

NASOA General Meeting – October 28, 2019

Meeting opened at 18:00 CDT at Merrimack Soccer Complex.

President

1. Motion was made by Bill Der to approve the Minutes from October 16th and 2nd by Wes Brown. Motion was passed.
2. The next (and last) local recertification class is Nov. 9, 9:00-13:00 at Merrimack. There are currently 21 signed up for the course. Cedric emphasized that the attendees **must complete all the assignments before** attending the in-person class. Other recertification classes will be Nov. 16, in Birmingham from 8:00-12:00, and Dec. 15, in Mobile from 13:00-17:00. There may be a few others offered in Birmingham in December.
3. Cedric gave a short review of the HFC Kicks tournament and thanked those officials that were able to help in addition to all the State games that needed covering. He also highlighted that we have a professional responsibility to set blocks appropriately, and are to maintain a highest level of respect/professionalism when out on the field and with any interaction with spectators.
4. The State Cup is being held in Foley, Nov 2-3. There are 5 local referees that are attending. Tim emphasized to review the LOTG, the recent changes to the LOTG (especially with respect to handling), the overtime procedures, KFTM procedures, and the importance of your pre-game since you will very likely be working with different officials. Furthermore, do not engage spectators. Work with the coaches, field marshals, and SRC to take care of vocal parents.
5. Tim mentioned that it will be released soon that there is going to be will be a MPSL team based in Huntsville soon.
6. Klaus Staefe will be stepping down from the State Director of Assessment (SDA) position.
7. The Alabama Super Cup is Nov. 2-3 at the Jack Allen Complex. Jackie is the assignor and still needs about 6 more officials for this tournament. All teams are 14U and below. This is a non-sanctioned event.
8. The Alabama Jr. Cup is Nov. 23-24 at the Jack Allen Complex. Cedric is the assignor. This is a 15U and below tournament.
9. Tim mentioned that the membership should be looking for recruits for the high school season. If anyone gets names for recruits, send their contact info to Tim and Andy. Tim and Andy will be holding an initial meeting in December for new recruits to give them information about the high school season so as not to be overwhelmed at the normal kickoff meeting in January.
10. Prior to the meeting closing, Tim mentioned that this was the last NASOA meeting for the season. The next one will be in early January to kick off the high school season. He also wanted to thank everyone for their work on the field, also to keep it up since

we still have a month to go in the season. He also thanked Tom Lawson for his work in assigning the youth games.

General Membership

11. Paul Galloway inquired if the fuchsia colored shirts are no longer to be used for high school. Yes, that is correct, the new orange and green will be used for high school. However, it is suggested that you don't toss your fuchsia shirts just yet.
12. Tim Holt inquired about new fields that are supposedly going to be added. There is currently a bid going on to add 4 more turf fields to Merrimack located in the vicinity of the current turf fields. Also, there are plans to add 2 championship sized turf fields to the John Hunt complex.
13. Darrell Schmidt mentioned that the Futsal season is close at hand and will be starting soon. He is looking for some additional officials. There is a training class in Birmingham Nov. 17. Contact Darrell for more information.

Motion was made dismiss and agreed by everyone. The meeting was adjourned at 18:48.

Attendees:

Abdallah Abuspetani
James Farmer
Kim Hensley
Tim Holt
Joseph Patterson
Darrell Schmidt
Jackie Svehlak

Tim Barron
Paul Galloway
Will Herndon
Walner Nelson
Bill Pottratz
Benjamin Senior
Wallace Tate

Bill Der
Matthew Grimm
Austin Holt
Casper Otten
Celeste Roberts
Michael Smid
Douglas Vechinski