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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 09/12/16

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Joseph Potzka.

A moment of silence was observed.

Roll call was taken.

Secretary's Report: Members were reminded that the minutes from 08/29/16 meeting were posted on line. The minutes as posted were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: General Account has \$10,234.27
Scholarship Account has \$3,819.42
The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Committee Reports:

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| SPORTSMANSHIP | 2016 members: Ted Fuller, Gary Soares, and Keith Forker. |
| HALL OF FAME | 2016 members: Leighton Taylor, Peter Trimble. Brian Shacter was nominated and approved as member. |
| WELLNESS | 2016 members: Carl Zopatti, Tony Del Negro |
| BANQUET | 2016 members: Peter Trimble, Mike Amerault, Rick Chandler were nominated and approved. |
| SCHOLARSHIP | 2016 members: Tony Del Negro, Keith Forker, Mark Sylvania, Frank Barbato, Steve DiPaolo

Tony Del Negro will update forms. Members are to remind coaches & seniors about the scholarship. |
| MENTOR | 2016 members: Tony Del Negro, Keith Forker, Mike Amerault, Carl Zopatti |

New Business: Members were reminded of the three (3) meeting requirement.
Members were reminded that this is an election year for the Executive Committee.
Joyce Kaye raised the issue that Arbiter was sending referees to fields outside of their preferred distance. Not able to adjust as the link is not active.
Discussion, and it was decided that since Pat Donovan is the contact person for Arbiter Joyce would contact him to make changes.

Assignor Reports: **KEITH FORKER:**
Nantucket boat tickets were discussed. Parking fees and extra fees are paid for all Nantucket games.
Remember to stop games for injuries. Player safety is paramount.
Bill Burke related a story about a football official getting in trouble because he called players "idiots" and "stupid". The name calling was recorded on cell phones. Takeaway: watch your back and your mouth.

Matches: Control with your whistle. Start the game on your best footing. Try to achieve success at every venue. Tell the assignor if you have had any trouble with any team, AD, or Arbiter.

PETER TRIMBLE:

Check your schedule. Joyce Kaye and Jerod Smoller raised the issue about game info changes. Changes are made for field and time changes and other minor issues.

Bob Burt relayed how he was called at 3:17p with info about game changes.

Interpreter Report:

Game forms are available on Arbiter and on the CCSOA web site.

Bring spare roster and game forms and your concussion certificate to the field.

Rosters and game forms are required at all levels. Notify the assignor if rosters are missing.

Points of emphasis:

CHANGES TO OFFSIDE DETERMINATION

MIAA HAS ADDED A "RESET" TO THE OFFSIDE OFFENSE

If a defender makes a DELIBERATE attempt to play the ball and MAKES CONTACT with the ball, no matter how slight, the offensive player receiving the ball is no longer offside.

Question raised: if a coach assigns a player permanently to an offside position, does this warrant a "persistent infringement" yellow card? No -- offside is not misconduct.

Question raised re: deflection from goalkeeper. When is the deflection a "reset" under the new interpretation? If the shot is on goal and the keeper saves and it deflects to offside player, there is NO RESET.

If the ball is deliberately played by the keeper and the shot was not on goal, and the ball deflects to an offside player, there is a RESET and the player is no longer offside.

There was a discussion of how to determine "on goal" versus "not on goal". The trail official may be in the best position to determine what constitutes "on goal".

Question raised as to what to do if officials disagree on a call. There is no set procedure, so expectations should be worked out between officials before the match.

Question raised regarding deflection off a defensive wall to player in an offside position. Bert said that a deflection off the wall is a deliberate action. Deflection is a "save" so NO RESET.

Leighton Taylor asked about a wall and players jockeying for position. If a wall is set and there are no spaces then an offensive player cannot be pushing in.

Handling is a frequent decision to be made. Was it ball to hand or hand to ball? Was there an intent to play the ball? No handling if the ball is kicked into arm/hand. Must judge distance, speed, and direction. Carl Zopatti said he was always taught to judge "DID YOU PLAY THE BALL" or "DID THE BALL PLAY YOU".

Uniform numbers: for varsity games there should be one number per player. If two players have same number, one must be sent off to correct and coach gets YC. Sub-varsity: use discretion and check with the coach before the game.

Soft padded head bands for field players are allowed.

PENALTY KICKS

Tim Barr discussed an issue with the “stutter step” in a game with an EMSOA official. The EMSOA official said a “stutter step” results in the kicker getting a YC and IFK out before the kick. This is NOT CORRECT.

Carl Zopatti asked face guards for broken noses. Face masks are allowed if they are molded to the face, have no sharp edges and the player has a medical note.

The concussion protocol was revisited. We are required to know symptoms. We do not diagnose. Player safety first priority: get them off the field and examined by a medical professional. If cleared to play, OK. If the player shows more symptoms, remove from game.

Meeting adjourned:

8:07 PM