

MISOA October 20, 2008 Meeting

After a great training session, lead by Tica Hidajet, the meeting was called to order at 8:41 PM by President Rich Voyek,

The September minutes were not available

No Treasurer's report

Rich announced Jeff Jeffries has resigned as Ethic Chair and asked for any nominations for the position.

Assessments: Phil Sinnwell said we had a total of 179 total assessments in the central Iowa area in 2007. Bonnie offered that IPSL would pay for the assessment for officials requesting assessment for U17 and up games. The association will also ask the coaches to extend the half to a full 45 minutes for these assessments.

College Assignments: Dan Waskel: no report

Youth: Bonnie Larson Reported there are a very few U14 and under IPSL games left since the State Cup starts for the older kids on Oct 25th. There is to be a Menace Futsal tourney in January.

Instruction: Craig Nelson reported that the Quad Cities area will be having a futsal referee clinic on November 15th. He asked if there was any interest in holding a similar clinic in Des Moines. There are entry level clinics scheduled in November in Oskaloosa and they have 10 signed up now. There is also a clinic in Sioux City. He reminded us that MISOA is hosting a re-certification clinic in November.

Directors Reports:

High School: Rod Dougherty reported that discussions with a group of AD's in north central Iowa about fees and mileage are ongoing and he read excerpts from emails and discussed how he answered AD's questions. He pointed out the low number of soccer officials Vs other sports and sited Iowa High School registrations. Also stated that we are asking soccer officials to do three times as many games as a football official and that is why it is difficult to fill all the assignments. He will be sending the same information to the AD's at the rest of the schools.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Rod Dougherty suggested MISO hold meetings at different sites to attract more attendance and reach out to more people besides the high school and college officials.

This led to much discussion by many people about our image and how it both helps and hurts us; where we might go if we did it; how many times a year and when we might do this besides the usual Monday 7:30 PM time. Most were in agreement it was worth looking into. Rod suggested we implement this with the 2009 year. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Rod also suggested we consider a raise in our dues from the current \$15 that is in place for most members. He said we like to do a lot of things like sponsor the Ref Academy and other things, but our funds keep going down. It was also tabled until we could have more information from our treasurer.

Good of the order:

Phil S. announced the Ref Academy will be held in Des Moines next March. He also let us know that Tica Hidajet has been invited back to officiate at the MLS level again in 2009 and Landis Wiley of the Cedar Rapids area has been invited for the first time.

The Holiday party was discussed and Rich asked for volunteers to put together the party. This also will wait until next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM

Secretary for the night,

Rod Dougherty