

High School Soccer Officials
MINUTES OF MEETING
27 March, 2017, 4:00 P.M.
CHSAA Building

Attendees:

William Gessner, HSSO, President
John Bissell, HSSO, Vice President for Evaluation and Discipline
Conor McGahey, HSSO, Vice President for Officials Liaison & Recruitment
Charles Shub, HSSO, Secretary
Robert Mogge, HSSO, Treasurer
Neal Fausset, HSSO, Director of Liaison and Special Projects

- I. Call to Order: 4:05 pm
- II. Remarks and Presentations by Guests: None.
- III. Remarks and Presentations by CHSAA Representatives: None.
- IV. Review and Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting (February 27, 2017): Move to approve as distributed corrected by Shub, second by Bissell, passed without dissent.
- V. Reports and Action Items by Board Members:
 - A. President – William Gessner:
 1. After discussion of referee recruiting incentives for remote areas, a motion by Bissell seconded by Fausset to, “on an individual by individual basis, apply the same parameters that are used for waiving USSF registration requirements to waiving the first year member fees for brand new referees to help recruiting in low population areas commencing with the 2017-18 season” passed without dissent. President Gessner will send an email to those area directors impacted by this.
 2. There was a brief discussion of referee payment delays by ASO. President Gessner will write to them.
 3. President Gessner will communicate with an official regarding that official’s request to deviate from using 3 stripe socks.
 4. The recent determination by NFHS that Daith piercings are jewelry and not medical devices may be reviewed in June. Should NFHS decide to allow state associations latitude, the board sentiment is to recommend no change to state policy.
 - B. Vice President for Evaluation and Discipline – John Bissell:
 1. A complaint about referee conduct from a school in the San Luis Valley was handled by President Gessner.

2. A complaint about referee conduct from a school in Weld county is currently under review.
 3. The feedback from using radios during the fall playoffs was positive. Protocols for the use of radios will be added to the summer referee training clinic. When the use of radios is approved, that usage needs to be managed and should be restricted to those referees who are familiar with the protocols.
 4. Center referees for playoff games should make extra effort to assure all officials have the same style, color, and sleeve length uniforms.
 5. Plans for the referee clinic this summer are progressing. E-mailings will go out on (tentatively) April 1, April 15, May 1, May 15, and as needed.
 6. Progress continues on the Referee Rating committee. In addition to Bissell and Fausset, Joseph Solarte and Ralph Wappel will serve. The list of coaches includes Dan Watkins, Jim Davidson, Krista Pearman, and possibly Justin Stevens. There was a productive discussion concerning what percent of the referees should be in each category and the criteria for categorizing officials. There was also discussion regarding categorizing levels of games.
- C. Vice President for Liaison & Recruitment – Conor McGahey:
1. The Colorado Rapids have agreed to advanced training opportunities in conjunction with several rapids games. This would include a pre-game briefing, possibly including the MLS assigned crew, discounted seats, and probably a post-game session conducted by a senior referee. MLS policy prohibits the game crew's participation in the post-game sessions.
 2. McGahey is also working with the Rapids for a similar program for Development Academy training sessions and games.
- D. Secretary – Charles Shub:
1. Draft minutes from the prior meeting were submitted
 2. Shub will send an email asking incumbents if they want to run in mid-April and will arrange for an email to be sent to the membership soliciting nominations in early May.
- E. Treasurer – Robert Mogge: Nothing in addition to some minor clarifications to the monthly reports submitted by email.
- F. Director of Officials Clinics & Rules Interpreter – Mike Chipman:
1. Submitted an e-report moving there not be a dues increase for next year. Said motion was seconded by Bissell and passed without dissent.
 2. Nothing else in addition to the monthly report submitted by email.

- G. Director of Liaison and Special Projects – Neal Fausset:
 - 1. Further discussion of issues related to the Denver Draw. President Gessner will convey the board concerns to Mr. Ozzello and Mr. Robinson of CHSAA
- VI. Old Business:
 - A. The group photo was not taken.
 - B. There was no other old business.
- VII. New Business: There was no new business
- VIII. Executive Session: Nothing was reported out of a brief executive session
- IX. Scheduled Future Meetings:
 - A. April 17, 2017 at 2:00
- X. Adjournment: 5:35 pm. Motion by Gessner seconded by Shub passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles Shub,
Secretary