

September 17, 2007

Program: Joy Schiller from DMU Health Center gave a presentation on healthy lifestyle choices, and how they can positively impact fitness on the field and longevity.

Meeting called to order at 8:22pm

Motion to approve August minutes as posted on web site made by Jim Hart, seconded by Shane Smith

Treasurer – no report

Committee Reports:

- Ethics – no report
- Assessment – All requests for assessment have been covered or are assigned.
- Assignment – no report
- Membership – no report
- PR – minutes are on the web site through August.

Director's Reports:

- College – Jim Hart – Rod Dougherty has been doing a good job assisting in the assignment of matches. Post season games have been received for some schools and assignments will be going out in the next few days or weeks, once games are confirmed.
- Scholastic – no report
- Youth – Phil Sinnwell for Bonnie – There are two (or three) tournaments going on at once this weekend: Just For Girls (U11-U18 competitive @ Cownie); Johnston Soccer Recreational (U8-U14 rec @ JSC). Plus, the Johnston Soccer Competitive tournament (10/6&7, U11-U14 @ Cownie). Call Bonnie and LEAVE A MESSAGE if you are interested in working any of these tournaments. She will get back to you if you are needed.
Bonnie has also received complaints about referees not showing for the IPSL assignments, and complaints about referees not calling obvious fouls (from a coach or spectator perspective) that lead to later game misconduct. Bonnie is asking the more experienced referees to offer pointers to the others. Phil added that regardless of the amount of time before a tournament or other game, if you haven't worked with someone before, you need to conduct a pre-game to discuss expectations and get an idea about skill levels.

Old Business

- Sean Holmes (the Drake Men's coach) is working on a location and time on the Drake campus for the MISOA recert/fitness clinic.
- SCASOA (Story County Area Soccer Officials Association) is getting up and running with the aid of Bob Bergman. It's mission is to provide training, and possibly in the future assignment, for the Ames area referees.

New Business

- Motion by George Clavenna to pay Drake \$350 for passes to the remaining Drake games for the year. Second by Bob Heitmann. Passed on voice vote.

Comments for the Good of the Association

- The Norwalk and Johnston have joined with Soccer West, Soccer South and West Des Moines clubs in using a single Arbiter group for their recreational club games. Each club has access only to the referees who have agreed to do games for them. Those who are already on Arbiter who wish to add one of these groups can e-mail the respective assignor (Dave Lundy – Norwalk, Jim Elmer – Johnston, Mark & LeAnna Carlson – the rest). You will receive an invitation through Arbiter to accept membership in another group.
- Managing blocks when you are a member of multiple groups in Arbiter. It's possible to block dates for a single, many, or all groups in Arbiter. In the calendar page, all groups you are a

member of will be listed on the top left of the page. Make sure the groups you want to place blocks are checked before placing your blocks. No need to set blocks for game assignments, the system knows when you have games and will not allow other assigners the opportunity to schedule you for games.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45pm

Attendance: 17

Respectfully submitted: Jim Elmer for Mark McFall