

High School Soccer Officials
MINUTES OF MEETING
3 October, 2016, 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

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

Neal Fausset, HSSO, Director of Liaison and Special Projects

- I. Call to Order: 4:00 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 (12 September 2016): Move to approve as presented by Chipman, second by Mogge, passed without dissent.
- V. Reports and Action Items by Board Members:
 - A. President – William Gessner:
 1. Gessner reported an incident involving Roaring Fork where a player apparently received two cautions, one from each side official and was sent off. After the game, the center referee apparently believed, and informed the coach that the cautions were issued to two different players and the player receiving the second caution should not have been sent off. No supplemental report was issued. The sent off player competed in the next game. The opponent in the next game requested the player's team forfeit that game for using an illegal player. Gessner will reprimand the official for not handling the incident properly.
 2. In light of the above incident, Bissell and Gessner stressed the importance of good crew communication.
 3. Gessner reminded the board that crews are responsible for checking with the schools to confirm game schedules.

4. Numbers are down. It is important for board members to recruit. Gessner emphasized that face to face communication with colleagues is best.
5. Several board members expressed a general concern regarding the liability of using unregistered officials. Fausset will assist in drafting a memorandum to assignors stressing that point as well as asking the assignors to suggest potential recruits.

B. Vice President for Evaluation and Discipline – John Bissell:

1. After discussion, a motion by Chipman, second by McGahey that given the unique circumstances of the confrontation between a (referee) fan and a referee, the following discipline would be appropriate in this situation:
 - a. The referee concurs with the discipline
 - b. The (referee) fan submit a written apology
 - c. The (referee) fan refrain from officiating varsity games for the remainder of the fall season
 - d. The (referee) fan refrain from officiating varsity games for the spring, 2017 season
 - e. The (referee) fan be suspended from working any playoff games for the 2016-2017 school year
 - f. The (referee) fan be placed on probation for the 2017-2018 school year.

This passed unanimously. The discussion included whether the board had to form a disciplinary committee or if the board had the option to negotiate a settlement; and that the board did not want this choice to be construed as setting a precedent.

2. Bissell reported an incident in a game between Grandview and Cherokee Trail where the Grandview team was late coming back to the field. The referee entered the locker room and blew his whistle. The referee will be asked to write a letter of apology to the school for his inappropriate behavior.
3. Bissell reported an incident where an official was 33 minutes late to a game between Heritage and Adams City owing to that referee having also accepted an earlier game that ran late. After discussion, Bissell agreed to draft a letter for Gessner to send to the official lamenting his poor scheduling choices. A copy of this letter will be sent to Denver area assignors.

C. Vice President for Liaison & Recruitment – Conor McGahey:

1. Mogge presented a layman's overview of how domain service and web hosting work.
2. After discussion, a motion by Bissell, second by McGahey that the Board authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$75 per annum for domain name and web hosting passed unanimously.
3. Mogge will take the lead in selecting the domain name and web host, and McGahey will take the lead in developing the web content.
4. Gessner directed McGahey to provide official shirts to new board members.

D. Secretary – Charles Shub: Nothing in addition to the draft report submitted by email.

E. Treasurer – Robert Mogge : Nothing in addition to the draft report submitted by email.

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

1. Registrations are still down.
2. The Denver area Game of the Week get together was poorly attended. Another get together will be scheduled during the first or second round of the playoffs.
3. Chipman presented an anecdote regarding a team that was leading a game and was playing a man down. That team scored another goal to increase their lead. Five players engaged in taunting the opposing team and all five were sent off. The team then had only 6 eligible players and had to forfeit the match.

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

1. Gessner directed Fausset to select a location for the next meeting. During the discussion, there was general agreement to move the December meeting to December 14.

VI. Old Business:

- A. After discussion, a motion by Chipman, second by Bissell that the Dues for Spring only registration be set at \$40 passed unanimously.

VII. New Business:

- A. Requests from Members for Waivers for Purposes of Upgrade:

After discussion, a motion by Bissell, second by Fausset that Referee Jake Meyer be upgraded to Active from Provisional passed unanimously. Gessner will provide notification.

- B. Gessner reported the ballot for playoff officials would be sent by CHSAA in the next few days.

- B. Gessner reported the playoff referee selection committee would meet at 9:00 am on October 24.

VIII. Executive Session: None.

- IX. Adjournment: 5:56 pm. Motion by McGahey seconded by Mogge passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles Shub,
Secretary