

Meeting Minutes NASOA 2 October 2018 v.1

Members present:

Paul Galloway	Matthew Gunn ??
Bill Der	Mark A Potter
Magdi Eltom	Wes Brown
Noah Brazelton	Douglas Vechenski
Mark Barnes	Shane O Neill
Julie Svehlak	Dean Johnson
Kim Hensley	Cedric Thomas Ken Brown
Dan Cutshall	Tim Holt
Gene Uhl	Mike Smid
Klaus Staefe	Hannah Smid
A J Hicks	Chris Boyer
Daphne Brown	Nelson Walner
Peter Lenzner	Cuauhtemoc Navarete
Christopher Malond	Joseph Patterson
Darrell Harris	Celeste Roberts
	Mike Moran

Tyler Dee

(Apologies for misspellings but some can't print clearly!)

President

Cedric Thomas opened the meeting at 6:00 PM. Minutes from the 4 September meeting were not available. Cedric announced that Tim Barron has stepped down as Vice President. The Board will select a replacement as soon as possible. Members are encouraged to volunteer for consideration to this position soonest. The VP's term will end on 31 May 2019.

Cedric is assigning refs for the Kicks tournament 27-28 October and needs refs to volunteer.

USSF Representative/ State Director of Assessment

Klaus Staefe presented a number of protocol / instruction topics:

- A. How to advance to the next referee grade: get higher level games by 1) coordinating with the assigners to request more challenging matches; 2)

- getting and maintaining excellent physical condition; 3) being available to travel out of town/state, etc.
- B. Assigners must be available for telephone calls and texts throughout the weekend to respond to the myriad of potential problems such as game venue changes, teams no-shows, referee team tardiness or absences, game cancellations, field closures, weather delays, etc.
 - C. Referee Protocols: Minimum reporting times prior to Kick Off- 1 hour for high level matches, 30 minutes for high school matches, 30 minutes for first youth match of the day. Bring flags and all referee items even if assigned as an Other Game Official (i.e., AR) 2 whistles, yellow and red cards, pencils, notebook, coin. Leave Cell Phones in your bag or car- do NOT carry a cell phone in your pocket while refereeing.
 - D. Interaction with coaches- Spend equal time with both team coaches – even if you are acquainted. Do not shoot the breeze. Just request the game roster and determine if any player has a medical or other condition the referee team must be aware of.
 - E. The do the “Pregame”- walk the field as a team, cover critical and/or peculiar situations with the ref team, stretch muscles –preferably out of sight of teams/spectators but never on the field itself.
 - F. Check in players from game roster- no need to have younger players slap their shin guards- we should be able to see if shin guards are worn.
 - G. ARs must never intentionally stop a ball going out of play and must NEVER retrieve the ball for a throw in- reason? That gives an advantage to the team in possession. And NEVER kick a ball to spot it for a restart.
 - H. When making a Foul Call- do not point at the location of the restart- point in the direction of the defending team’s goal.
 - I. Meeting attendance- while “preaching to the choir” Klaus asked the membership to encourage members not present to make efforts to attend all meetings. He also requested we announce each meeting on the web as well as text messages.

- J. We never know who is watching us when we referee a match. Always do your best even if tired after doing multiple matches. The players deserve no less. Always perform as if you are being assessed since players, coaches, fellow ref team members, and spectators always are assessing us.

Game Officials Software Challenges

One member pointed out that Game Officials software requires the referee team to make a second "acceptance" even if a minor change as been made to the game data. The software is not synching. The assigner should "accept" for the ref team if a minor change.

Also there is no official notification being made when fields are closed due to weather or other reasons. If a State League match, there is no way for the local assigner to modify the game announcement to reflect a closed field. Our assigner must telephone the **(State Assigner "Lynn ????)(Please advise name and position of this person)** if a field is closed.

Membership

Gene Uhl asked if Club Linesmen are permitted at State Games; Cedric and Klaus will find the answer.

One member asked about lightning delay- we must suspend play for 30 minutes after the last lightning flash – whether cloud to cloud or cloud to ground.

One of our high school age referees cited difficulties in getting games due to his club team game schedule. Dean Johnson will work with him to schedule more games.

Game situation- U12 Girls State Game- DFK near PA: Ceremonial restart – Ref whistles – a defender encroaches ½ way toward ball prior to the kick that went over the bar. The encroachment did not interfere with the kick. The AR flagged the encroachment. The referee awarded a YC and a GK restart. Discussion- most agreed

that the YC was not required; a “talking to” may have been more appropriate. Also the encroachment decision belongs to the referee NOT the AR. (Should have been covered in the pregame??). The AR should not have flagged the encroachment. Since contact was not made with the ball, the restart of play is the goal kick. If play is stopped, the restart is the original free kick and if interference, YC.

A member who is a player on a high level youth team described a situation in which a GK attempted to punch a ball away but hit the attacker in the face. The ball entered the net. Discussion- no foul should be awarded- no deliberate contact, no VC or SFP evident. Perhaps a “talking to” to the GK advising him to be more aware of the situation.

Game Reports for D1 and D2 Matches

Referees must submit game reports for all games especially D1 and D2 games if the game was cancelled and no timely notification given to the ref team. Failure to make a game report for these no event games causes many problems in paying the refs.

Referee Tardiness / No Show

If Referee is late/absent, AR1 takes the center, AR2 moves to AR1. If designated center ref shows up, he/she becomes AR2. New Center must ensure these changes are reflected on the Game Report. Be sure to contact Kim Hensley to report the change.

Treasurer

Kim Hensley reported August HASL games fees have been paid.

D1 & D2 Games have been paid through 19 September.

Klaus Staefe

If a game is delayed for any reason, and you have another game scheduled, call the

next ref team and the assigner to report your delay. Your first obligation is to the delayed game.

Trainer

Daphne Brown reported an entry level clinic was held 29-30 September for 8 new referees – 2 of whom were from other areas of the state.

The next recert clinic will be held on 13 October.

The meeting ended at 6:45 PM.