

MINUTES NKSOA BOARD MEETING

MAY 4, 2004

THOMAS MORE COLLEGE

Board Members Attending: Larry Brown, Tim Prieshoff, Rex Culp, Rick Flesch

Also in attendance: Phil Rolf and Assignor John Dietz

- LB called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

- Minutes from previous meeting reviewed. RF moved to accept. TP seconded. Vote was unanimous.

- Budget

TP presented Treasurer's Report.

\$\$\$ in the association's account. LB wondered how much is normally in the account.

TP said about \$\$\$\$. RF asked if there are any unusual expenditures on the horizon. LB asked PR about additional software. PR said he's looking at getting his own server and if he does, there will be greater flexibility. PR said he is open for suggestions for the web site.

RF asked if the new pay scale for referees was official yet. JD said it has been voted upon and approved by the state.

RF moved to accept the report, RC seconded. Vote was unanimous.

- Bylaws

-LB wants official notification of meetings to include e-mail. The bylaws do not mention e-mail as an official way to notify members of meetings, etc.

- LB raised concerns about association's LLC status because of the absence of a Past President board member. LB said he has talked with Matt Winkler about filling that position. Matt has said he would. Article 3 says that there must be 7 members of the board. TP said someone, possibly Matt could be appointed.

-Discussed the issued of possibly raising dues in light of the pay increase from the state. RF asked if the increase could defray some costs, such as patches. LB said there is a surplus now of patches, so that is not a concern. RF said we need to make sure all officials have an association patch, so that we all look the same and professional. TP said dues should stay the same this year. He made a motion to keep dues the same. RC seconded. Voting unanimous. Dues are \$27 for new referees, \$41 for returning referees.

•Discussed fixing the time of the annual meeting. Discussed having it 30 to 45 minutes prior to the state rules clinic. LB wondered if we could have a fitness test again after that meeting. Last year was the first time that was attempted and LB said it seemed to be successful. PR suggested starting at 6:00 p.m. LB said the issue of referee social security numbers may also come up. LB wants to get more assessors. The state doesn't assess during the season. LB talked about the importance of the state referee's camp to be assigned to the state finals. He asked Roland Williams if the camp was required for that assignment. So far, Mr. Williams has only said that an advanced clinic is necessary.

•Assignor's Report

-JD talked about the pay raise.

-The Northern KY allstar game is June 8th at Covington Catholic High School. LB & RC to do the boy's match. RF & TP to do the girl's match. Greg Millar to help.

-Talked about Soccerama.

-JD talked about a new store in Sharonville for referees. The information will be included in the mass mailing. Phone number is 513-554-0203.

-JD said there will be no pre-test for new officials.

-JD talked about recruiting new officials, including talking with coaches about recent graduates.

-JD talked about the St. Henry's girl's scrimmage on August 7th. This had been an opportunity to shadow new officials and give them valuable training. JD asked if St. Henry's has a coach yet.

-LB suggested re-formatting the signups for pre-season scrimmages to seperated early and late officials. LB said too may officials were sitting around with nothing to do.

-Talked about the reorganized districts. JD said he will check on the possible renumbering of regions. NKSOA referees may have to travel to outlying areas this coming season, increasing travel time, i.e. Carrol and Mason counties.

•Replacing Immediate Past President

-LB said Tim Cline is not answering inquiries about him resigning. He is not active at this time. LB said the bylaws do allow him to be removed. LB wants Matt Winkler to replace TC, because of TC's work schedule and inability to be an active board member. TP said there is precedent for removing an inactive officer. LB said he will remove TC, and replace with MW if he accepts. Otherwise, Orest Melnyk could be approached.

- Web Site

-Discussed making the NKSOA web site, THE web site for soccer referees in Northern Kentucky. Field marshals from clubs would be able to access it, etc. Talked about adding a link to USSF, and to Dick Marable. He is the State Administrator for USSF. PR said he is working on those ideas. He asked what else should be on the site. LB said he's glad it is simple to use.

- Clinics

-RF asked JD if there was anything that stood out in evaluations from coaches that may help in determining the content of clinics this year. JD said there was nothing in particular. LB said mechanics between assistant refs and center refs could be one subject. Discussed a variety of other options. Discussed the following clinics and instructors:

Offside rule-Dick Marable; Coaches input session; Advantage & Fouls-Rex Culp; New Rules-Larry Brown, Rick Flesch, Eric Morewessel; Mechanics-T.B.A.; Fitness test- Rick Flesch and Bill Sebree.

Discussed contacting those involved before setting dates.

Motion to adjourn by TP, RF seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.