

July 12, 2011
NKSOA General Meeting
At Town & Country

Board Members in Attendance:

Mark Baker Keith Hill Tim Prieshoff
Rick Flesch Kevin Ball Judi Paul

Total Members in Attendance: 23

Meeting called to order at 6:33.

Secretary's Report:

Motion made to accept minutes of July 26, 2010 meeting (previously distributed via email to board members) by Keith Hill; seconded by Tim Prieshoff.

Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report:

December, 2010, end of year report distributed. Total balance of \$3,795.59 noted. 74 members paid dues to the organization last year.

Motion made to accept the report by Rick Flesch; seconded by Keith Hill.

Motion approved.

President's Report:

Mark recognized those members who had worked the state semi final match last fall and the recent Northern Kentucky boys All-Star game.

Issues related to the Arbiter were asked about. Comments regarding the need to ensure that all personal data was entered correctly and kept up to date were made, as schools use the data to assist with payments for assignments.

Clinic topics and dates were mentioned, though at this late date changes could not be made. The regional assignor has used past peer review and coaches' review data to develop topics for this year's clinics.

The availability of USSF clinics in the area was also noted, and all members were advised to make frequent use of the NKSOA website to learn of latest dates and locations.

This year the KHSAA mandated rules clinic will be offered on line only, beginning on July 22nd. Members are encouraged to review it within the first several weeks that it is posted, as it is offered but temporarily. Similarly, the part II test will be posted on line only in mid/late August. It needs to be completed within a specified time period so as to receive credit with NKSOA to serve as a member in good standing.

In response to president's call for questions from the membership, several were asked as to why the board has not called an earlier general meeting, as has been the case in years past and is called for in the organization's by-laws. Mark responded that difficulties finding a date and time to assemble a quorum of board members had made this a challenge.

Additional questions and remarks focused on general membership needing to know that elected board members were truly representing their needs, and that the lack of meetings and limited communications from the board to general membership were of great concern. Board Members were reminded of their responsibility to membership, and with an election to take place later in this meeting, any/all candidates were reminded of such.

Assigning Secretary Report:

Larry noted the availability of rules clinic online, and reminded members that failure to complete it within 30 days of posting would result in a late fee being applied.

Beginning August 15th the part two test will be made available.

The pay feature on Arbiter is now operational. Members advised to make sure current data is correct, and update as needed. This Arbiter feature is paid for by KHSAA as is the evaluation feature, saving NKSOA \$99.00 annually.

Soccerama and scrimmage schedules were made available for members to work and get preseason experience. Both the boys and girls socceramas will be hosted at Scott High School; boys on August 5-6, and girls on August 13. Members advised to arrive early for games as Scott is undergoing major reconstruction on campus and parking woes are likely.

The newer referee clinic is scheduled for Sunday, August 7th, at Notre Dame. Rick Flesch to coordinate.

Members reminded not to take part on electronic social networking sites regarding referee assessments or game related comments. Legal implications exist, and the failure to maintain professionalism only damages all referees and our organization in particular.

New business:

Nominations from the floor were invited. There being none, ballots were distributed by members of the nomination committee.

Results of the general election are as follows:

President: Mark Baker

Vice-President: Joe Barker

Secretary: Rick Flesch

Treasurer: Tim Prieshoff

At-Large Members: Bryan Schaefer and Ja Osterhage

There being no additional items before the board, meeting was adjourned at 7:41.

Minutes recorded by: Rick Flesch.