

**NKSOA Meeting
January 12, 2014
at Sports of All Sorts, Florence**

Meeting called to order at 1:06.

Board members in attendance:

Vice President: Joe Barker

Treasurer: Tim Prieshoff

Secretary: Rick Flesch

Members at Large: Ja Osterhage and Perry Wing

Past President: Judi Paul

Total members in attendance: 26.

Treasurer's Report:

Tim presented December, 2013 end of year report.

Noted total of 79 members paid dues in 2013. Specific expenses noted, with checking account balance of \$31.62, savings account balance of \$5,650.69, for total of \$5,682.31.

He fielded questions, without major concerns noted. Motion to accept made by B. Gurley; seconded by: P. Wing. Motion approved.

Secretary's Report:

It was noted that the minutes from the August 18, 2013 meeting had been previously distributed to all board members and approved at the Board Meeting on December 15, 2013.

President's Report:

Mark Baker was unable to attend but had shared with the Vice President a list of items to review. After a welcome to all members and expression of appreciation for another good season, those members who worked post season games were recognized. These included:

Ashland crew Bryan Schaefer, Mark Baker, Dave Dickerson & Greg Baker

Russell crew Joe Barker, Kevin Spahr, Perry Wing & Alex Fusting

Boys Round of 16 Mark Baker, Ja Osterhage, Jeff Miller & Joe Barker

Girls Semi-finals Mark Baker, Ja Osterhage, Keith Hill & Joe Barker

The semi-final crew had a pregame conference with Commissioner Mike Barren, where he discussed how to deal with any clock issues, bench control, player control (they thought a player should have been issued a red card the previous night & was not issued) not our crew. The need to deal with issues as they arise was highlighted, rather than warning and warning again.

The need to submit game reports and player/coach ejections (red cards) correctly and on time was noted. Improperly or late reports only leads to delays of correct consequences and need for additional communications with commissioner and referees.

For the second time Tim Perry was recognized by the Northern Kentucky Boys High School Soccer Association as their Referee of the Year. Ja Osterhage and Mark Baker attended the banquet.

An item for Good and Welfare was discussed. Chris Vier, a NKSOA football referee was injured in last summer's all-star game, resulting in the loss of his lower leg, and lost work revenue due to excessive time off from work. It was suggested that he did not have complete insurance coverage and that the NFHS policy did not cover the game injury as it was a "nonsanctioned game."

This led to a discussion of our coverage working soccerama , alumni, and all star games. Several members who were familiar with the law and insurance will review these concerns and report back to membership.

Motion made by P. Wing to donate \$100.00 to Chris Vier Benefit Foundation; seconded by B. Dehner. Motion approved.

The board would like to compile a list of proposed clinic topics, and presenters, for finalization at the February meeting. Members' suggestions were solicited from the floor. John Metz shared information on Critical Match Analysis, and possibly two other topics: A/R Duties and Referee Professionalism, which he is developing. An email will be shared with membership to have them submit topics to the Secretary prior to the next meeting.

The considered post season party was discussed. The lateness of such a get together and the anticipated lack of availability of most members resulted in no action having been taken. Phil Rolf had researched facilities and menus, and was thanked for his time. It was suggested that a get together be held just prior to next season, following registration and clinics and preparing all for the high school season ahead.

Larry Brown, our outgoing Assignor, was thanked for all he has done for high school soccer in Northern Kentucky and for his ongoing efforts to improve our referees with knowledge and proficiency. Larry was not able to be in attendance today.

Rob Detzel, chairman of the 9th Region Policy Board, and several ADs will conduct interviews for the next Assignor. A lot of discussion took place in this regard as this person is key to not only high school soccer, but to our association and its membership.

It was suggested that NKSOA as an organization develop a list of needs/demands that the new assignor present to the Policy Board, and/or Commissioner Mike Barren. It was also suggested that NKSOA develop a committee to support/educate the new assignor once he or she establishes himself/herself with the policy board. It was offered that a new person, perhaps with no ties to our organization, need not be feared, but rather considered as offering an opportunity for all.

Nomination/Election Committee of Judi Paul, Elizabeth Allegrini, and Keith Hill introduced. Judi shared a listing of current members interested for board positions, and invited nominations from the floor. Additional nominations will be taken up to the date and time of the election, scheduled for our next meeting of Sunday, February 16th, 1:00 at Covington Catholic High School.

Old Business:

John Metz remarked on the NKSOA fitness test. If we make fitness test participation “mandatory” rather than suggested for preparation for the season, general liability concerns exist. He offered that the NISOA has developed a medical examination form and a medical waiver/health certification form for use. He shared copies with the Secretary.

Fan confrontations and other field or game related issues arose this past season. Very few were documented, however, so that they were not addressed with intent of remediation. Members again reminded to complete a game report or supplemental report and share with NKSOA President and Assignor. Copies are available on organization website, and maybe on the Arbiter site.

Joe Barker noted that the Arbiter has been closed out and members have no access to last season’s schedules for tax purposes.

Other concerns from this past season offered from members included:

New Business:

Julie Hegerty remarked that nonsanctioned events, such as alumni games, all star games, and unpaid scrimmages, are being posted on the Arbiter by the assignor, and as such appear as “sanctioned.” Clarification is needed to all members who are independent contractors.

Kevin Day offered observation that the new assignor will have many tasks/duties, and actionable items. Suggested that we as an organization make sure that all items are submitted via board or committee to the board.

Jeff Knipp inquired why have just one assignor. Other sports make use of backups and assistants.

John Metz noted that at NFHS meeting, they are making online clinics available. Suggested he can make them available to NKSOA.

Brian Schaefer noted that we generally do not get paid for rained out games, and that there is not a clear or definitive policy in place to address this.

There being no further business to conduct, meeting was adjourned at 2:36.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Rick Flesch.

