

MISOA MINUTES
November 18, 2003

MISOA gathered at DM University for their regular meeting.

Program

Craig Nelsen presented the new USSF tape, "Gray Areas" about those unspoken, unwritten parts of the game for which we have guidance but are frequently not covered in the course of normal training. The tape is available through Craig for showing at club functions.

Meeting Called to Order

President Kate Frieberg called the meeting to order at 8:06 pm. Sec. George Clavenna was not present and Greg Annexstad was appointed to take minutes.

Previous Minutes: George Clavenna was not available. They are posted on the web site.

Treasurer's Report: Maggie Biggs was not available.

Scholastic Report

Fall – Dave Rothwell reported on the close of the fall season. Three schools scheduled a total of 20 games. One was freshman and couple of junior varsity. Few officials were interested in working the games. Formal report is attached.

Spring – Greg Annexstad reported on the preparations for the upcoming season. Letters to the AD's were sent out, outlining MISOA's policies and schedule procedure for the spring season. The big changes were the elimination of many different scales of pay and just a flat rate for a varsity game and a second flate rate for JV games. Mileage was requested at the rate of \$.40 per mile over 40 miles from 2nd Ave and I-235, one way. He also reported we have approximately 20 officials who have not renewed their membership with IHSAA or IHSGAU for 2002-03. Dave reported that he has received notice from last years officials who do not wish to work this spring. The new numbers will be posted to the web site by Dec. 1. Greg stated that emails formally asking last years crew chiefs if they wish to continue next year. Also, anyone interested in becoming a crew chief was asked to contact Greg. Mike Walker immediately indicated an interest. Meeting are underway to negotiate the new assignors contracts for 2003.

Collegiate Report

Mike Ballard reported on the recently completed college season. The membership covered 260 games, up 81 from last year. 2003 dues are now current and forms were handed out to members. We are currently working for 15 colleges in central Iowa. Formal report attached.

Ethics Report

Jeff Jeffries reported no incidents in the past month.

Assessments Report

Bob Heitman reminded everyone that NISOA assessments are handled directly with the four chapter assessors. That USSF upgrade and mentoring assessments need to be scheduled through SDI Phil Sinnwell.

Old Business

Winter Social Gathering: Kate reported that consideration has been given to a number of scenarios for a gathering. It was the consensus of the group to hold it on our regular scheduled evening in an informal atmosphere similar to last year. Membership chair, Bob Grassley is in charge of details.

Officers and Directors Insurance

Kate reported that MISOA will go with last years providers for an additional \$350 per year. She tried to determine whether coverage was afforded to us through USSF, but 3 calls to Julie Ilaqua went unreturned. The IRC did not deal with it at the November 9 meeting.

New Business:

Motion to approve sending a bus to the Referee Academy in Cedar Rapids. Date on or about March 1. Passed. Phil Sinnwell will be the keeper of the list.

Motion to send \$350 to defray costs of the academy. Tabled.

2003 dues for MISOA are due in December. Members were reminded that they will not be assigned to crews if all dues and association memberships to IHSAA & IHSGAU are not current. See the web site after Dec. 1 to check your status.

MISOA only, or MISOA High School members should submit their dues to Maggie at the MISOA PO Box. College members should submit their dues to Mike Ballard, address is on their sheet.

Motion to pay the collegiate and scholastic assignors according to their contracts was made and approved.

Remarks for the Good of the Order:

New Referee Clinics:

Marshalltown 12/1

West Des Moines 12/1

Altoona 1/24

Winterset 1/31

Wes Des Moines 2/21

Urbandale 2/21

REF Clinic @ DMU Jan 19

Assignors Clinic Jan 18

College Search July 31-Aug 3

Guests

Jim Reid, WDM; Essam Abusharkh, DSM; Mohamed Abusharkh, Urb; Joe Hengl, WDM, 1st meeting; Fred Eastman, NW Dir of Refs; Ray Schwicktenberg, Nevada.

DM Futsal

Tom O'Donnell reported they have 101 new refs at DM Soccer. New class to be held on 12/7 from 4:30-6:30pm. They need refs of our caliber (.22?). Games pay – U14 \$10; U19-16 \$12.50; Adult \$15.

Terry Vaughn was selected to work the NCAA Final Four in December.

Annual Awards

Girls Referee of the Year Emily Scholton

Boys Referee of the Year Ramsey Tesdell

Adult Referee of the Year Nassir Sinnanovich