

## **MISOA meeting**

April 20, 2011

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

### ***Business Meeting***

Brian McCollum called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

March minutes approved.

### ***Treasurer's Report: Richard Hudnut was not present.***

*\$3335.77 in CD's*

*\$2628.48 in Checking*

*Total assets = \$5964.25*

*No liabilities*

### ***Committees:***

*Scholastic: Rod Dougherty*

Many rescheduled games.

The AD's approved the proposal of \$100 for a set of JV/V games. This contract is for two years (2012 and 2013). Some of the schools outside the Des Moines area will pay mileage. Make sure the crew members are in contact with each other prior to the game dates.

*Lou Agocs is owed half of his assigning contract fees.*

*Youth: Bonnie Larson not present*

Thanks to everyone for working youth tournaments this spring. There are two more competitive tournaments and a couple of recreational tournaments to go for the spring season. If you're working club games, remember that coaches need to be wearing a hard pass or provide a soft pass (same as player pass) to be on the team side of the field. If they cannot provide a pass they must be on the spectator side of the field.

*Adult: Jeff Birdsley*

Over the Hill and Latino games (week nights and weekends) are being assigned by Mark Carlson.

*Collegiate: Jim Elmer*

*No report*

*Assessments: Shane Smith*

*No report*

*High School Assigning: Lou Agocs*

Check your email daily for new games assigned on the Arbiter. Many rainouts have occurred. Varsity boys games have game reports that need to be filed online with the Iowa Boys Union. The sub state tournament availability for the boys is now closed. Sign in to your account for the girls union to put down your availability for sub state tournament.

*Ethics: Jim Hart*

Arrival at game site should be at least 30 minutes prior to the game time.

The Ethics committee met Feb 21 to prepare a procedure for handling infractions. Jim presented the follow information for review regarding ethics violations:

#### **Clarification of Reporting, Tracking and Sanctions:**

##### **1. Infractions and potential sanctions during season:**

- 1st infraction, warning

- 2nd infraction, take away 2 game dates

- 3rd infraction, suspension for two weeks pending further review and action from Ethics Committee

- Note: For a major infraction the sanction may be escalated to a 2nd or 3rd infraction level.

**2. Reporting by officials is to be directed to the assignor and crew chief.**

**3. Assignor or crew chief are to forward any actionable ethic violation matters to the Ethics Chairman.**

**4. Arrival Ethics Infraction defined as arriving less than 30 minutes before game time.**

**Appeal Process:**

- 1. A \$50.00 appeal fee will be charged. If appeal is successful, the fee will be returned.**
- 2. The sanction official has an opportunity to appeal to:**
  - 1st appeal to MISOA Board
  - 2nd and final appeal to MISOA membership

**These policies was voted upon and approved by the members. There are two officials who are currently being suspended for infractions this season.**

**The Five Member Ethics Committee is made up of:  
Two people (president elect and assignor).  
Two non board members appointed by the president.  
The ethics chair.**

*Old Business:*

*New Business:*

Iowa referee, Jim Albertson, has been named the new Chairman of the US Youth Soccer Referee Committee. Jim's appointment comes at a time of great changes in the youth game and the demands that is making on referees. His appointment is for 3 years and also gives him a seat on the US SOCCER Referee Committee.

Our club looked into making high school badges for our uniforms. Rich Voyek looked into this issue and most state unions provide badges for their members.

The IRC website will be down for a month this summer for maintenance. Plan accordingly.

Greg and Phil Sinnwell are willing to mentor officials as needed. Both are retired and looking for things to do.

*Some points of their assessments were highlighted:*

- Keep the balance of game control and foul recognition in check.
- Be consistent and watch the temperature of the match.
- Foul recognition, late contact, watch for the foul after the play.
- Move to the area of future play. Don't stand right behind play, get wider, keep the AR's in view.
- Players need to earn the right to play.
- AR's need to concentrate on the position of the second to last defender and not watching play.
- Hold your signals for a longer time so the players see the direction. A good pregame is important.
- Coaches must be informed why a card was given to a player.
- AR's should be able to give help to the center when needed. Watch for the activity behind the center's view.
- Not wearing sunglasses is the preferred look. Wear a hat instead.

Rod D presented a new MISOA logo badge design. It was made by Mark Carlson's daughter. Cost could be around \$15. There was discussion on using the colors of our organization.

The USSF badges should not be worn for high school games.

The Fleur Ave. bridge leading to AIB from the North will be closed for up to 3 months. Allow extra time to detour around the area.

The next meeting will be Wed, May 18  
Meeting adjourned at 8:48  
Attendance: 25  
Minutes by Joe Hingl