

**High School Soccer Officials**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**13 September, 2017, 4:00 P.M.**  
**CHSAA Building**

Attendees:

William Gessner, HSSO, President

Conor McGahey, HSSO, Vice President for Officials Liaison & Recruitment

Charles Shub, HSSO, Secretary

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


Neal Fausset, HSSO, Director of Liaison and Special Projects

- I. Call to Order: 3:03 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 (8 August 2017): Move to approve as presented by Chipman, second by Fausset, passed unanimously.
- V. Reports and Action Items by Board Members:
  - A. President – William Gessner:
    1. Gessner presented a draft of his proposed email to referees. His sentiments were endorsed by the board. The email stresses:
      - a. the importance of proper reporting to CHSAA. It is not good to either forget to submit the report, or have an incorrect team listed in the report.
      - b. Using and handing out the “crew card” to both coaches
    2. Gessner reported that he will be generally unavailable between September 16 and November 1. In his absence,
      - a. John Bissell will be acting president
      - b. Bob Mogge will chair the playoff committee. As in the past, Neal Faussett, Bob Sapashe, and Wendell Nixon would also be involved. The board also expressed the sentiment that Jeremy Heiser could provide valuable insight on referees who reside on the western slope.
    3. Gessner led a discussion on potential restrictions to the frequency of referees being selected for playoff finals and semi-finals. The tradeoffs are that being too restrictive makes it difficult to assure an adequate selection of highly qualified officials while not being restrictive enough makes it difficult for expanding the pool to include all qualified officials.
  - B. Vice President for Evaluation and Discipline – John Bissell:
    1. In his absence, the board confirmed the email ballot to accept his report on the investigation of misconduct by an official attending a game as a parent. The investigation found that while there was no physical contact with any of the referees, the referee had violated several canons of the NFHS "Officials Code of Ethics". The email ballot endorsed writing a letter to the referee

warning him further similar behavior could result in suspension from membership in HSSO.

- C. Vice President for Liaison & Recruitment – Conor McGahey:
    - 1. McGahey noted that next year’s badge would contain the word “Colorado”
    - 2. Gessner inquired why his request to Colorado Soccer to have a recruiting letter sent to Colorado referees who are turning 18 or graduating high school had not been acted on. Fausset will follow up.
    - 3. Opportunities for recruiting NISOA officials new to Colorado were discussed.
  - D. Secretary – Charles Shub: Nothing in addition to the draft report submitted by email. In
  - E. Treasurer – Robert Mogge:
    - 1. His monthly report was submitted by email.
    - 2. He will be developing a document showing a five year trend of liquid assets
  - F. Director of Officials Clinics & Rules Interpreter – Mike Chipman:
    - 1. Registrations currently at 341 plus 2 honorary members.
    - 2. New registrations, at 20, are still down.
  - G. Director of Liaison and Special Projects – Neal Fausset:
    - 1. The fall Denver Draw using the rankings system developed and implemented over the past few months seemed to go well.
- VI. Old Business: None.
- VII. New Business:
- A. There were no requests for waivers for purposes of upgrade.
  - B. The board anticipates future requests for two referees who have transferred from another state
- VIII. Future meetings
- A. Wednesday, 18 October at 3:00 at CHSAA
  - B. Wednesday, 15 November at 4:00 at Fox and Hound, 9239 Park Meadows Dr, Lone Tree
- IX. Executive Session: None.
- X. Adjournment: 4:02 pm. Motion by McGahey seconded by Chipman passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles Shub,  
Secretary