report...Greg reported he and John Crumb will again meet with Jim Haskins and the OK Conference next month, after which we should have feedback on any concerns or requests they have going into the spring season and looking ahead to next fall.

2014 Events and Meetings...A tentative schedule for 2014 WMSOA activities was established:

Spring Preseason Meetings – March 12 (Wednesday) in Kentwood and Muskegon

Executive Committee Meeting – April 29 (Tuesday) at Sunnybrook CC

New NISOA Training and Testing (by invitation only) – late April or early May location TBD

Midseason Cracker Barrel – May 6 (Tuesday) location TBD

Executive Committee Meeting – June 17 (Tuesday) at Sunnybrook CC

Fitness Test/Fall Preseason Meeting – August 2 (Saturday) at Grandville HS

Fitness Test/Fall Preseason Meeting Make-up – August 13 or 14 location TBD

Midseason Cracker Barrel – September 29 (M) or 30 (T) location TBD

Executive Committee Meeting – November 11 (Tuesday) at Sunnybrook CC

Annual General Meeting – December 6 (Saturday) at Grandville HS

Spring Preseason Meeting...It was discussed that a new emphasis on improving the content at WMSOA meetings and trainings is desired and needed. Many different ideas were brainstormed. It was decided new Member-at-Large Nick Balcer would email the membership seeking input on what they would like to hear/see at trainings and then provide that information to Paul and Duncan who will create the agenda for the Spring Preseason Meeting. Greg will provide a list of relatively new officials to WMSOA and an even greater effort will be made to encourage their attendance at meetings and trainings.

Assignment Committee...Doug made a motion to approve Greg's appointment of Matt Koekkoek to the Assignment Committee. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Nominations Committee...After some discussion, Nick nominated Duncan for Chairperson of the newly formed Nominations Committee. Doug seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously. After further discussion, Nick made a motion to approve Duncan's appointment of Paul, Greg, and Tom Walters to the Nominations Committee. Doug seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Referees...Greg reported he has received five or six applications through the website for new officials interested in joining WMSOA. Veteran officials will be advised of assignments with new officials and may be asked to mentor and offer guidance to those officials.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Duncan Purvis / WMSOA Secretary