

## **NKSOA Annual Meeting**

**February 16, 2014**

**at Covington Catholic High School**

**Meeting called to order at 1:01.**

### **Board Members in Attendance:**

President: Mark Baker

Vice-President: Joe Barker

Treasurer: Tim Prieshoff

Secretary: Rick Flesch

Member at Large: Ja Osterhage

Past-President: Judi Paul

**Total members in attendance: 32.**

### **Secretary's Report:**

Minutes of the January 12, 2014 meeting (previously distributed to board members via email) were reviewed. Motion made by T. Prieshoff to accept; seconded by P. Wing. Motion approved. Minutes to be posted on NKSOA website by Webmaster, with notice sent to all members of the posting/minutes availability.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Copies of February 2014 report distributed to board members. Balances of checking account noted as \$31.62, and savings account of \$5,651.17; total of \$5,682.79, which includes interest of \$0.48 since last month. Motion made by J. Barker to accept; seconded by P. Wing. Motion approved.

Discussion then turned to liability insurance coverage, with Tim Perry noting that officials should be covered in all star and scrimmage games. As the assigning of these games is by the NKSOA Assignor via Arbiter Sports, the NFHS policy is in force. Perry Wing commented that KHSAA sanctioned events provide coverage but non-sanctioned events are not covered. NKSOA may need to contact KHSAA General Counsel to learn of the extent of current coverage, and may also consider purchasing increased insurance coverage for members.

### **New Business:**

The new Assignor has not been identified yet.

Another special thanks to Larry Brown for his years of service to members and support of NKSOA was offered.

Webmaster Phil Rolf asked that all members make sure email addresses are correct on NKSOA list, as well as other personal contact information. He is now using a new server which costs \$1.16 per user email. He is able to tell how many members open the emails and open attachments. We are hopeful

that all members will maintain accurate contact information, and stay updated of all organizational information.

Members reminded that recertification for USSF is ongoing in KY. Outdoor tournaments will start soon, and members reminded to get, and stay physically healthy and fit, and to keep soccer skills sharp by working youth games. Knowing the rules is a must and some email messages from referees about “coaches misunderstandings” and the like suggest that we, as referees, can also become confused. Game reports need to be filled out completely, accurately, and in a timely manner.

The current NKSOA dues structure of a first year referee \$27.00 and returning referee \$56.00 remains in effect, although the newly elected board may suggest otherwise. All members are reminded to pay dues on time so as not to interfere with scheduling.

Ja Osterhage suggested that Commissioner Mike Barren be contacted to see if he will offer samples of “poorly written reports” and a clinic be developed around such.

Other topics for NKSOA clinics, submitted via email include:

Bruce Gurley’s “a View from the Touchline.” Items include: what the AR owes the center; what the center owes the AR; things that I hate to hear in a pregame; uniform colors; secondary signals; there’s no pouting in soccer; touchline hazards. He also offered suggestions for Slide Tackling, what’s legal; what’s not, and Unusual, Unstated, Misinterpreted Rules.

Keith Feinauer offered: having a veteran coach and possibly newer coach join with a couple of officials to review topics such as what coaches want and expect; handling verbal situations with benches and/or bleachers, maintaining control of the match, referee safety at the various venues, and the like.

John Metz offered in a handout: Critical Match Analysis. This presentation provides a context for understanding the actions taken by the referee team have a “cause and effect” impact on the entire game. Understanding options available and explore the “cost vs risk” analysis of each decision or nondecision, using video and self analysis. Additional clinic topics John is developing are AR Duties which can make or break the game, and Referee Professionalism during a game.

### **Old Business:**

Elizabeth Allegrini asked about the President’s and Vice-President’s meeting with the Ninth Region Policy Board. Joe Barker reported on having had a positive meeting where ideas were exchanged in a respectful atmosphere. Meeting was described as “favorable and good.”

### **Elections:**

The floor was opened to any additional nominations—none were submitted. Members on the ballot who were in attendance were introduced.

Ballot (as it was distributed):

President

Mark Baker  
Brian Dehner

Vice President

Joe Barker

Secretary

Keith Hill

Treasurer

Judi Paul  
Tim Prieshoff

At-Large Members

Greg Baker  
Debbie Chiarelli  
Bruce Gurley  
Julie Hegerty  
Lana Karasiova  
David Krenk  
James Meyers  
Ross Nelson  
Tim Perry  
Kevin Spahr  
Perry Wing

Elected were:

President: Mark Baker  
Vice-President: Joe Barker  
Secretary: Keith Hill  
Treasurer: Tim Prieshoff  
At-Large Members: Kevin Spahr, Perry Wing

**Meeting adjourned at 2:33.**

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