

# NASOA General Meeting – January 17, 2023

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Meeting opened at 18:02 CDT at Merrimack Soccer Complex. The meeting was led by President Tim Holt.

1. Motion was made to accept the minutes from the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting as presented and seconded.
2. The treasurer mentioned that 2022 1099's will be ready by the end of the month.
3. The high school season begins Feb. 2. Start your registration process. Of the approximately 100 officials in the system, 75 are registered for the current year and 45 of these have had their background checks completed. We were reminded again to recruit new referees. Please add a picture to your DragonFly account to aid other referees when meeting at a match for the first time.
4. The high school referee training clinic will be held on Jan. 28, at Jack Allen Soccer Complex in Decatur. There are currently only ~30 officials that have signed up. We need many more to make this work well. Please sign up. There is a link at [nasoa.org](http://nasoa.org) under the Helpful links.
5. The Huntsville Middle School League (previously known as MSSL) has now been incorporated as part of the normal high school season. This year they will still be playing amongst themselves. For some schools this will be their first year. Be lenient with respect to potential uniform issues. For such issues, pass along to Andy Dye first so he can communicate with the schools and assess whether it should be elevated to the State level.
6. Andy Dye, the high school assignor spoke for a while.
  - a. Keep your blocks up to date. If you have a close relative on a team, please set a block for that school.
  - b. Once an assignment is received, Accept or Decline in a prompt manner. Please don't let them "idle" for several days or auto decline.
  - c. Assigning is expected to begin Jan. 22. If by then, you are registered but have not yet taken/passed the exam, you will be set as **Unavailable**. Once you have passed the exam, send an email or text to Andy informing him that you should now be **Available**.
  - d. Assigning is typically performed 10-14 days in advance.
  - e. If possible try not to set a Distance block or do not set it too low. You will probably not get many games if it is too low.
7. Ejection reports and Incident/Field reports will now be entered into DragonFly and **not** the AHSAA site.
8. A PowerPoint presentation was then shown that was from NFHS which discussed/-described some of the new rule changes or updates. Several illustrations of legal and illegal forms of hair adornments were shown.
9. Guest speaker Kris Baily was present and gave a talk. Two video clips (of professional soccer games) were shown and members were asked to write down what their

decision would be and how you would defend it. The exercises were geared toward becoming familiar with the NFHS Rules handbook and the language or phrases one could use in defending a decision for example, such as when explaining to a coach or writing in a report.

10. An email has been sent out regarding the district camp that will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup> (10-3) at Merrimack. The fee is expected to be \$30. Send an RSVP to Cedric ([cedricthomas@msn.com](mailto:cedricthomas@msn.com)) if you are planning on attending.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 19:23.

**Attendees:**

Abigail Amaya  
David Barreto  
Alain Bucio  
Charles Durodola  
James Green  
Mike Krassick  
Megan Mokhtari  
Kim Khoon Ong  
Celeste Roberts  
Jackie Svehlak  
Josh Wilson

Dominic Aragon  
Tim Barron  
Steve Cummings  
Andy Dye  
Kim Hensley  
Douglas Litavec  
Claudiu Muntele  
Khalid Pierron  
Chadwick Shugart  
Cedric Thomas

James Ballamy  
Wes Brown  
Dan Cutshall  
Alex Garcia  
Tim Holt  
Alexis McDonald  
Walner Nelson  
Wanda Porter  
Robert Sullivan  
Douglas Vechinski