

**High School Soccer Officials  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 17, 2018 3 p.m.**

Attendees:

Name	Title	Present
William Gessner	HSSO President	Yes
John Bissell	HSSO Vice President for Evaluation & Discipline	Yes
Connor McGahey	HSSO Vice President for Officials Liaison & Recruitment	Yes
Sonja Dawson Urano	HSSO Secretary	Yes
Robert Mogee	HSSO Treasurer	Yes
Mike Chipman	HSSO Director of Officials Clinics & Rules Interpreter	Yes
Neal Fausset	HSSO Director of Liaison & Special Projects	Yes

1. Call to Order 1508
2. Remarks and Presentation by CHSAA Representatives - Ernie
  - a. Ernie shared that conduct is an issue. There are an increased number of incidents for dissent & irresponsible behavior that has led to an increased number of yellow cards.
  - b. AD's have been referred to the Code of Ethics
  - c. AN Athlete h
  - d. An athlete that used profane language (F word) was suspended for 3 games (not only 1 as in previous years)
  - e. Discussion over Brad Miller's incident with a coach whom used profane language but was only cautioned of irresponsible and not sent off the field for foul & abuse language.
  - f. In Ernie's recent meeting with all states in Section 6 – there have been an increased number of reports/incidents for language all around.
  - g. Bill has submitted 3 rule changes (including the Mercy Rule) to Ernie to present at the next Soccer Committee meeting (November 28, 2018 @ 9am) and there is an NFHS survey coming out
  - h. Ernie is communication w/ head coaches on weekly basis
3. Remarks and Presentations by Guests - **NONE**
4. Review & Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
  - a. John Bissell moved to vote for August minute approval to be performed via email; Second by Mike Chipman; Motion Carried
5. Reports and Action Items by Board Members
  - a. President – William Gessner
    - i. Constitutional amendment Article 5 - Board of Directors – Regarding the removal of a member from Board (see attachment for specific language)
      1. Will add 2c – to define if the President is the member being recommended for removal - information will go to the VP
    - ii. Lightening policy - clarification to referees (find in rule book) – Remind officials to FOLLOW POLICY! Use applications like Weather Bug to determine the distance of the last strike (must stop game for safety if within 10 miles)
      1. Neal will assist in determining the language for a message to officials

- iii. Case (Mike Chipman, Bill) discussion regarding the receipt of several emails from an official (regarding referees who are not currently an HSSO member) - working sub-varsity & C. We would like to reach out to those officials and request they become members.
  - 1. Will reach out to Tom Robinson to see if he can send note to ALL officials in Arbiter with language that reads: If interested in refereeing soccer, please contact \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. Discussion regarding the situation with Dave Levy – Levy admitted to drinking prior to a match (once in spring and once in the fall). Our signature has language that states will not consume prior to a match and this clear violation. However, this is not typical behavior of this person. Per the current Policy, a disciplinary committee must be formed to deal with the problem. The VP of Evaluation & Discipline will appoint 4 people to this committee & the appointees will then be approved by the Board.
- v. PK Ralston Valley was a good call.
- b. Vice President for Evaluation & Discipline – John Bissell
  - i. Positioning Slides: Need to be updated & forwarded to NFHS
- c. Vice President for Liaison & Recruitment – Conner McGahey
  - i. Follow-up on official from RV game has been completed.
  - ii. Crews in games have been good -- not a lot of emails from referees
  - iii. Matt Collela has spread the word on gear well.
  - iv. Incorrect artwork was sent & badges w/o Colorado in error. NEXT YEAR Colorado will be on badges.
    - 1. Question changing colors (any 2 colors or black & white only). Conner will contact Sports Pins International for pricing to see if there is a difference
- d. Secretary – Sonja Urano
  - i. Nothing to report
- e. Treasurer – Bob Mogge
  - i. Option of books given to members, but some people paid \$50.00 or \$60.00 (unsure if this extra money was for rulebooks or late fee.
  - ii. Insurance invoice came in Saturday & a check was sent on Monday
  - iii. HSSO is currently in the black for last year
  - iv. Propose we make dues \$55 which will include a book and possibly increase the late fee
- f. Director of Officials Clinics & Special Projects – Mike Chipman
  - i. Nothing that has not previously been addressed
- g. Liaison & Special Projects - Neal Fausset
  - i. Dave Levy incident has previously been discussed
  - ii. Playoff assigning meeting is scheduled October 22nd
- 6. Old Business
  - a. (Mike): Make your error in judgment not in the rules (i.e. restarts)
  - b. Mike has had 2 games with only 2 referees -- Coach came to referees (Regis coach prior to game vs. Chaparral) regarding an issue were Chaparral students using social media to threaten an Eagle Crest player that they wanted to break his leg during the game & then his leg was broken during play in a non-foul situation.
- 7. New Business

- a. Future Meetings: Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 1600 – Location TBD
- b. Other New Business
  - i. Post-season survey was sent out by Monica
    - 1. Mike moved that the application process be advisory only as HSSO will recruit for playoffs; Seconded by Sonja; Motioned
- 8. Executive Session (if needed) – **Unnecessary on this date**
- 9. Adjournment 1658 (moved by: Conner; Second: Bob; Motion Carried)