

High School Soccer Officials
MINUTES OF MEETING
21 November, 2016, 4:00 P.M.

Attendees:

William Gessner, HSSO, President

John Bissell, HSSO, Vice President for Evaluation and Discipline

Charles Shub, HSSO, Secretary

Robert Mogge, HSSO, Treasurer

Mike Chipman, HSSO, Director of Officials' Clinics and Rules Interpreter

Neal Fausset, HSSO, Director of Liaison and Special Projects

- I. Call to Order: 4:06 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 (03 October, 2016): Move to approve as presented by Chipman, second by Bissell, passed without dissent.
- V. Reports and Action Items by Board Members:
 - A. President – William Gessner:
 1. There was a general sense that playoffs went well from a referee perspective. Particular praise went to the officials on the 5A final, particularly with regard to dealing with close calls late in the game and during the unusual situations during the 14 rounds of kicks from the mark.
 2. Gessner and CHSAA met with an AD regarding fan behavior during and after their second-round playoff game
 - a. The AD has the names of the misbehaving parents.
 - b. The AD will meet with their booster club to discuss ways to improve fan behavior
 - c. The AD will reevaluate the use of the press box as a dressing room because that requires officials to pass through the stands 4 to 8 times.
 - d. The AD is considering requiring opponent fans to sit on the opposite side of the field.
 - e. In discussing these issues, the board members felt that problems associated with officials passing through the stands or using the same exit from the venue as the fans was of concern at many locations. Numerous examples were

cited. Gessner will ask CHSAA to have ADs statewide consider how they deal with officials being forced to walk through spectator areas.

3. Gessner expressed concern that there was a 20% turnback of assignments on second round games. There was discussion about what to do about that, but no action was taken.
 4. Several rules related issues were discussed, and the following items are candidates for discussion at the soccer committees' meeting on November 30:
 - a. revisions to the document describing playoff tie breaking procedures.
 - b. the clock will be stopped during substitutions by the team in the lead during the last 5 minutes of the second half.
 - c. Coach and player sit out for caution accumulations.
 - d. if a team exceeds a threshold accumulation of red and yellow cards during a season either the coach would receive a one game suspension or the team would be ineligible for playoffs.
 5. The board went into a brief executive session to discuss a personnel matter.
- B. Vice President for Evaluation and Discipline – John Bissell:
1. Reported that four evaluations were done during the playoffs. Not all the reports have been completed.
 2. There was an unintended delay in completing the paperwork for the referee suspension approved in the October 3, 2016, meeting. The paperwork is now complete.
 3. After receiving permission from CHSAA, radios were used in 6 playoff games. In each case, both coaches were asked and approved participating in the experiment. Post-game comments were generally not negative. There was discussion of whether this should be brought to the coaches' committee meeting, but nothing was resolved.
- C. Secretary – Charles Shub: Nothing in addition to the draft report submitted by email.
- D. Treasurer – Robert Mogge :

1. Treasurer Report: Nothing in addition to the draft report submitted by email.
2. Web Site: There was an extended discussion regarding the development of the HSSO web site. Shub and Chipman were tasked with recommending improvements to the existing FAQ and how to become a HSSO official documents. Their reports are expected to get to Mogge by 9 December. Fausset was asked to review the other links on the CHSAA page http://www2.chsaa.org/officials/soccer/o_soccer.asp to report to Gessner which other pages need to be updated.

E. Director of Officials Clinics & Rules Interpreter – Mike Chipman:

1. Registrations are down.
2. A few of the spring refreshers have been scheduled.

F. Director of Liaison and Special Projects – Neal Fausset:

1. Fausset reported that uncertified officials and assigners who use them will not be covered by liability insurance, may not have had appropriate required background checks conducted, can do a disservice to the standards of certified officials, and are not paying their fair share for the costs of certifying and training officials. Gessner will follow up with CHSAA.

VI. Old Business: None.

VII. New Business: None.

VIII. Executive Session: None.

IX. Adjournment: 5:55 pm. Motion by Bissell seconded by Mogge passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles Shub,
Secretary