

MISOA Meeting 9/15/08

Short training program from Craig Nelson (re-starts, using color coded cards) & also Hido Tica (game flow, using video clips from US Soccer)

Meeting called to order at 8:27pm

Treasurers report – Pete Dale

Ethics – no report

Assessment – no report

Assignment – no report

Youth – Bonnie Larson – wants to encourage clubs to host Assistant Referee courses to help staff the game load. Also, referees should not be accepting games only to turn back those games when a better assignment comes along.

College – Jim Elmer – The Mid Iowa chapter now has four registered assessors. Fees are half your game fee, up to \$80. Our assessors are Bob & Marsha Heitman, Phil Sinnwell and Shane Smith. Referees or assistant referees are encouraged to use the services of a NISOA assessor as a method to get feedback on their games. To schedule a NISOA assessment, contact the assessor directly. As always, if you want a USSF assessment, that needs to be arranged via the Iowa Referee web site.

Scholastic – Rod Dougherty – Discussion about divisions of the scholastic assignments, especially in the “outlying areas” where the most help is needed. A committee is proposed to study whether we should assign two-man crews to the far reaching areas, and to work on a longer term solution of referee numbers.

Committee members: Rod Dougherty, Lou Agocs, Pete Dale, Shane Smith, Jolene Nikl.

Training – Craig Nelson – Two recert clinics are scheduled in the Des Moines Area, and several new clinics are scheduled for November in the areas outside Des Moines.

Old Business – none

New Business –

- 1) Referees who turn back accepted games only to take other games represent an ethics issue that should be reported and not tolerated.
- 2) USYSA has approved formation of a referee program, to compete with, and in direct response to, changes in the USSF referee department. This will be a discussion topic at the Iowa Referee Committee meeting this Wednesday night.

Feedback at the club level is encourage to the IRC executive board (see Iowa Referee web site)

- 3) Motion to purchase 50 copies of Advice to Referees at the bulk rate through MISOA and have the membership purchase for \$5 each. Motion passed on a voice vote. Contact Rich Voyek to place order yours very own copy.

Comments for the good of the order:

Question to Tica on where he's been lately – 22 assignments this season, including the upcoming Minnesota Thunder/Montreal Thunder USL 1 game.

Meeting adjourned 9:23pm

Respectfully submitted, Jim Elmer, secretary for the moment.