

MISOA meeting

May 19, 2010

AIB Activities Center, 2500 Fleur Drive
Des Moines, IA 50321-1749

Training program

The program began at 7:30 pm

Craig Nelson introduced a USSF training video by Esse Baharmast on the subject of persistent infringement.

Esse's message was that as referees we should "protect the beauty of our game." He gave the example from the 1998 World Cup when Romanian player Hagi fouled Paul Ince of England. Hagi was known as a difficult player to manage. M. Batta, the referee, cautioned Hagi after 2 fouls. Hagi did not commit any more fouls in the match.

The referee's mission is to "protect safety, provide flow, be fair to all, and preserve entertainment value of game."

Program ended at 8:05 p.m.

Business meeting

Dave Lundy called meeting to order at 8:14.
The April minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Rich Voyek stated that all but six high schools have paid their fees.

Our balance is currently \$7,400.18. We approved motions to pay:

- \$3,100 to Lou Agocs which is ½ of assigning fees for season.
- \$185.00 to Charlie Ramsey for Mason City games
- \$12.50 to Rod Dougherty for 2 DVDs

Committees:

Scholastic: Girls sub-state assignments are on IGHS AU site and boys sub-state assignments are out on Arbiter, accept or decline on IAHSAA site, this is not ready yet. Referees must log in to each of those websites to complete the game acceptance process. Annual fees are due:

- May 31-girls
- June 1-boys

Finding referees to cover the middle school games has been a problem. Reminder from Lou Agocs: if a referee needs to be removed from game within 24 hours, call and email Lou.

Remember also that changes in game location and times can happen; center referee has responsibility to make sure that everyone is contacted about those changes.

Youth: No report. Numerous tournaments happening.

Reminder from Greg Annexstad: Don't coach with referee uniform on. This was observed at middle school game.

Adult: No report. Over the Hill is going on. Mark Carlson is assignor.

Collegiate: No report. Jim Elmer plans to announce NISOA fitness test at June meeting. USSF test can be used for NISOA, but inform Jim of that beforehand. New pay rates for NISOA:
Referee: \$125. AR: \$105.00

Assessments: No report

Comment: Last night at Gilbert. 3rd showed up and left. A fan, who was a ref. stood in and did a nice job. This is an ethics issue. Should be reported.

Old business: None.

New business:

Rod informed us that Lou's mother passed away. Members encouraged to make personal response.

Discussion of ethics: Is email to membership an ethics question or should it be handled by board or president? Decided to run it by the president for now. Soccer officials' ethical behavior in soccer activities remain handled by ethics officer (Jim Hart).

Insurance question by Annexstad: MISOA has director's insurance only if all members are paid up. MISOA accepts referees who are not high school certified. Are emeritus members insured? This came up with emeritus members for middle school games. Those who are not high school ref, how are they insured for NIFOA, but they are MISOA members. Who will check on this? Does Jim have this list or Rod? Start with Rod? Assigning organization is liable if there is trouble. It should be cheap to insure the referees who are members of MISOA.

For the good of the order:

Paul May's son David has been a member for a couple of years; he is off to 8-9 weeks of Navy boot camp soon. Members wished him well.

Information about USSF, Annexstad: ISA is currently re-examining stand they took a year ago when they voted not to separate the USSF ref org from youth org. Jim Albertson is on the committee. Pressure is on, if 2 million members pull out of USSF, this would be a big change. May have to dual register. Chicago is focused on getting WC back to USA. They don't seem to be paying attention to other issues.

Alfred Kleinitis is retiring. Leaving in July. Friend of Iowa soccer.

9:04 motion to adjourn. Accepted.

June 21 is date for next meeting at AIB. We may be planning a July social time instead of a meeting.

Attendance: 22

Minutes by Lee Tesdell