

## **NASOA Membership Meeting 29 January 2018 V.0**

### **President**

Cedric Thomas opened the meeting at 6:00 PM at the First Christian Church, Huntsville. 42 members were present. He introduced new USSF referees and welcomed back a number of referees who had taken sabbaticals.

### **Jamboree**

Cedric encouraged all high school referees to participate in the Referee Development Jamboree this Saturday, 3 February at the Jack Allen Soccer Complex in Decatur. Andy Dye is back in town and must rework the jamboree schedule and must disinvite a number of teams due to the lack of referee participation. Andy will distribute the reworked game schedule soonest.

### **Secretary**

Mike Moran introduced a motion to fund NASOA's process to regain IRS Section 501 c 6 certification as a non-profit. The proposal was discussed and seconded by Daphne Brown. The motion was approved by the membership overwhelmingly. A copy of the motion is included at the end of these minutes.

### **President**

Cedric announced that Andy Dye and the board are pursuing an application to Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) to host the 2019 State Clinic in Decatur at the Jack Allen Complex.

Cedric also cited a message from Joe Manjone, AHSAA Soccer Coordinator, for referees to support the Southern Soccer Challenge in late April 2018. Cedric said this tournament conflicted with the Open Cup in Decatur, HASL, High School and Middle School play.

### **Member**

A member cited a high school rule on page 24 (Rule 4, Section 1, 4.1.1 regarding undergarment color and asked for guidance on how to enforce same. Cedric said our first priority was safety; if cold weather is a concern for player safety, we are to allow a different color undershirt with long sleeves but advise the coach that under normal weather

conditions such different color undergarments are illegal. We are encouraged to put the circumstances into the game report but not into Arbiter. Our goal is to ensure all teams playing in sub state and finals are legally equipped per Rule 4.

Another member asked about team no shows. If an away team is traveling “far” we are to be more considerate if the team is more than 15 minutes late. However if a second game is at the same venue and both teams are present, we are to apply the 15-minute grace period. If both teams fail to show up, the referee is to contact the assignor to report the fact.

### **Member at Large**

Mike Visoulis announced the following important dates for the high school season:

12 Feb first games

15 Feb referee registration deadline

On line classification test dates- 23-26 March

Sub state 1<sup>st</sup> round – 26-28 April

Sub state 2<sup>nd</sup> round – 30 April – 1 May

Sub state 3<sup>rd</sup> round – 3-5 May

Finals 10-12 May

Mike also distributed the high school area alignments to help referees determine if a match is an area match.

### **Instruction**

Cedric distributed the 6 page “FIFA “Considerations” via Arbiter and Daphne distributed additional copies as needed.

Daphne Brown conducted training with video examples of the need for Referee Teamwork (especially with off the ball fouls), handling dissent, as well as controlling confrontations. This follows USSF guidance to avoid power point slides and focus on real game difficult situations at the highest level of play.

Next meeting will be 5 February 2018 at Merrimack Soccer Complex, Huntsville. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.



## **NASOA**

### **PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE FUNDS TO PREPARE SECTION 501 C 6 TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION DETERMINATION LETTER REQUEST**

The NASOA Board requests membership approval to authorize funds to prepare the necessary submittals to the Internal Revenue Service to validate NASOA's tax exempt status under IRS Section 501 c 6.

It is anticipated that Mr. Wes Brown, CPA, a member of NASOA, will be tasked to prepare the IRS submittals.

The following expenditures are requested:

Preparation and submittal of IRS Form 990 Tax Return for 2017:  
Not to exceed \$350.00

Preparation and submittal of IRS Form 1024, Application for Recognition of Exemption under Section 501 a:  
Not to exceed \$ 350.00

IRS Processing Fee per IRS Form 8718, User Fee for Exempt Organization Determination Letter Request:  
\$850.00 Firm

The complete submittal shall contain:

IRS Form 8718  
IRS Form 1024 with supporting Schedules  
IRS Form 990 with supporting schedules  
NASOA Bylaws

NASOA Board shall approve the submittals prior to sending to the:  
Internal Revenue Service  
P.O. Box 12192  
Covington, KY 41012-0192

To be submitted to NASOA membership on 29 January 2018.