

Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Soccer Officials Meeting
August 13, 2015
American Legion, Randolph

Present: E. Alfaro, Bello, Bilinski, Bingham, Demski, DePasquale, Dimas, Enser, Fabritius, Georger, Gifford, Gustason, Holland, Huntington, Hutcheson, Imhoff, Knott, Kohler, Lang, Lee Yaw, G. Lesmes, Levy, London, Manzella, McHale, Mehmel, Migliore, Morris, Mullen, Newman, Pagano, Parisi, Pence, Phearsdorf, Piazza, Polsinelli, Rhinehart, Rickert, Scaruto, Schneider, Scholla, Skinner, Sweet, VanEvery, Vincent, Wallace, Wiltse, Woodruff, Zeznick.

1. German Lesmes called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
2. The minutes of August 3, 2015 (Chautauqua) were reviewed. A motion to approve by Schneider, seconded by Zeznick, approved by unanimous vote.

The minutes of August 3, 2015 (Cattaraugus) were reviewed. A motion to approve by Scholla, seconded by Wiltse, approved by unanimous vote.

3. The treasurer's report as of August 10, 2015 was presented with an account balance of \$1,332.02. A motion to approve by Holland, seconded by Lang, approved by unanimous vote.

4. Election of Officers
Bill Phearsdorf and Marc Levy distributed ballots to members for President and Member-At-Large, Cattaraugus County after opening the floor for additional names. As German Lesmes was the only person nominated for president, a motion was made to elect Lesmes as President by Dimas, seconded by Lang. Approved by unanimous vote. Mike Schneider and Vincenzo Scaruto were nominated for the Member-At-Large, Cattaraugus County position. Scaruto was elected via written ballots.

5. Old Business:
 - Members were reminded to check the "Ready to be Assigned" box on Arbiter.
 - Lesmes reminded members that a committee needs to be organized to plan the year-end banquet.
 - Lesmes reminded members to complete the online test immediately at <https://exams.nfhs.org/>
 - Please send test results to Lesmes via email.
 - It was agreed that the online test will count as a meeting.
 - Mike Schneider announced that he is working on a new website. Please use this site until further notice:
temp.ccsoref.org
password: thegame (all lowercase)

6. New Business:
 - Members must be assigned thru Arbiter to be paid for scrimmages. Please contact your assignor if interested in scrimmage assignments. Fee for scrimmages is \$40.
 - Let your assignor know if you want to work in the other county. Preference will be given to members who live in that county.

- Members must attend four meetings to be eligible to officiate. This includes the written test, physical fitness test and approved scrimmages.
 - Members must be members in good standing for at least three years to be eligible to be varsity officials. Members who are interested in upgrading to varsity status must contact their assignor, be assessed by Phearsdorf or Lesmes, and have a minimum written test score of 85.
7. Interpretation ... see Rules Book for details (*please read this section in the rules book carefully*)
- a. Reviewed the 2015-16 Soccer Rules Changes
 - i. When bench personnel are cautioned/disqualified, subs from both teams who have already reported may be beckoned on.
 - ii. Goalkeeper's socks must differ in color from the opposing field players.
 - b. Reviewed Points of Emphasis
 - i. Heat acclimatization and safety priorities...use common sense in extreme heat situations. Officials may provide a two minute break during each half. Develop a plan to be discussed during the captain's/coaches meeting prior to the game.
 - ii. Fighting/Reckless play
 - iii. Tape or similar materials on socks...tape must be a similar color to the sock. This includes captain's bands that are worn on the sock. The only exception is for an ankle brace.
 - iv. Communication
 - v. Goal Kick...players opposing the kick shall remain outside the penalty area until the ball has cleared the penalty area
 - c. Reviewed Major Editorial Changes
 - i. Authority to suspend play
 - ii. Replacement of goalkeeper
 - iii. Disqualified goalkeeper during penalty kick situation
 - iv. A protective face mask may be worn by a player with a facial injury. The mask may be made of a hard material, but must be worn molded to the face with no protrusions. A medical release for the injured player signed by a physician (MD/DO) shall be available at the game site.
 - d. At the state meeting, it was stressed that officials should leave the field immediately after verifying the game score. Do NOT stay for handshakes, etc. If something were to happen, you are not covered legally in the event of a lawsuit. However, remember that as long as you are on site, you are still responsible and should take notes and care participants.
8. Dimas and Bilinski presented a power point training.
9. New York State rules modifications
- a. Soccer balls do NOT need NFHS authentication mark. Play game and indicate in post game report
 - b. Home white jerseys are delayed until 2016
 - c. Goal keeper MUST have jersey number for varsity only.
10. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Submitted by Marc Levy