

Minutes of E.M.S.O.A. Annual Business Meeting held on Saturday, December 4, 2005 at VFW Hall, Needham, MA.

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm. By President Thomas McNair, Jr.

Note: Geo. Cataldo standing in as substitute Sec./Treas. for R. Ringuette (death in family)

Minutes:

- Minutes of Business Meeting held on January 9, 2005 read. Motion and second from the floor to accept. **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

Election of Officers:

- Election of Officers: President - Paul Campbell, VP nominated for President. No other nominations from the floor. Motion by R. Cocuzzo to close nominations, second from floor. **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE** Motion by Cal Perry, second from floor to have Sec./Treas. cast one vote for Paul Campbell. **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.** Congratulations to Paul Campbell, EMSOA President for 2006-07
- Election of Officers: Vice President – Wayne Brown, Pres. of West Chapter nominated for Vice President. No other nominations from the floor. Motion by Larry Wise to close nominations. **VOTED.** Motion by Cal Perry, second from floor to have Sec./Treas. cast one vote for Wayne Brown. **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.** Congratulations to Wayne Brown, EMSOA Vice-President for 2006-07.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's report read. Motion by Mike Kelley, second from floor to accept report. **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.**

Communications:

Letters of regret from T. Butler, D. Hussey, N. Martens, A. Stevens. M. Pelletier.

Committee Reports:

Judiciary Committee:

- Cal Perry discussed the issue of EMSOA members working with non-EMSOA members could result in loss of insurance benefits (liability, etc.)
- Cal stressed the need for more officials

State Board:

- Richard Valle informed members that Cal Perry was elected as the new State Interpreter succeeding Jack Domurat of Berkshire County SOA. Also, Rich indicated he is stepping down as President of MISOA but will remain as EMSOA Representative to MISOA. Jim Duggan of Pioneer Valley SOA will succeed as President.

Chapter Reports:

North Chapter:

Cheryl Sanderson stated the following meeting dates are set for 2006;

Interpretation Meeting – September 7 @ 7:00 PM

Regular Chapter Meetings – September 20, October 12, October 25, 2006

Meetings to be held at Lynnfield HS from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Chapter Reports (Cont'd.)

South Chapter:

Ron Cocuzzo indicated the following meeting dates for 2006;
Interpretation Meeting – September 6 @ 7:30 PM
Regular Chapter Meetings – September 20, October 4, October 18, 2006
Meetings to be held at Hanover HS from 7:30 – 9:00 PM.

West Chapter:

Tom Stagliano indicated the following meeting dates for 2006;
Interpretation Meeting – September 5 @ 7:00 PM
Regular Chapter Meetings – September 19, October 10, October 24, 2006
Meetings to be held at First Methodist Church, Framingham

E.M.S.O.A. Spring Clinic Dates:

North Chapter:

April 6,7, and 8, 2006 @ United Unitarian Church, Bedford, MA (see web site)

South Chapter:

May 8, 10, 15, 17, 22 (exam), 2006 @ Hanover HS 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

West Chapter:

To be announced.

Assessors Report:

- Mike Pelletier – Absent
- George Cataldo – (Abridged) The 2005 season had 54 officials observed with Walter Mortimer assisting. Most were 1st year members with 2nd and some Varsity Officials Included. Only games with 2 officials were observed. Proper dress is a concern among new officials, Black shirts and Yellow shirts not part of *every officials bag?* Some veterans wore caps with logos on them such as “Cape Cod”; attention to detail needed here. Cooperation of Pat Donovan is excellent, informing me of assignments. Calls and positioning are areas that need to be addressed, signals are not universally used. Veteran officials feel beyond correction or criticism, took offense to general comments, and in some cases walked away from the Assessor. Overall, the response by new officials was encouraging, they appreciated comments and suggestions. The Assessment Program is beneficial to both the officials and the association.

Unfinished Business:

- Ron Cocuzzo spoke about the Double Dual System and will try to work with the MIAA on this issue. Ron indicated that Nancy Martens would try to incorporate this system next year.
- Paul Campbell presented gift to outgoing President Thomas McNair, Jr.

New Business:

Proposed changes to the E.M.S.O.A. Bylaws: As recommended by the Executive Board.

- **Article II, Section I, - D:** Which now reads: “No person will be allowed a special Testing date other than one set by the Judiciary Committee.”

Change to read: *No person will be allowed a testing date other than a date set by the Judiciary Committee in conjunction with the local chapters.*

Discussion centered on the size of our organization and the need to recruit additional members. This change allows the local chapters to determine appropriate times for testing, and lifts constraints that are not intended by our purpose. Motion by J. Livingston, Second by Tom Stagliano to accept.

VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

- **Article III, Section I – H:** Which now reads: the Directors of Assessment (North and South) shall be paid an annual stipend for services rendered. The amount of payment may be changed from time to time as recommended by the Executive Board and voted by the membership to reflect changes in work.

Change to read: *There will be a Director of Assessment in each local chapter (North, South, West and Other) who shall be selected from resumes submitted to Chapter Presidents and passed on to the Executive Board for approval. A stipend will be paid for rendered services.*

The amount of payment may change from time to time as recommended by the Executive Board and voted by the membership at the Annual Business meeting to reflect changes in work. It should be understood that assessments will not necessarily be done by the Director of assessment for that Chapter but could be conducted by a senior or retired varsity official appointed by the Director of Assessment. The person that conducts the assessment would be paid for the assessment.

Discussion included the need for a West area Director of Assessment to equalize the membership of the Board of Directors and allows chapters who are familiar with members in that chapter that are qualified to conduct assessments. Motion by Jim Palmer, second by Wayne Brown to accept. **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.**

- **Section VI: - Meetings –** Add “*Section H – Regular season Chapter meetings will not be held on any religious or legal holiday.*” Submitted by Jeff Blonder

Discussion includes fact that several religious and legal holidays fall within the time period the EMSOA Chapters conduct meetings. This could cause conflicts with members who plan to attend observances. Motion by Mike Kelley to accept, second by John Power.

VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

New Business (Cont'd.)

- **Section VI – Meetings: - Change “D”** An Active member **NOT ATTENDING** the **REQUIRED MEETINGS** may be **EXPELLED.**” Submitted by R. Ringuette, Sec./Treas.

Add next sentence: *“Members who request to be excused from attending the mandatory Interpretation Meeting will be limited to a total of three (3) excused absences. Any requests beyond the three (3) absence limit will result in the member being **REQUIRED** to attend a regularly scheduled Chapter Rules Clinic in order to officiate that season.”*

There is a growing trend to seek excuses from attending the Interpretation Meeting. Members who lack the information gained at these meetings are not benefiting the organization, themselves, their fellow officials or the game of soccer. Motion from the floor and seconded to accept. **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

- **Article II – Membership, Section I – Regular Membership and Dues**
B- Dues
Change the following to read:
 - 1. Active Membership.Varsity Fee*
 - 2. Inactive Membership.Varsity Fee*

Eliminate the following:

- 3. Provisional Membership one time fee of \$60.00*

The above change to be effective for the 2007 season. Submitted by R. Ringuette, Sec./Treas.

The increase in fees will allow the E.M.S.O.A. to plan events and recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the E.M.S.O.A. in 2008. Also, the increase will reflect fees as determined by the MIAA. NOTE: the varsity fee for 2006 has been approved at \$70.00. Motion from the floor and seconded to accept. **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.