

**NKSOA Meeting
July 14, 2013
at Covington Catholic High School**

Meeting called to order at 2:02.

Board Members in Attendance:

President—Mark Baker Vice President—Joe Barker Treasurer—Tim Prieshoff
Secretary—Rick Flesch At Large Members—Ja Osterhage, Perry Wing
Past President—Judi Paul

Total members in attendance: 55.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the April 4, 2013 meeting (previously distributed via email to board members) was discussed. Motion to accept was made by T. Prieshoff, seconded by J. Paul. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance of \$8,876.66 includes dues paid thus far by 59 members to date. Members reminded that due date for registration fees is tomorrow, and will be doubled there after. Go Daddy server charges for 2013 have been paid in the amount of \$80.91. Motion made to accept was made by J. Osterhage, seconded by D. Rapier. Motion approved.

President's Report:

Mark introduced new members who were in attendance, as well as those members in attendance who have been with NKSOA for 16 or more years.

All members were reminded to update their contact information, including changed email addresses and telephone numbers, on NKSOA, Arbiter Sports, and the KHSAA websites. Members also advised to enter availability for upcoming season so that the Assignor can do his job.

Members also advised to block teams/schools as appropriate. These may include referees who had played at certain schools within the past 10 years, parents or family members of current players or team personnel (e.g. coaches), or employees of certain schools. Members invited to contact either the NKSOA President or Assignor if in doubt of potential conflicts and needs to block a team.

Socceramas are approaching, and a number of games have open referee spots. MENS scheduled for August 9-11 at Campbell County; WOMENS scheduled for August 15-17 at Walton Verona. Members invited to submit availability to be assigned to these games. It is believed that the MENS coaches association will again pay \$10 per referee, per game. Members invited to donate these fees, if they so choose, to either the Scott Christian Foundation or the Cameron Basteon Foundation.

With the nearing season, all members reminded that they should have been conditioning for some time, rather than waiting to the last minute to do so. Being prepared at game sites includes showing up 30 minutes before scheduled kick off, bring own water/beverages to game, have a listing of referee contact information, and make use of field directions tab at the NKSOA web site.

New NFHS rules to be enforced this year include white jerseys and socks for home teams; if tape is used on socks, it must be of a like or very similar color; at time of coin toss, coaches need to certify their players will be legally and properly equipped when taking the field.

As independent contractors, NKSOA referees must comply with requests from the various schools in regard to W-9s and giving social security numbers or tax identification numbers.

NKSOA has an assessor and mentoring program. Referees interested in either can contact the President or Assignor to schedule one. These persons may also be asked to perform an assessment or mentoring observation of members, as would benefit the association.

Clinic dates and times have been posted on the website. Mark Baker, C.J. Fryer, and Ja Osterhage are presenting restarts and free kick management. Julie Hegerty and Kevin Ball are presenting on AR involvement, offsides, and communication. Perry Wing is presenting on rule changes and professionalism. John Metz is presenting misconduct, cautions and send offs.

Assignor's Report:

Larry Brown noted that President had discussed some of his items, but added that 59 of our 75 members are level II or level I with KHSAA. This means that only 16 are level III, even though we have a number of referees who are eligible for level III. Taking the part two exam, and earning a grade of at least 90% is required of those referees with 5 or more years experience to earn the grade III status. He is concerned that NKSOA members may not be bettering themselves but rather just wanting to get by.

Referee crews reminded to make use of the experience of the various members of the crew and have meaningful discussions at half time and after games. Improved communication during matches, including frequent eye contact, was stressed.

Upcoming events, in addition to NKSOA clinics and Socceramas, include the KHSAA state advanced referee camp, July 26-27, in concert with the State Bluegrass games, and the newer referee clinics; Classroom instruction on August 7th at the Florence Government Center, and the following evening, August 8th, at Notre Dame Academy for on the field game experience.

The KHSAA mandatory on line rules clinic will be posted August 6 thru September 13, and the NFHS part II exam will be posted August 19-September 1.

NKSOA next meeting is scheduled for August 18th at 1:30, at Covington Catholic, following the fitness test and clinics.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Rick Flesch.