

High School Soccer Officials
MINUTES OF MEETING
8 January, 2018, 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

- 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 (15 November 2017): Move to approve as presented by Chipman second by Bissell, passed unanimously.
- V. Reports and Action Items by Board Members:
 - A. President – William Gessner:
 1. Report on CHSAA Soccer Advisory Committee Meeting
 - a. Gessner reported for HSSO
 - i. referee count as about 390 down about 30, primarily owing to retirements.
 - ii. The referee camp was well received by attendees
 - iii. HSSO will continue training and retraining on the proper application of the rules and we discipline officials as needed.
 - b. CHSAA will adopt an international start for all future playoff games
 - c. There were no responses to a request for proposed rule changes
 - d. The schools seem to like the new rankings for purposes of assigning and the draw.
 - e. There was discussion regarding the level of transparency of voting results.
 - f. There was sentiment to reorder ballots so referees from local area appear first or in a group. Gessner will work with CHSAA to accommodate these and similar desires.
 - g. The presidents of HSSO and the Coaches Association will be ex-officio members rather than guests.

2. Report on meeting with Mr. Derrera
 - a. The group reached an agreement to resubmit previously submitted rule change proposals to NFHS. In discussing this, the HSSO board felt that a proposal to adopt the NCAA policy of stopping the clock when the winning team was substituting during the final five minutes would be a good addition to the submissions
 - b. HSSO representatives liked the earlier notification by CHSAA of officials selected for semis and championships
 - c. HSSO will investigate the ramifications of restricting officials from working too many final and semi-final playoff games. The key concern seems to be the tradeoff between spreading the assignments to more top officials without being so restrictive that HSSO is forced to use second or third tier officials.
 3. Gessner Reported on a meeting with some Area 6 (Colorado Springs) Athletics Directors. The attendees included Mr. Gessner, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Derrera, 6 or 7 athletics directors (at least one from each of the leagues), and area director Seaver. The major issue was whether the ADs should deal with the assigner (who they pay and who they deal with in other sports) or the area director. It was decided that the ADs would communicate with the assigner who would, if necessary, consult with the area director before responding.
 4. Gessner reported on a meeting with the crew that worked the 4A championship game last fall. After reviewing the game recording, the crew agreed that the correct sanction for the play in question should have been a sendoff for DOGSO instead of a caution for handling.
- B. Vice President for Evaluation and Discipline – John Bissell:
1. Bissell reported that there was a data entry issue in Arbiter that required him to enter the ratings in multiple (at least 6) places.
 2. Bissell Reported that in the future, he would like to add coaches from the Continental League and Centennial league to the evaluation committee
 3. A motion by Chipman, seconded by Bissell, that HSSO recommends to the area directors and assigners outside the Denver area to this approach of using arbiter to assign referees using the rating system as has been used in the Denver area passed unanimously.
 4. Bissell agreed to run the camp again. The tentative dates are the weekend of July 21
 5. Bissell reported that the sanction letter for a referee who was found to have violated the code of ethics as discussed in the November meeting had been sent.

- C. Vice President for Liaison & Recruitment – Conor McGahey:
 - 1. Nothing to Report
 - 2. Gessner will design the award coin discussed in the November meeting.

- D. Secretary – Charles Shub:
 - 1. Shub reported that elections would be coming up and he has the protocols in place to deal with that.
 - 2. Shub requested the board consider any proposals for bylaws changes so they can be proposed in time for the spring elections.

- E. Treasurer – Robert Mogge:
 - 1. The draft report was submitted by email.
 - 2. Postage and evaluation expenses are down.
 - 3. Web site:
 - a. Gessner will ask CHSAA to put a link to the HSSO site on the CHSAA site
 - b. Mogge will copy appropriate notifications and announcements from the CHSAA site to the HSSO site

- F. Director of Officials Clinics & Rules Interpreter – Mike Chipman:
 - 1. There are 6 new Spring only registrations.
 - 2. Most areas have scheduled spring refreshers.
 - 3. A motion by Chipman, seconded by Mogge, to keep the dues at \$50 (\$60 if late) for the 2018-2019 year passed unanimously.
 - 4. There are no restrictions against using spray foam in the HSSO Rules.

- G. Director of Liaison and Special Projects – Neal Fausset: No report.

- VI. Old Business:
 - A. The “what to say when” instructions for using microphones in games developed for the summer camps will be posted to the website.
 - B. Related to that, there was a short discussion of radio options and that at least one league is planning on having each school provide radios for referees.

- VII. New Business: None

- VIII. Future meetings
 - A. Wednesday, 12 February at CHSAA at 4:00
 - B. Monday, 2 April at CHSAA at 3:00
 - C. Wednesday, 23 May at Dick’s Sporting Goods Park at 3:30

- IX. Executive Session: None.

X. Adjournment: at 5:25 PM, a motion by Bissell seconded by Chipman to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles Shub", with a large, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Charles Shub,
Secretary