

NASOA General Meeting – January 24, 2023

Meeting opened at 18:03 CDT at Merrimack Soccer Complex. The meeting was led by President Tim Holt.

1. Motion was made to accept the minutes from the January 17th, 2023 meeting with a modification regarding the time of the district camp. Motion seconded to accept minutes as amended.
2. USSF related: Several tournaments were mentioned. Check your USSF registration to see if it is up to date. Check under your profile to see if there are any training requirements (SafeSport, etc.) that might have expired or may be close to expiring.
3. The high school season begins Feb. 2. Start your registration process. Of the approximately 100 officials in the system, 80 are registered for the current year and 45 of these have had their background checks completed.
4. The high school referee training clinic will be held on Jan. 28, at Jack Allen Soccer Complex in Decatur. There are currently 50-60 officials that have signed up.
5. Andy Dye, the high school assignor spoke for a while.
 - a. Assignments have started. If you haven't completed your registration and exam, do so quickly or your first games will likely be delayed.
 - b. Please add a picture to your profile to aid other referees and Andy so he knows who you are.
 - c. Keep your blocks up to date and consistent with Game Officials for those working USSF leagues.
 - d. Please accept your assignments in a timely manly, within in at least 48 hrs.
 - e. If you need to reach Andy the day of an assignment, do so by text message or a phone call. He may not be as responsive by email the day of a game. Andy's cell # 256-230-5425, email: andyjdye2@gmail.com
 - f. Do not put scores into DragonFly. That is the responsibility of the home school. However, keep a personal record of the game score for any possible disputes.
 - g. Assigning is typically performed 10-14 days in advance.
 - h. If you typically leave from work to go to games, set your address in your profile on DragonFly to be your work address. This will give Andy a better measurement of the distance/time when assigning.
 - i. Referees are independent contractors and are free to work where they want. However, there are plenty of games and many high school tournaments (3 in Feb., 2 in March) so there is plenty of opportunity to work games locally.
6. Wanda Porter game a presentation about referee responsibilities in unusual circumstances. Three topics were covered: Lightning/Thunder, Concussion, and Sudden Cardiac Arrest. See appendix E and B in the Rules Book, respectively, regarding the first two for further details.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 19:12.

Attendees:

Dominic Aragon
Chris Bouffard
Alain Bucio
Magdi Eltom
Connie Geary
Tim Holt
Claudiu Muntele
Wanda Porter
Michelle Smid
Darrel White

James Ballamy
Christian Boyer
Steve Cummings
Troy Evans
Kim Hensley
Frank Jones
Cooper Nyquist
Chadwick Shugart
Allen Turner

Bria Beidleman
Wes Brown
Andy Dye
Paul Galloway
Alan J (AJ) Hicks
Yamu Moyo
Ashley Phillips
Michael Smid
Douglas Vechinski