

*Minutes of E.M.S.O.A. Annual Business Meeting held at VFW Hall, Needham, MA on Dec.2, 2007*

**Regrets:** M. Pelletier, A. Cosentino, S. Segrin, B. Mackey, N. Martens, G. Chandler, G. Cataldo

**Members Absent:** A.Attardo, R. Beaudoin, P.Callinan, M. Kadala, P.Kristo, D. Laversa, J. Linnehan, E.Mercier, A. McConnell, T. McNair, Jr., T. Meagher, M. Orrechio, P. St. Clair

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm by President Campbell.

*A moment of silence was held for a departed member Al Lopes, Jr. who passed away on Nov. 12, 2007.*

**Minutes** of the Dec. 2, 2006 meeting were read. Motion, which was seconded, to accept was made by R. Valle. **VOTED in the affirmative.**

**Election of Officers: President** – A ballot indicating Vice-President **Wayne Brown** as a candidate was distributed to members. A call for additional nominations from the floor was made. Hearing no other nominations, F. Hasek made a motion, which was seconded, to close nominations. President Campbell directed the Sec./Treas. to cast one ballot for President elect Wayne Brown.

**Election of Officers: Vice-President** – A ballot indicating the name of **Donald Fredricks** as a candidate for Vice-President was distributed to members. A call for additional nominations from the floor was made. Hearing no other nominations, T. Butler made a motion, which was seconded, to close nominations. President Campbell directed the Sec./Treas. to cast one ballot for Vice-President elect Donald Fredericks.

**Committee Report:**

**Judiciary** – **Cal Perry, Chairman:** Cal Perry commented on the dire situation we face concerning recruitment of new officials, “look around the room, we are not getting any younger!” There will be four opportunities for regional clinics in the spring and summer; North Chapter in Bedford on April 10, 11, and 12, 2008.

Through the MISOA there will be two proposals for changes in the Substitution Rule; 1) unlimited substitutions on an injury time out; 2) no substitution required for stoppage of play concerning Goal Keeper if player is deemed OK to continue. These changes will be presented to MIAA for submission to NFHS on the 27 and 28 of January 2008.

State Tournament assignments will be looked at very closely and recommendations will be brought forward under new business. (Qualifications for Tour. participation)

Chapter Interpreters should initiate training, at a special meeting, in the Diagonal System of Control for interested members in preparation for Tournament Semi and Final games. The MIAA Soccer Comm. will not consider double Dual in the near future. Tom Stagliano suggested meeting at the Tournament site prior to the game for brief clinic dealing with responsibilities.

## **Committee Reports (Cont'd.)**

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** – **Thomas McNair, Jr.** Absent, no report.

**M.I.S.O.A. Representative Report – Rich Valle:** Richard Valle reminded the group that MISOA is the voice to the MIAA. They will listen to MISOA.

- 1) An error in cautions during PK shootout needs to be re-written, as it stands there is no penalty for a Yellow Card during the shootout.
- 2) A discussion regarding uniforms will be offered with regards to the alternative shirt.
- 3) Hall of Fame nominations are still open, EMSOA have one more nomination.
- 4) At the MISOA meeting the use of non-board officials in the tournament will be discussed.
- 5) The use of three-man system will be brought up for discussion.

Brief discussion regarding make-up of MISOA and “one board-one vote” system, numerical size does not matter. MISOA started in 2001 the MISOA is functioning well and gaining stature among the MIAA Committees.

### **Chapter Reports:**

**North Chapter– C. Sanderson,** spring clinic dates are set as per C. Perry reported. Meetings will be broken into groups like last year covering rules, problems, etc. Problem with collecting fees from some schools. Some fields are in bad shape, need to correct these areas. If Sec./Treas.gets the info about fees we can send letter re: payment. Burlington had a stop payment placed on a check to B. Anderson.

**South Chapter – R. Cocuzzo,** spring clinic on Apr. 5,7,12,14 with exam on April 19, 2008. Meetings in the fall will be as follows; Int. Sept. 3, Regular meetings Sept. 17, Oct. 1, 15 all at Hanover HS. Fall schedule of meetings should be aware of Jewish observances in 2008.

**West Chapter - W. Brown,** recognizes Betsey Dickey who has retired, Tom Goulet replacing her. Training and instruction is included in each meeting format, Assignor has a few minutes, Interpreter has a few minutes, and then Ed Rae presents a topic at each meeting. Attendance is taken at end of each meeting.

### **Assessors Report:**

**West Assessor -Larry Wise** reports that 35 assessments were completed assisted by Ed Rae. His feedback indicates a positive response from the new and second year officials.

**North Assessor- Mike Pelletier** submitted a report that was read by the Sec./Treas.

**South Assessor – George Cataldo** No report, he is recuperating from surgery and sent regrets.

### **Communications:**

- 1) Tournament participation by EMSOA members numbered 177 total assignments. There is some concern regarding non-EMSOA and/or MIAA enrolled members being assigned tournament games and the possibility of a first year official being assigned to the tournament. Also, a question regarding a New Hampshire official being assigned several games including CR in the Finals. This poses the question,” Are there no qualified

officials in MA or is this payback?" This will be another issue discussed later under New Business.

- 2) The 2007 EMSOA membership status report shows **21 members** dismissed for non-payment of dues for 2007; **17 members** who missed the mandatory Interpretation Meeting and did not appeal their dismissal; **60 members** who sought to appeal their absence for the Interpretation Meeting; **3 members** who moved or resigned; **2 members** from WCSOA who transferred to EMSOA; **25 new members** from the spring clinics; **22 new members** from the August clinic; **17 new members** from the satellite clinics. Final figures show and net gain of **25 officials** for 2007.

**Unfinished Business:** No unfinished business at this time.

**New Business:**

- 1) **Proposed change to Bylaws; Article II – Membership**, Section II, Categories of Members. Section F: Special Condition Membership; Add the following at end of Section F, *“All of the above requirements must be met by the last day of August.”* In addition, this proposal will include the following; *“Clinicians, location and dates/times to be pre-announced.”*  
Rationale for this proposal includes timely enrollment with MIAA, inclusion on the insurance list, Interpretation Meeting make-up, membership packets, etc. The Sec./Treas. is seeking to bring some order to this practice instead of having surprise memberships.  
R. Valle has offered a second to this motion. Discussions included comments regarding pre-registration, satellite clinics are a valuable tool, Chapters are under their own controls for administering clinics, satellite clinics could be listed on the web site. Sometimes these clinics are conducted on short notice in non-public places. Pre-announcement is fine with a deposit required. Motion by Wayne Brown to accept the proposal as written. Motion to accept. **Voted in the affirmative.**
- 2) **Payment of CR and AR’s in MIAA Tournament – Cal Perry** has a concern regarding the payment of equal fees to the CR and AR’s in Semi-final and Final games. Should we bring a recommendation to the MISOA? (\$71 regular fee, \$89 for 3 official rate) Why is there a difference in sports? Basketball gets 85% for each official, Baseball and Softball gets full fees. Private schools get \$101 CR, AR’s \$71 for soccer. Are we running a risk of lower fees if we put this item forward? Don F. is a member of the G.O.C. which sets tournament fees for all sports, is this proposal worth exploring “off the record”? It may be appropriate to inquire. **No recommendation brought forward.**
- 3) **Non-chapter officials working the tournament.** Because there has been some non-chapter members working the tournament this year, we should require the MIAA to instruct Assignors to use only chapter members plus have a history of having complete 10, 12, or 15 high school games during season. Membership in a local board ensures rule interpretations, mechanics, knowledge of the rules, etc. MIAA required

a meeting of Assigners in order to establish ground rules for tournament assignments to wit, all officials enrolled with MIAA, listed on the coaches recommended sheet, also have worked 10 games during the season. All officials working the tournament must meet this requirement. Maybe our efforts should be directed to the Soccer Committee through the MISOA. Some boards only enroll a varsity level official, which explains item #2 of the GOC mission statement. College officials are generally independently enrolled because they do not work high school games. The question before us today is; “Should soccer tournament officials be members of a recognized board, and have a minimum of 10 high school games?” Motion to bring this recommendation to MISOA. Should Assessors also be considered in this proposal? These fees were set last year and are contemporary with the position. **Voted in the affirmative.**

- 4) **Honoraria increase for Interpreter and Sec./Treas. – C. Whiting Rice** has distributed a proposal requesting an increase for both positions effective 2008. This increase reflects additional expenses over the past two to four years and adjusted. Motion to accept proposal. **Voted in the affirmative.**
- 5) **Comment from the floor** regarding an article appearing officers of the EMSOA quoted in an article regarding high school soccer officiating appearing in the Boston Globe North Section. **Informational only, no action.**
- 6) **Presentation to Past-President Paul Campbell** – Wayne Brown, President elect, presented Paul with a token of appreciation for his last two years of service to the EMSOA. Paul handed the gavel to Wayne Brown with good wishes for his term.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.**