

CCSOA Interpretation Meeting Minutes from September 7, 2017 at Northwest Catholic High School

Meeting was called to order by President Ron Packard at 7:12pm

1. Lou Levine provided a presentation on “Officials vs Cancer”

In the last five years I have raised through officiating more than \$330,000 for the American Cancer Society, last year raising \$106,000. Attached are articles about my efforts. Last year I received the Great Call Award from National Association of Sports Officials (NASO) at their annual meeting in San Antonio.

This year at a ceremony at Mohegan Sun I received the Sandra C. Labaree New England Volunteer Values Award from the American Cancer Society.

Although my fund raising efforts has been substantially through basketball officiating, I have also raised a significant amount of money by selling pink Fox40 whistles to soccer officials throughout Massachusetts

All the proceeds from the pink whistles go to The American Cancer Society, but perhaps more importantly referees’ use of pink whistles sends a strong message to players and fans of cancer awareness.

Thank you for your anticipated courtesies and cooperation. If you need to call me my number is (978) 436-1731.

Please always remember that Cancer is a “word” and not a “sentence” and with your support it hopefully will be cured in the near future.

Ron Packard made a motion to donate \$250 to Officials for Cancer. The motion was seconded by Peter Sherba.

2. The NFHS 2017 Rules Changes and points of emphasis video. Video will be made available on our CCSOA website
3. Secretary/Treasurer: Peter Sherba. Balance sheet was presented showing income and expenses from 8/1/2016-8/1/2017. Spreadsheet will be available on the CCSOA website.
 - Member’s dues and assessment money: Due date by April 1st of each year. Notices are sent out in December/January. Per our constitution, if payment is not received by April 1st you are suspended from CCSOA and will require a \$100 reinstatement fee. This past year we had 35 delinquent members, which equates to 25% of CCSOA. We understand “life happens” and if you have issues making payment, please communicate them to us.
 - Attendance: I will accompany the attendance in the back of the room for 20 minutes into the meeting, then I will move them to the front with me. Please sign in if you come late to get credit for attendance. Everyone gets one absence from missing meetings. Upon the second absence, I will send an email to the member informing them they have incurred a \$25 fine. The email will be sent to the commissioner and the president.
 - This year is an election year. The Nomination Committee will be accepting names for this year’s election on November 1st.
4. Awards and Recognition. Steve Dowling: We are offering the Donald McKelvie scholarship - \$750 given to a child or grandchild of a current CCSOA member

seeking post-high school education. The application will be posted on the website and need to be returned by [November 2](#).

A reminder to the members about our sportsmanship awards given each year to a boys team and girls team that exhibits great sportsmanship. I reminded members to keep that in mind as they walk off the field and to determine if they'd like to speak out in support of any of these teams as we go through the season. Ultimate voting will be done in our last business meeting for all teams eligible at that time.

5. John Odell made a motion to nominate three members to Life Status. Rick Wood, Brian McKeown and Nancy Fortin. Ron Packard decided to table to nomination until our next business meeting.
6. Ron Packard: Misconduct reporting. All Yellow and Red cards in games must be reported to CIAC through the on line reporting system. Confirm name and shirt numbers with the official scorer and the specific infraction. Go to the ccsoa.org website to understand card reporting guidelines.
7. Ron Packard: Peer to Peer evaluation. Please fill out the forms with the new Criteria. Curt Ruckey and his team did a great job over the summer to enhance this process and make it a better tool for our members. Criteria includes: Professionalism, Field Coverage and Fitness, Rules Knowledge and Application, Judgement, Mechanics, Misconduct, Overall Game Management, Player Management. See the CCSOA website for a detailed description of each criteria.
8. Ron Packard: Ethics.
 - Will only accept high school game assignments from CCSOA designated assignor.
 - Will not discuss game experiences with public/coaches/players/media.
 - Will not discuss future game assignments with public/coaches/players/media.
 - Will not solicit matches from CCSOA assignor
 - Will follow the Code of Ethics specified in the NFHS soccer Rules Book, Page 7, Officials Code of Ethics
9. Ron Packard. CSOA Meeting on 9/5/2017
 - CCSOA nominates Bob Odea for Vice-President
 - State Constitution under review
 - Alignment with meeting minutes that have been passed
 - 4 mandatory meetings per year, not 5 as stated
 - Shirt colors : NISOA standard, Gold primary, as long as partners match, all NISOA colors are ok; Waiting for clarification on Tournament preferences
 - General Opinion is that Online Exam is "better"
 - CIAC willing to assist with payment issues if there is a paper trail
 - All soccer boards charge full fees for scrimmages
10. Ron Packard: We had an issue with the domain name of our CCSOA website. The cycle to reestablish the domain name should take between 24-48 hours.

11. Peter Sherba. Commissioner appointment. CCSOA had a vacancy for our Commissioner. Per our constitution the Executive Board met and made a recommendation to the President. The President made the appointment of John Odell as Commissioner to complete the 2017 season. Nomination chairman Peter Sherba made the motion three times if there were any nominations from the floor. Since there were no nominations from the floor a motion was made to accept John as the CCSOA commissioner for the 2017 season. The motion was made by Jerry Korn and seconded by Dean Myshrall. The motion was carried by the membership.

12. John Odell. Commissioner report: Arbitrator pay is becoming more wide spread in the school systems. All scrimmages will be full fees. The Christian Schools may be play a HV contest not a varsity schedule. Busy days that we need to cover are 9/20, 9/22, 9/28, 10/2. Please open your availability if possible. If a game is too far away, please call or email John. Do not turn back the game. John can switch referees and get you closer. If you reject the game your schedule automatically close the date. There are a lot of 1-man, be patient you will have a partner for a varsity game. If you have the early game of a doubleheader, please stay after your game to insure both referees come to the second game. Hustle goes a long way with players and coaches. John plans to visit many games over the fall. Remember you never know who is watching you. Please wait 30 days before contacting a school who has not paid you. Athletic Directors are responsible to contact referees if a game is cancelled.

Motion made by Tim Berger to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Tim Brennan.
Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm
Meeting Minutes Submitted by Peter Sherba