

Meeting Minutes NASOA 5 June 2018 DRAFT v.1

Vice President

Tim Barron opened the meeting at 6:00 PM. The minutes of the two previous meetings have been posted on the NASOA website and were approved by the members present.

Members present:

Gene Uhl
Klaus Staefe
Claudio Muntele
Todd Owen
Dean Johnson
Ken Brown
Daphne Brown
Chris Wiche
Bill Der
Andrew Knedlik
Kim Ong
Darrell Harris
Mike ??
Doug Vechinski
Celeste Roberts
Magdi Eltom
Celeb Brown
Jackie Svehlak
Nelson Walnor
Austin Holt
Tim Holt

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

Tim recognized the following members for outstanding support of high school games this season (the 70's Club):

Tim Holt, Austin Holt, Magdi Eltom, Kim Ong (100 games), Mack Potter, Celeste Roberts, Mohamed Mohamed.

Tim announced that NASOA referees provided 7 of the 18 officials who worked the State High School Finals. He also complemented the unpaid 4th Officials and the booth personnel who worked the games.

The need for additional referees for high school games was obvious this season – many important area games were handled with dual referees. 84 referees are not enough. Tim requested Gene Uhl place a link on the NASOA website “How to become

a Referee". Tim announced that board members will track and guide new referees. Daphne Brown also requested a "Blast" request be sent to all HASL teams to recruit referees for high school and USSF games. Klaus noted three HASL players certified last year but failed to register even after numerous appeals.

Tim announced NASOA will change our contracting methods with high and middle schools for the 2019 season. Our invoices will go directly to the key payer at each school. Also payment method for **MISL** will also be changed.

AHSAA announced this afternoon that the uniform will change again in the near future.

HASL

The finals are still to be played. The field situation for HASL games remains a challenge due to over due maintenance. A new 3 year contract has been let by the city for turf maintenance.

A discussion was held about the hesitation of some referees to work HASL games due to player misbehavior. Tim Barron responded that there were only 8 send offs this season- a great reduction compared to prior seasons – one of which was a second yellow card. He stated only three teams account for the vast majority of poor sportsmanship.

Tim also pointed out that HASL is the premier league to develop high level referees who must deal with dissent and worse if they expect to gain experience advance in USSF refereeing.

Caleb Brown expanded on the poor sportsmanship comment. He centered the semi-final HASL game. Prior to kickoff he explained to all players what standard of play he expected (words and actions) and held to that standard during the match. He awarded 10 cautions (3 for dissent and 7 for reckless actions) during the game.

Gene Uhl pointed out some difficulty in penalizing HASL players who "slide tackle". The "normal" slide tackle must be penalized with an IFK. However a slide tackle with a foul is a DFK and possible a caution.

Daphne pointed out a tackle from behind must not be ignored even if the tackle is missed.

Recognition:

Austin Holt has been selected to officiate at the Boys Academy in California. The membership approved a \$250 check for Austin to defray travel expenses. Mike Smid was invited but will not attend. Sky Svehlak was invited to the Girls Academy but cannot attend.

Sky Svehlak will officiate at the President's Cup this summer along with Nelson Walnor, Jamie Ward, and Julia Duran. Robert Sullivan was invited but can not attend.

Kris Bailey and Diego Chulan will work at the Regionals in Greensboro NC.

Other:

~~Mo Khodabandeh is now the Huntsville Football Club Chair and is forming a coalition of many different sports leagues to approach the city manager (John Hamilton) to urge continued support for sports in the city. Mo K is also starting an AYSO like league for starting players with parent coaches and referees. (DELETE)~~

Treasurer

Kim Hensley reported that all schools are paid except for a few who will pay next week.

Training:

Klaus Staefe provided an announcement that the USSF Road Show will be held July 28 in Huntsville, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, location TBD.

Daphne announced the initial USSF referee class will be held on August 4 at the First Christian Church, from 8AM to 6 PM .

Daphne reported all USSF referees must have new uniforms by January 1, 2019. However, if working high level games, all referees must wear new uniforms.

Klaus presented a situation near the goal area where the GK is on the 6 yard line lined up with the last defender, the ball, and the attacker with the ball. Should another attacker run behind the GK , the possibility exists that the AR might lost focus onn the offside line due to the second attacker running behind the GK. Lots of discussion ensued and as usual, no firm resolution was made.

The meeting ended at 7:00 PM.