**CCSOA Business Meeting on October 22, 2018 at SMSA High School, Hartford Connecticut**

President Mike Iacovelli called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Financial report**

Presented by Peter Sherba: We currently have $11,725.42 in our checking account. Only check written since our last meeting was a half payment to the commissioner of $8,200. Documentation has been submitted to the Audit committee.

**Communications:**

Yellow/red card reporting. 22 games have not had yellow cards reported. No spectator, parent interaction. This should not happen. Do not leave the field/venue without your partner. We need to finish our job. CIAC sends Mike and John Odell a report of games not completed. Mike will put the list of games on the website.

**Committee updates**

**Assignment** :

John Odell stated referees are responding to last minute school changes and are very much appreciated. Everyone keep doing what they are doing i.e. Stretching, hydration. Injuries are way down from 2017. We lost 27% of our total games because of injury in 2017.

We are getting complaints from Athletic Directors because referees are showing up late. Referees should be at the field 30 minutes before the game.

Referees want middle school games; they are fun and close to home. Middle school playoffs are coming up; make sure you know the overtime procedure.

John has two email accounts Turn backs are needed to be known ASAP. Please use the Commissioner Account email for correspondences.

Coaches are NOT allowed on the field. The only people who are allowed within 10 feet of the field are the ball runners.

There are field name changes in Arbiter for SMSA and Buckley.

Will Ferris and Karissa Stetzler have been evaluated and are recommended to be advanced to the next level. A motion was made the John Odell and seconded by Kurt Ruckey to advance these two referees to varsity status.

Post season scrimmages have been coming in, five to date. For post season tournament games you must be available by 12:30pm to make a 2:00 kickoff.

Check the CIAC home page under handbook pages 179 and 180 on getting 24 hours notice for cancellations. CCSOA assigns through the quarterfinals in the state tournament. We always offer the 3-man system to all schools.

**Awards Committee:**

Please send to Rich Benefield your nominations for the CCSOA awards. Hugh Greer, Bernard O’Rourke, Keith Johnson, George Ritchie and the Don McKelvie scholarship.

**Constitution:**

On November 1st we will have an open discussion on the recommended changes to our constitution. All proposed changes are on the ccsoa.org website. Reminder that 1st and 2nd year members cannot vote.

**New Business:**

Send an email to Mike if you plan to attend the banquet.

Steve Wollins provided a presentation on the DOGSO review. Main points include: distance between the offense and the goal line, the general direction of play headed toward the goal, the likelihood of keeping ongoing control of the ball and the location/number of defenders.

Todd Stigliano provided the main elements of the Referee pregame meeting and responsibilities. Basic areas to cover include: the coffin corner, handling, simultaneous whistles, advantage, areas you need help, the clock to end a half and player management.

**Miscellaneous:**

Pick up your CCSOA t-shirt orders

3rd year members see Peter Sherba for your jacket order

At 8:19pm a motion was made my Mike Iacovelli for meeting adjournment and 2nd by Todd Stigliano

Minutes submitted by Peter Sherba