

NKSOA General Meeting

December 9, 2007

At Thomas More College

Board Members in Attendance:

Larry Brown, Matt Winkler, Tim Prieshoff,
Orest Melnyk, Mark Baker, Rick Flesch

Members in attendance signed "attendance sheet" circulated about room, and kept by President.

President called meeting to order at 6:31.

Secretary's report:

Minutes of November 18, 2007 board meeting were distributed to board members and reviewed.

There being no corrections/amendments, motion to accept was made by Tim P., seconded by Matt W.

Motion approved.

Treasurer's report:

Copy of December, 2007 report distributed and reviewed by membership. \$3319.18 total expenditures for the year, with ending balance of \$3608.66.

Motion to accept was made by Orest M., seconded by Matt W.

Motion approved.

Additional discussion items referred to previous years actions, including paying a bonus to Assigning Secretary. As KHSAA now pays all such expenses for Assigning Secretary, giving a bonus to John was discussed. Motion made by Matt W. to pay Mrs. Betty Dietz \$599.00 for her support; seconded by Tim P.

Motion approved by all present.

Assigning Secretary report:

John noted that the Arbiter system, had been offered to all associations, but the current NKSOA system is superior and can be used.

John announced his resignation from Assigning Secretary position, with expressed desire to spend more time with his family. He did express interest in serving as a mentor, and will prepare materials for a smooth transition to new person. The Board and other members present expressed their appreciation to John and his wife for their hard work and support over the past many years.

The Ninth Policy Board will need to prepare an ad and conduct interviews. Previous experiences involved having the NKSOA President provide input.

President's report:

It was noted that the NoKY Boys Soccer Coaches Association recognized Dick Marable as referee of the year. Well done Dick!

Payment at Socceramas, noted this past year in a general announcement before the matches, that our members performed duties for free, will continue as is. Any remittance for the June seniors all-star game will be donated to the Scott Christian Foundation in the name of NKSOA.

Foul language and rough play are on the increase. KHSAA commissioner Billbury is concerned and desires to implement more severe penalties.

Peer Review discussion occurred with the overall goal of self improvement of our members noted.

John Metz asserted that our system is a solid ranking tool, but not valid as an assessment tool.

Members requested receiving a copy of comments which would allow referees to learn areas to improve in.

Dick Marable asked about sharing peer reviews with the crew members reviewed.

Marc Litzler recommended that honest communication needs to occur at all matches, at half time and the end of the game.

A general note that NKSOA could benefit from an enhanced assessment system was offered.

The peer review ranking system will also be posted on the website

The point structure for the peer review ranking system will be*:

*points noted for each category are maximum possible

Part II test results	20
Clinic attendance	20
Participation in NKSOA	5
Seniority	5
Coaches evaluations	10
Peer review	40
Point reduction	(-)10

Post season eligibility policy was reviewed, and general myths and misunderstandings were discussed.

Keith Hills remarked that “weather related cancellations of games assigned” is not as acceptable as the other listed exemptions in regard to postseason eligibility, citing questionable loyalty to NKSOA.

Dick Marable offered that such exempted referees could be placed at the bottom of the list below all referees who met all eligibility criteria without exemptions.

President reiterated that the NKSOA board maintains control over such decisions, as best serves the games, the participating schools and athletes, and our association. Postseason eligibility requirements for NKSOA members will be sent to all members, each year, and/or posted on the website.

Season availability sheets will still be submitted ahead of time, and will become available on line. Schedules for 2-3 weeks at a time will continue to be generated.

The request to have a mass email notice to all members regarding meeting dates and times was requested.

Elections:

Committee of Matt Winkler, Marc Litzler, and Mike Ryan solicited nominations from the floor, but none were received. They then distributed ballots, noting correction to add Mark Baker as candidate for Member at Large.

Results: President, Larry Brown
Vice President Keith Hills
Secretary, Rick Flesch
Treasurer, Tim Prieshoff
Members at Large, Marc Litzler and Mark Baker

Motion made and seconded to end meeting. Adjourned at 8:43.

Minutes recorded and submitted by:

Rick Flesch