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NASOA General Meeting – May 17, 2022

Meeting opened at 18:00 CDT at Merrimack Soccer Complex. The Meeting was led by President Tim Holt.

1. Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the April 20th meeting as presented. Motion approved.
2. The Treasurer mentioned that the high school games for the regular season were paid through Game Officials while the playoff games are paid through DragonFly. He also mentioned that 1099s should come directly from these organizations next year and not through NASOA.
3. The WPSL & NPSL start this month and will be playing at the UAH soccer field.
4. Some upcoming USSF tournaments:
 - a) May 21-22 Apollo Cup Huntsville,
 - b) June 15-19, Presidents Cup, Frisco TX,
 - c) June 24-30 Regionals, Murfreesboro TN
5. From the general membership, the topic of incident reports and the response to them was brought up. An example was brought forth regarding an area game during the last week or two of the season, with the home team not having Wilson balls for the game and the experienced coach apparently stating that “they had never been aware or notified” of this requirement this season nor in any past. If this was the case, then, it was asked if any incident reports had been submitted for this team for home area games earlier in the season. If not, then why hadn’t any earlier ref crews submitted any. In general, for incidents like this and those related to uniform or field conditions, if reports are submitted, what is the State’s response? Is there follow-up? Should the schools be required to send back a corrective action report acknowledging the receipt of the incident/issue and how they intend to correct it. Along similar lines, should ref crews be held responsible in some way for failing to report what might be repetitive occurrences of the same issue assuming it can be verified that the issue has occurred before.
6. From the general membership, the topic of ref crew selection for playoff games was brought up. Is the necessary criteria to be considered for selection posted publicly so referees can see what is necessary and know what to work for? Who is making the decisions? (The district directors and state personal make the decisions for playoffs.) Was any input from the assignor taken into account? (It was stated that there were conversations between Andy and Cedric.)
7. Additionally, the topic of game acceptance was mentioned. Tom and Andy continually have issues with officials not accepting assignments by turning back games, excessive bails, or letting the assignments time-out. While “life happens” at times should any punitive repercussions be administered if some number or percentage occur within in some time frame?
8. Statistics from the high school season. Over the course of 13 weeks, 1068 games were held. 587 were boys and 481 were girls. Of the 1068 games, 229 were

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performed as dual matches, 76 of which were varsity, 88 were freshman, and 65 were middle school. There were 454 cancelled games.

There were a total of 85 officials with an average age of 44. Game count: 7 worked ≥ 70 games, 15 worked 50-69 games, 24 worked 30-49 games, 26 worked 11-29 games, and 13 worked 1-10 games. A total of 33 red cards were issued in 26 games (16 for violent conduct), with 4 occurring in one game. The highest number issued by the same official was 6, and the next highest was 5 by another official. During the playoffs, 29 officials from NASOA participated.

9. The high school final 4 games were held May 12-14. There were 5 officials from our organization that worked these games: Magdi Eltom, Tim Holt, Celeste Roberts, Alex Garcia, and Ben Senior. Also a thanks was expressed to the various volunteers that helped with the tournament.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 19:02.

Attendees:

Dominic Aragon

Allen Craven

Kim Hensley

Celeste Roberts

Douglas Vechinski

David Barreto

Jeremy Glombowski

Tim Holt

Samson Tamijani

Allen Borgen

Darrell Harris

Claudiu Muntele

Wallace Tate