

NKSOA Board Meeting

April 10, 2005

Members in attendance:

Larry Brown

Matt Winkler

Tim Prieshoff

Rick Flesch

Bill Sebree

Orest Melnyk

Guests in attendance:

John Dietz

Phil Rolf

Meeting called to order at 6:38.

Minutes of February 27, 2005, meeting were reviewed;

Motion to accept by Tim P.

Motion seconded by Matt W.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's report:

Cash balance as of January 1, 2005, was \$3,687.28;

Interest earned on savings account was \$2.09;

Expenditures for website server, gift certificates and bonuses for Assigning Secretary and Website Coordinator totaled \$740.00;

Cash balance as of April 10, 2005, is \$2,949.37.

Motion to accept by Bill S.

Motion seconded by Matt W.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Dues for NKSOA membership for next year discussed;

Consensus reached to keep fees at current level:

\$41.00 for returning member;

\$27.00 for new member.

Assigning Secretary report:

John reported getting scheduling information from area coaches;

Noted boys' soccerama scheduled for August 6th at Ryle; and girls' soccerama scheduled for August 13th; location yet to be announced.

All star games for current school year seniors to be scheduled for early June; exact date and location not yet known.

Current listing of games numbers 746 contests, but noted that several schools in the rural counties have yet to make their complete schedules/needs known. The first regular season games are scheduled to be played on August 15th.

The post season schedule has been lengthened by a week as well.

Current recruiting efforts underway, including posting ads in local newspapers. John would like to attract an additional 20 persons.

Website Coordinator:

reported on continued work to include amount of information available on the NKSOA website. Each member will be required to use his PIN to access specific scheduling information, while any one may browse other major topics.

Clinic topics discussion ensued.

Frequency and format discussed, and decided that each clinic would be offered three times, one of which was to be included in the “all day/all clinic” format that was well received last year.

Topics suggested include:

Professionalism, including appearance attitude, and language;

Offsides, including AR flag mechanics;

Coaches’ “commentary” session;

Review of rules changes from past 2-5 years, and foul signals;

Referee conditioning, such as offered by Gordon Quisenberry;

Fitness test (to be offered on four dates).

Specific dates, venues, and instructors to be determined.

Board members expressed desire to have all referees attend the clinics, not just those interested in post season assignments. Suggestion was made to “suggest” strength of schedules could improve with clinic attendance. No consensus reached, with exception that board members would like to have NKSOA referees present and conduct themselves in most professional, accurate manner possible at each match, regardless of level of play or competition.

Assessment program was discussed.

The desire to have more assessors available, and more assessments completed was universally expressed. Identifying a coordinator for this program was suggested as a first step. The names of Jack Johnson and Bob Zeis were suggested.

Old business:

Included the possibility of NKSOA adopting a charity to endorse at socceramas to receive “donations” in lieu of referee fees. Gary Christian, of Scott Christian Foundation, reported by Larry B. to be interested and would be pleased to be the charity of choice. In line with this, there will be a May 8th golf outing to benefit his foundation. Larry B. and John D. offered that soccerama site funds are not likely to be donated, as the hosting schools’ athletic directors usually have the money earmarked for individual school programming needs.

Motion to adjourn made by Matt W.

Motion seconded by Tim P.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02

Minutes recorded and submitted by secretary:

Rick Flesch

