

**High School Soccer Officials**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**23 May, 2018, 3:30 P.M.**  
**Dick's Sporting Goods Park**

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: 3:30 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 (2 April 2018): Move to approve as presented by Bissell, second by Mogge, passed unanimously.
- V. Reports and Action Items by Board Members:
  - A. President – William Gessner:
    1. Discussion of playoff assigning: There were lots of turnbacks this spring. The coaches' decision to delay the seeding until Monday leaves even less time to assign first round games. There was vigorous discussion. No formal decisions were made.
  - B. Vice President for Evaluation and Discipline – John Bissell:
    1. Bissell reported he had only received 4 committee member responses of the evaluation system being used in areas 7-10. He will follow up
    2. Camp Brochure will be sent again tomorrow, twice in June, and twice in July. Some anticipated evaluators may be out of town.
    3. Bissell reported on two incidents involving officials conduct that are not currently specifically addressed in the code of ethics. Chipman volunteered to suggest an addition to the code of ethics to cover these situations.
  - C. Vice President for Liaison & Recruitment – Conor McGahey:
    1. Award Coins have been received.
    2. He received an email from a (non-HSSO) official who does not like the three whistle system. The sense of the discussion was that there is now a greater sense of acceptance than there was a decade ago.

- D. Secretary – Charles Shub: The following actions were taken via email since the prior meeting
1. Requests for Upgrade waivers were granted as follows:
    - a. Jay Culver - granted on April 4, 2018
    - b. Robert Smith - granted on April 14, 2018
    - c. Patrick Bradshaw - granted on April 16, 2018
    - d. Richard Tyrell – granted on April 26, 2018
    - e. Charles Rupert – granted April 26, 2018
  2. Election
    - a. A general call for self-nomination for reelection to open positions was sent out on April 1. With the exception of Area 10 Director, all incumbents agreed to serve another term.
    - b. Monica sent the membership an open call for nominations for board positions and area directors on April 16.
      - i. Several additional nominations were received for incumbents
      - ii. One nomination was received for Area 10 Director.
      - iii. One additional nomination was received for secretary.
    - c. To avoid an appearance of conflict, Gessner handled refining the candidate statements for secretary.
    - d. Draft ballot language was okayed by the board by email on May 1
    - e. Ballots were mailed on May 14 by Monica to the membership
    - f. Ballot tallies should be available shortly after Friday, June 4
- E. Treasurer – Robert Mogge: Nothing in addition to the draft report submitted by email.
- F. Director of Officials Clinics & Rules Interpreter – Mike Chipman:
1. Chipman reported that a provisional official who had satisfied both the one year and 20 games requirements were advanced to active status.
  2. Either Chipman or Gessner will attend the NFHS meeting in Indianapolis in July
  3. Potential Rule Changes were briefly discussed.
    - a. The mercy rule may be altered as it is specifically a state option. Several possible changes were discussed. Gessner will follow up as appropriate.
    - b. There was sentiment to add stopping the clock for substitutions by the leading team during the last 5 minutes of the game (to curtail time wasting), as is done at some other levels. Although NFHS chose not to

implement this last year. It may be possible to implement this as a state option. Gessner will follow up as appropriate.

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

1. Clarified that Tyrell and Rupert were recommended for upgrade because he requested they text him once they completed their 20<sup>th</sup> game as a provisional referee, and they did

VI. Old Business: None.

VII. New Business:

- A. We should submit nominees for NFHS awards every fall.
- B. Discussion of referee only receiving ½ pay for showing up at a game that he was assigned only to learn the game had been cancelled with insufficient time to notify officials. The consensus is that this should be taken to the compensation committee.

VIII. Future meetings

- A. Thursday, 14 June at CHSAA at 3:00

IX. Executive Session: None.

X. Adjournment: 4:30 pm. Motion by Bissell seconded by Mogge passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles Shub,  
Secretary