



HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER OFFICIALS

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday December 18th, 2023 – 4:00pm

Attendees:

Name	Title	Present
Ken Hehir	HSSO President	YES
John Bissell	HSSO Vice President for Evaluation & Discipline	YES
Connor McGahey	HSSO Vice President for Officials Liaison & Recruitment	NO
Sonja Dawson Urano	HSSO Secretary	NO
Jason Hampton	HSSO Treasurer	YES
Megan McCain	HSSO Director of Officials Clinics & Rules Interpreter	NO
Neal Fausset	HSSO Director of Liaison & Special Projects	PHONE
Mike Chipman	Ex-Officio Member	YES

1. Call to order 1605.
2. Remarks and Presentations by Guests – Jeff Johnson
3. Remarks and Presentations by CHSAA Representatives – None Present.
4. Review and Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting – it was moved and seconded to approve the minutes.
5. Reports and Action Items by Board Members:
 - A. President – Ken Hehir
 - i. No report.
 - B. Vice President for Evaluation & Discipline – John Bissell
 - i. Ranking Committee – Responses from Coaches
 - ii. Spring Draw planning - discuss possible dates with Assignors, Feb 5th/12th/19th, season beings Mar 7th.
 - iii. Discussion of possible requirements for playoffs – meeting / testing / eligibility.
 - C. Vice President for Liaison & Recruitment – Conor McGahey
 - i. No report.
 - D. Secretary – Sonja Urano
 - i. No report.
 - E. Treasurer – Jason Hampton

- i. Current 2023-24 membership registration number was 370 at seasons end, currently 374 members-to-date.
 - F. Director of Officials Clinics & Rules Interpreter – Megan McCain
 - i. No report.
 - G. Ex-Officio Member – Mike Chipman
 - i. No report.
 - H. Director of Liaison and Special Projects – Neal Fausset
 - i. No report.
- 6. Old Business.
 - A. Area 1 still has vacancy for the HSSO Area Director.
- 7. New Business:
 - A. Fall Season Recap
 - i. Increase in Red Cards towards the end of the season. The most Red Cards shown to Coaches during a season on record.
 - ii. Playoffs went well. Finals were good, exciting matches.
 - B. CHSAA Soccer Committee Meeting
 - i. Expanded 2A playoff bracket (24 teams)
 - ii. Conference re-alignment
 - iii. Proposals from coaches to require a minimum number of games played by players to be eligible to compete in playoffs. Reasoning being club players returning to teams only for playoffs. CHSAA took a neutral stance, postpone any decisions to look at options, refine better wording on a possible requirement. HSSO officially has no input / stance on this item.
 - C. Proposal for a new appointed position on the Board = Ex-Officio, Colorado Referee Committee (CRC) Liaison
 - i. Motion from Bissell to create the new HSSO Board position of “Ex-Officio, CRC Liaison”. Seconded by Hampton. Approved.
 - ii. Motion from Bissell to appoint Jeff Johnson to the HSSO Board for the newly created “Ex-Officio, CRC Liaison” position. Seconded by Hampton. Approved.
 - D. Discussion on current Colorado Referee Committee (CRC) & USSF topics
 - i. Newly created USSF “Digital Referee License”. Allows for strictly online-training, and allows for assignment on any match by USSF Assignor upon completion. Costs \$ 40 + cost of USSF Background Check (\$ 31) for anyone 18+. Requires SafeSport training for 18+. Only exemption is upgrading from “Digital License” to “Referee” (formerly Grade 8, Grassroots, etc) requires completion of the full

“Referee” course, including online + on-field in-person session.

- ii. Update HSSO membership, especially any incoming “new-members” to possess (at minimum) the USSF Digital License. Formally recommend the full Referee license to be an HSSO member.

8. Executive Session (if needed) – none needed.

9. Next Meeting – February 19th @ (location and time TBD)

10. Adjournment 1656.