

Meeting Minutes NASOA 2 May 2018

President

Cedric Thomas opened the meeting at 6:00 PM. The minutes of the 18 April 2018 meeting were approved after two grammatical corrections by Daphne Brown. Cedric voiced thanks to Andy Dye and to the small group of NSASOSA referees who supported the numerous high and middle school matches this season. Andy reported over 80 referees actively supported the games.

There was a major change to the high school play off schedule. Cullman High School self reported a player eligibility violation and was disqualified from the playoffs. A number of players played in another league during high school season in violation of AHSAA rules.

Cedric cited the favorable comments from coaches and others at the Madison Academy playoff match on Tuesday. The referee team consisted of Caleb Brown, **Kim** Ong , and Ken Greer. Cedric urged all referees to continue strong professional performance based on the high school rules and spirit of the game.

He advised against referees being too jubilant over being selected for playoff and semi and final games.

He also observed our referees will be working with referees from other parts of the state who may not be adequately familiar with the rules. If we encounter such a situation, we are to politely show the errant referee the appropriate high school NFHS Rule or Ruling or the appropriate guidance from the AHSAA Soccer Officials Manual. Should the Referee continue to act like a horses behind, we are to text /call Cedric, Tim Barron , or Andy Dye immediately to report the situation. We are to make a formal game report to NASOA and AHSAA citing the Rule/Procedure violation.

High School Scheduler

Andy Dye reported a situation wherein a referee required both keepers to change their socks to contrasting bright colors prior to kick off. See NFHS Rule 4, Section 1, Article 1, i, 3: “... ***The socks of the goalkeeper are not required to be the same color as his/her teammates, but shall differ in color from the opposing field players.***” Bottom line: Don’t inject an improper requirement into any match. Daphne emphasized the referee team should be as innocuous as possible. “Be as non-verbal as possible.” Warm up out of sight, if possible.

President

Cedric emphasized that the Center referee must contact the assigned Other Officials to coordinate field location, time of meeting prior to kickoff, meeting location at the field, pregame conference, etc. The referee team must enter the field together. **Do**

not enter the field individually, warm up individually, etc. This just brings unnecessary attention to the referee.

Treasurer

Kim Hensley was on travel but reported that mileage fees will be paid later in May. He is working with Mr. Wayne Hinton on State Final badges and passes.

Vice President

Tim Barron reported that 15 NASOA referees have been designated as 4th Officials for the State Finals. These selections were made based on ability to manage coach behavior. Daphne will conduct a focused training on the responsibilities of the 4th Official on Wednesday, 9 May at 6:00 PM at the Merrimack Soccer Complex. This year the 4th Official will not be responsible for alerting the control booth when substitutions are made. (No Clipboards!). The 4th Officials will focus on assisting the Referee and Other Game Officials as well as maintaining sanity in the Technical Areas. There is no plan to use the 4th Official as a replacement for an injured member of the Referee Team at the State Finals.

Training

Daphne referred all to Pages 101-103 of the high school rulebook for 4th Official Duties.

USSF SDA

Klaus Staefe reported on the fitness test held at Birmingham Southern University 28 April. ***NASOA's Austin Holt passed at FIFA AR test.***

Results were:

FIFA Referee	3 of 4 passed
FIFA AR	8 of 12 passed (Austin Holt passed)
State Referee	4 of 4 passed
Grade 7 Referee	4 of 4 passed

Klaus noted there have been no requests for assessments this season. He encouraged all to request assessments. He mentioned there has been no apparent follow up with the High School Area Coordinator (Richard Robinson) regarding high school referee assessments performed and reported to him.

Vice President

Tim Barron reported the State Cup games will be held 11/12 May and 18/19 May. Also the Alabama State Games will be held 9/10 June. These are not USSF sanctioned games but referees will be paid for the first time.

High School Scheduler

Andy Dye reported that the select tournament the non-profit Decatur soccer teams sponsor as a prime fund raising activity has been challenged by a promoter (Scott Spenser) who moved the non-USSF Murfreesboro tournament to Decatur two weeks

prior to the scheduled fund raiser for the non-profit. NASOA Board recognizes members are independent contractors and are free to offer their services that are not in conflict with USSF assignment. However, the pre-emption of a non-profit tournament by a for-profit soccer promoter (Scott Spenser) is a serious concern to the NASOA Board. The Board recommends members fully support the non-profit USSF tournament in Decatur 15-16 September 2018. Spenser has called his tournament the **“The Open Cup and Alabama Jr Cup”**. An excerpt of Scott Spenser’s organization website is presented in the Annex.

Andy also reported significant problems for the referees who worked the Open Cup in Decatur. Due to field closures, games were moved to alternate locations. The revised schedule did not allow sufficient intervals between games nor were restrooms, changing rooms, water or food available for the referees. Scheduler Kris Bailey did a good job of adjusting to the bad situation.

Membership

Nelson Walner reported a game situation where an AR and a coach had a prior “history” of disagreement. He recommended moving the AR to the other touchline. Better yet, do not accept a game if there is a “history” with and team or coach. Block the school in Arbiter.

Nelson also cited a situation where a referee could not quickly tell if a goal had been scored since the AR simply strolled back up field.

Training

Daphne responded that the AR should have quickly sprinted to the level with the 18-yard line.

If the ball entered the net and rebounded, the AR should raise the flag until the referee acknowledges the signal to prevent continuation of play after a legal goal.

Daphne also reported that USSF will recommend AR’ run at a diagonal to the field to better determine offside calls. She also reminded us that there can be no offside on a penalty kick provided all non-kicking players (lees the defending keeper), line up behind the ball, outside of the penalty area.

Meeting closed at 7:10 PM

Members present:

Gary Doran
Dan Cutshall
Klaus Staefe
Daphne Brown
Ken Brown

Skye Svehlak
Andy Dye
Nelson
Awalner
Douglas Vechinski

Magdi Ehom
Mike Moran
Cedric Thomas

Tim Barron

ANNEX

Scott Spencer, Austin Daniels appointed as USSDA Technical Advisors

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(Via U.S. Soccer) – With [Dave Van den Bergh's transition to full time U.S. Youth National Team coach](#), Scott Spencer will now supervise Texas clubs as a U.S. Soccer Technical Advisor. Additionally, Austin Daniels will join the Academy as a Technical Advisor for Northern California.

Spencer, who reported to Van den Bergh as a scout for the Texas region, now assumes the Technical Advisor role. Daniels has been appointed as the Technical Advisor for Northern California.

In their roles, Spencer and Daniels will manage the talent identification networks in their respective markets, which consist of U.S. Soccer scouts who attend training, games, and Academy showcases to identify elite talent. As the next step in the development pathway, they will provide scouting reports and player-specific data to U.S. Director of Talent Identification Tony Lepore and Youth National Team staffs.

Spencer has a long career in the world of youth soccer. Most recently, he worked as the U.S. representative for Liga MX club CF Monterrey Rayados, launching the team's U.S. club affiliation program. At the same time, Spencer served as president of Premier Soccer Services, an event and tour management company, and as a U.S. Soccer scout for Texas and Atlanta. Previously, Spencer was Director of Coaching for the Alabama Youth Soccer Association, Director of Memphis' GSC/Fury club and a U.S. Soccer coach educator.

Premier Soccer Services is an events and consulting service organization in business since 2007.

PSS organizes events and programs from the grassroots to the international and professional level. A range of consulting services is available including: organizational management, player and team development, public relations and media, and outreach. PSS is partnering with CF Monterrey Rayados for the management of the IBC BANK Copa Rayados Internacional tournament in San

Antonio.

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Ongoing PSS programs/ events:
The Open Cup and Alabama Jr Cup in Decatur, AL
The Naples Cup in Naples, FL
The California Invitational in Bakersfield, CA
The Northwest Invitational in Pasco, WA
The Tennessee Cup in Nashville, TN
The Girls Junior Cup in Tupelo, MS
Consultant for US relations with FESA of El Salvador
Consultant for US relations with CF Monterrey Rayados Fuerzas Basicas program

