

NASOA Meeting Minutes 4-4-2018

Kim Hensley opened the meeting at 6:00 PM at Merrimack Soccer Complex, Huntsville, AL.

Thirteen members were present:

Darrell Schmidt
Mark Base
Mike Smid
Andy Dye
Klaus Staefe
Skye Svehlak
Claudio Muntele
Chris Boyer
Diego Chulan
Jackie Svehlak
Kim Hensley
Mike Moran
Dean Johnson

Approval of the minutes of 21 March was postponed until the next meeting.

Treasurer

Kim Hensley reported that payment for all game s will be done by next Monday 9 April.

The recent message from AHSAA stated the payment for all Playoff and Final Matches will be through ArbiterPay. Selected referees for these matches are to set up an Arbiter Pay account.

Kim announced that a number of schools have been tardy in paying referee fees. Mike Moran has contacted all delinquent schools, eight of which have paid the referee fees on 2 April. The total delinquent fees amounted to over \$59K.

Secretary

Mike Moran reported that the NASOA mailing address on the new web site shows the incorrect P.O. Box number. Webmaster Gene Uhl and President Cedric Thomas have been notified.

High School Representative

Andy Dye reported that relatively few game reports that point out uniform and field marking violations. Referees are to send game reports that include uniform violations, improper field markings/conditions, as well as ejections, etc. to Andy Dye and Tim Barron within 12 hours (preferably sooner). Andy and Tim will review the report before forwarding it to AHSAA. AHSAA will take action with the schools concerned.

Some examples of a needed game reports include the illegal, predominately white, away jersey of the Hazel Green teams. Wanda made the first report of the Hazel Green jersey problem just last week. This should have been reported much earlier. Also Andy has observed many goalkeeper jerseys violations that have not been reported. Those jerseys must be numbered and contrast with field player uniforms.

Fields must be properly marked-especially technical areas. Referees are to ensure coaches and bench personnel stay in technical areas.

Andy requested referees telephone him if unable to referee a match as soon as possible. Do not email Andy.

HASL Representative

Klaus Staefe reported that too many referees are declining matches. He asks for better cooperation. He also reported that USSF Match Reports for ejections are arriving too late. They should be submitted to him within 24 hours or sooner. There was a recent instance when a report was not received until Wednesday for an ejection at a Sunday match.

He also pointed out an improper entry on a report that included a caution for violent conduct, the latter being an ejectionable offense as we all should know.

Klaus reminded us to include all details in ejection reports: did the player leave the field/are, specific actions of the player and referee(s), location of offense, clock time of the game, etc.

Member at Large

Mike Smid reported that the Open Cup for the Girls is this weekend, 6-8 April and the Boys is 13-15 April. A number of international teams may attend. Bill Walker is assigning referees for the Open Cup and he requires all referees to have the new yellow long sleeve and short sleeve jerseys and a short sleeve green jersey..

Mike also reported that the HFC/Kicks tournament for U14 and below will be 20-22 April.

AYSA Assigner

Dean Johnson requested help for U9/10/11 matches in Cullman the weekend of the Open Cup. These matches will have only one referee.

Members

Darrell Schmidt cited an example of a non-call on handling in the Penalty Area wherein a defender was getting up from a fall using his hands on the ground for support. The EPL referee did not call handling in that instance.

Darrell also cited an example of the need to have the ball stationary for a free kick. He said the reason for the stationary ball was to announce to all players that a free kick was about to take place.

Member at Large

Mike Smid cautioned us to review the USSF video to get the latest interpretation of handling. Mike will get the reference to the video and share it.

Next Meetings

The next scheduled meets are on Wednesdays: 18 April, 2 May & 16 May.

Klaus said another meeting must be held prior to the Final Four to allow distribution of passes and to coordinate referee support. Cedric Thomas will be informed to set up this meeting.

The meeting closed at 6:55 PM.