

**NKSOA General Meeting**

**April 4, 2013**

**at Sports of All Sorts, Florence KY**

**Meeting called to order** at 2:03.

**Board Members in Attendance:**

President: Mark Baker            Vice President: Joe Barker            Past President: Judi Paul  
Treasurer: Tim Prieshoff            Secretary: Rick Flesch

At-Large Members: Ja Osterhage, Bryan Schafer

**Total Members in Attendance: 18**

**Secretary's Report:**

Minutes of August 19, 2012 meeting (previously distributed via email); motion to accept made by J. Osterhage, seconded by L Brown. Motion approved.

Minutes of special meeting held March 3, 2013 (previously distributed via email); motion made to approve by J. Osterhage, seconded by J. Paul. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's report:**

The December, 2012 final report was distributed. Noted were dues for 80 persons paid in 2012. End of year balance reported as \$5,820.42. This report was reviewed at the special meeting in March, and motion to accept was made and approved at that time.

April, 2013 report notes that current balance stands at \$5,751.22. Quarterly web hosting server charges have been paid. Some discussion regarding the KHSAA standards of referee uniforms, including post season warm ups took place, particularly with the idea that our organization would purchase either part or total warm ups for our crew nominated to work state level matches at end of season. This discussion tabled until new board is elected and greater understanding of KHSAA expectations/mandates is known.

Motion made by J. Barker to accept; seconded by J. Paul. Motion approved.

**President's Report:**

Mark Baker congratulated various members for past season's accomplishments. These included Julie Hegerty and Deborah Chiarelli for their selection to work an elite eight game for the state. Kevin Spahr served as the fourth official for that match.

Joe Barker, Ja Osterhage, Kevin Spahr, and Kevin Ball congratulated for their selection for working a state finals match.

Kevin Ball was selected by the Northern Kentucky Boys High School Soccer Coaches Association as their official of the year.

Ja Osterhage has been nominated to represent our organization for the KHSAA Soccer Official of the Year.

Issues from the past year were reviewed and discussed. These included 1099s and W-9s, which were required at each location worked. The newer high school mandates will necessitate each referee having his/her data on file at each of the high schools. Don McMillan suggested that we as an association request to submit one copy directly to the Boards of Education rather than individual schools. KY Arbiter does not have the capability to submit referee information.

Questions about referees being required to have individual county occupational licenses were raised. As of this time, no such requirement is in effect, but members cautioned that as the counties learn this is a potential revenue generator, it may well happen.

Members of referee crews were reminded to park together whenever possible at game sites. Several situations arose last season, and using spaces assigned specifically for the ref crews, or at the least, being together when arriving and leaving may have prevented them. Making use of the site administrator's attention and assistance also advised.

Some game situations that arose last year could have been prevented with better pregame, mid game (half time), and post game crew discussions. Remember, no one referee has all the answers nor has seen all situations. There is always "something else."

Fitness and conditioning should be taking place now, rather than beginning in August. Some minor injuries and pains that lead to missed games might be prevented.

The ranking system continues to be in need of tweaking. Points for participation were questioned, as there are but a limited number of opportunities available. It was suggested that increased availability be made and advertised.

Suggested topics for this year's training clinics were solicited.

#### **Assignor Report:**

Larry Brown noted that the new referee clinic will be held on the field on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, with classroom instruction the evening prior. Catholic high schools are no longer able to schedule or sponsor activities for Sundays which contributed to this change.

Larry also suggested that he is looking into purchasing a video camera to use for assessment and mentoring purposes. The assessors and assignor, having the capability to video soccer games and provide feedback to mentees, would be invaluable.

The KY State Cup and Bluegrass Games are scheduled for the fourth weekend of July.

Larry Brown, Assignor, noted that he has been quite busy entering games into Arbiter for assignment, and that clinic topics, dates, times and locations really need to be made known to membership asap. Vacation plans are already being made in many situations, and trying to get all matters that need to be done for the nearing season in such a short amount time may cause difficulties. As he has been contacted by a number of members with questions better answered by the board, he invited NKSOA board members to be mindful members' time constraints and that earlier, better communication would serve everybody involved well.

Perry Wing suggested that we make use of electronic means to vote/increase involvement of members.

Larry further offered that new board members need to review the member in good standing definition and requirements. In lieu of updated criteria, he will continue to use available referees to fill scheduling needs.

He will continue on the NKSOA educational committee, but he will no longer conduct clinics, but rather use his time and talents with the new ref clinic and KHSAA state camp.

As a final remark, he noted that a former member has offered some uniform items, size L, and a set of flags for sale.

#### **Election Committee:**

Judi Paul was assisted by Julie Hegerty and Keith Hill this year.

Judi solicited nominees from the floor. None were received. Ballots were distributed, which noted that the positions of President, Vice President, and Treasurer were uncontested.

Other positions with candidates were:

Secretary: Keith Hill, Rick Flesch

At-Large Members: Perry Wing, Alex Weidner, Ja Osterhage, James Meyer, David Krenk,

Ray Hill, Julie Hegerty, Dave Dickerson.

Results: President: Mark Baker; Vice President: Joe Barker; Treasurer: Time Prieshoff; Secretary: Rick Flesch; At-Large Members: Perry Wing and Ja Osterhage.

Mark Baker announced that the next NKSOA meeting would take place on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Time and location to be announced.

**Meeting adjourned** at 3:36.

**Minutes recorded and submitted by: Rick Flesch.**