

**High School Soccer Officials**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**15 November, 2017, 4:00 P.M.**  
**Fox and Hound, 9239 Park Meadows Drive**

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  
Mike Chipman, HSSO, Director of Officials' Clinics and Rules Interpreter  
Neal Fausset, HSSO, Director of Liaison and Special Projects  
Joseph Solarte, Visitor

- I. Call to Order: 4 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 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. The international start and pregame handshake as done in the championship games last week was discussed. Gessner will recommend to CHSAA that the procedure be used in all playoff games and that CHSAA offer schools the option of doing that during the regular season.
    2. An email notice that a long time official is retiring led to a discussion of how to recognize service to HSSO. Gessner will explore options for purchasing commemorative coins. McGahey will design a commemorative certificate template. Shub will find appropriate frames. Establishing criteria for these recognitions will be discussed at a future meeting
    3. The board discussed whether playoff official assignments should be published on the <http://hssso-colorado.org/> website. Mogge will do this in the future. Details will be determined.
    4. The board discussed an incident involving inappropriate comments to the press by a coach following a game between Jefferson Academy and Liberty Common. The incident will be reviewed by CHSAA
    5. Gessner reported on several items related to CHSAA
      - a. Gessner attended the CHSAA Partners. They are thinking of renaming to CHSSO (Colorado High School Sports Officials). Gessner expressed his concern that the new name might well be confused with Colorado High School Soccer Officials. Gessner made several suggestions for less confusing names.

- b. The National Association of Sports Officials has released its survey of over 17,000 officials. The results are available at <http://www.naso.org/survey/>
  - c. The referee pay for soccer will increase by \$2.00 commencing in fall 2018.
  - d. CHSAA has passed a resolution regarding players kneeling during the national anthem. Briefly, officials may notify assigners that they will not accept assignments to particular schools, but once on site, the officials are required to officiate the game. Resolution will be sent to members and post it on the web site.
  - e. CHSAA would like to present awards to top officials. The awards for a particular school year would be presented at the fall championships the following year. Bissell will develop criteria. Nominations would be by area directors with the ultimate selection resting with the board.
- B. Vice President for Evaluation and Discipline – John Bissell:
- 1. Bissell reported on an official violating the code of ethics. After discussion, a motion by Chipman seconded by McGahey to place the official on probation from Spring 2018 through Spring 2019 passed unanimously
  - 2. There was discussion of a potential mis-application of the rules during the 4-A championship game. The video will be circulated and sanctions, if any, will be discussed at a future meeting.
  - 3. In the future, if possible, the clock should be displayed at both ends of the stadium at Dick's instead of just the south end.
  - 4. There was a discussion on how to spend the budgeted evaluation and assessment dollars.
- C. Vice President for Liaison & Recruitment – Conor McGahey:
- 1. Although absolute number are down, HSSO seems to be recruiting good officials.
  - 2. The already good quality seems to be getting better.
  - 3. The sentiment that the probationary requirements for experienced officials transferring to Colorado from other states ought not to be as strict as the probationary requirements for new officials was discussed. Gessner will review the constitution and bylaws to see whether this can be accomplished without formally amending the constitution and/or bylaws
- D. Secretary – Charles Shub: Nothing in addition to the draft report submitted by email.
- E. Treasurer – Robert Mogge:
- 1. A draft report was submitted by email.

2. A request was made that options for establishing courtesy e-mail addresses for board members (e.g. [president@hssso-colorado.org](mailto:president@hssso-colorado.org), [treasurer@hssso-colorado.org](mailto:treasurer@hssso-colorado.org), etc.) with forwarding to the designated email of the officeholder be explored by the treasurer.
- F. Director of Officials Clinics & Rules Interpreter – Mike Chipman:
    1. Registrations are down
    2. Some of the spring refreshers have been set.
    3. To formalize email discussions a motion by Shub seconded by Bissell to establish the spring only membership dues at \$40.00 passed unanimously.
  - G. Director of Liaison and Special Projects – Neal Fausset: Nothing to report.
- VI. Old Business: None.
- VII. New Business:
- A. A request for waiver for purposes of upgrade for Joshua Duhl was granted.
  - B. An email vote to grant waivers waiver for purposes of upgrade for 6 area 6 officials was ratified.
  - C. A question from CHSAA whether yellow cards should be tracked and if so whether there be a suspension imposed for an excessive accumulation had a vigorous discussion. The sentiment seemed to be towards an accumulation of 5 cards might be an appropriate accumulation for a suspension. Also discussed was whether a team that exceeds a certain threshold of cards be excluded from the playoffs. No formal action was taken.
- VIII. Future meetings
- A. Wednesday, 10 January at CHSAA at 4:00 PM
  - B. Monday, 12 February at CHSAA at 4:00 PM
- IX. Executive Session: None.
- X. Adjournment: 6:00 PM Motion to adjourn by Chipman seconded by Fausset passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles Shub,  
Secretary