

**21 JANUARY 2019  
NASOA GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING V.0**

**President**

Cedric Thomas opened the meeting at 6:00 PM at First Christian Church, Huntsville, AL. Minutes of previous meetings were approved by the membership. Cedric reminded the members of the AHSAA State and District Camp to be held at Athens High School on 26 January. NASOA's Referee Clinic will be held on 2 February at Jack Allen Complex in Decatur. Training will emphasize the Dual System of Control for high school games. There will also be training on the role of the 4<sup>th</sup> Official at State Playoff and Final games. Kris Bailey will investigate if the 4<sup>th</sup> Official will be a paid position.

**High School Coordinator**

Andy Dye reported there will be 63 teams at the referee clinic. No middle school teams will participate. Andy cautioned members to be aware of the two assigning tools for spring games: Arbiter and Game Officials software. If you accept a game in one system, immediately block that time/date in the other. Cedric will assign referees for the Open Cup using 'GotSoccer' assigning system.

**Member Comments**

There is a problem in providing referees for the MSSL games- it is a problem for referees to drive 30 miles for low pay of \$20 per game.

**Training**

Kris Bailey cited the controversy of the previous weekend's NFL referee decisions. She observed there are 8 officials on the NFL game field watching 22 players vs 3 watching 22 soccer players. Her advise was simple: Be Prepared- Know the Laws, Believe what you see, Recognize the infraction or non-infraction, Be Fit and Be There. Kris pointed out the difference in focus between USSF and high school matches. The focus in high school matches is education- the game is an extension of the classroom. Expectations are higher in high school matches due to school pride, emotion levels, school rivalry, and parents who are grossly ignorant of the game of soccer.

Kris encourage us to print out the chart that highlights the differences among National Federation (high school), USSF and college laws/rules.

Kris then divided the membership into a number of 3 person teams to respond to actual high school game situations that were challenging and required many levels of analysis. The exercise was well received and will continue at the next meeting.

Cedric closed the meeting at 7:20 PM

**Attendees:**

Bill Der  
Ken Greer  
Wes Brown  
Bill Pottratz  
Nelson Walner  
Troy Evans  
Cuauhtemoc Navarrete  
Connie Geary  
Franky Kinyua  
Paul Galloway  
Chris Boyer  
Celeste Roberts  
Magdi Eltom  
Diego Chulan  
Rashad Hammonds  
Jodi Medina  
Iris Tores Scott Randolph  
Andy Dye  
Noah Brazelton  
Andrea Chacon  
  
Ken Brown  
Mike Moran

Allen Craven  
A J Hicks  
Ed Tate  
Kay Mitchell  
Tehya Beadles  
Kierra Cox  
Douglas Vechinski  
Robert Sullivan  
Jackie Svehlak  
Claudiu Muntele  
Cedric Thomas