

Minutes of Annual E.M.S.O.A. Business Meeting held on December 5, 2009 at V.F.W. Hall, Needham, MA.

Regrets: A. Attardo, L. Wise, N. Martens, B. Mackey, M. Salerno, J. Power.

Members Absent: R. Beaudoin, P. Campbell, S. Cronin, R. DeFrancesco, M. Kadala, H. King, P. Kristo, J. Linnehan, M. Manuelian, A. McConnell, W. McGowan, J. Medeiros, T. McNair, Jr., T. Meagher, S. Segrin, P. St.Clair, A. Stevens, A. Vainbrum, R. Valle,

Meeting called to order by President Brown at 1:50 pm. A quorum is present.

Minutes: Minutes of previous Annual Business Meeting held on December 6, 2009. Motion to accept. **Voted in the affirmative.** 1 abstention.

Election of Officers: President Brown indicated to the body that one candidate for each office; President and Vice-President are listed on ballots. Nominations from the floor are now open. Motion and second to close nominations. **Voted in the affirmative.** President Brown requests a motion to have Sec./Treas. cast one ballot for each candidate. Motion made and seconded. Point of information? Where is the candidate?? Question from the floor regarding the absence of the candidate for President Don Fredericks and appropriateness of election for this position in his absence? Candidate Fredericks did agree to serve if elected. If no further nominations then we can close the ballot. Call for vote on casting one ballot for each candidate! Parliamentarian indicates motion can be voted down if no one likes it! Can the motion be made to separate the two candidates and elect just one at this time and vote on second candidate later? Candidates do not have to be present to be elected. **Motion and second to amend** the procedure for election of officers and vote them separately. **Voted in the affirmative.**

Motion to have Sec./Treas. cast one vote for Cheryl Sanderson as Vice-President. Point of order requested regarding the legality of an amendment at this time. Parliamentarian rules that a motion to amend only takes precedent to motion that is being amended. Motion to amend the motion of a single ballot, split into separate ballot is now on the floor. Candidate Fredericks has walked through the door at this time resulting in this discussion becoming moot. Vote to split the ballot stands for this election. President called for a return to the motion to have one ballot cast for Cheryl Sanderson for Vice-President. **Voted in the affirmative.**

Motion and second to have Sec./Treas. cast one ballot for Don Fredericks as President. **Voted in the affirmative.**

Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept as submitted. **Voted in the affirmative.**

*** Request by Sec./Treas. to alter the agenda to allow Cheryl Sanderson to give her report since she has to leave early. No opposition noted.**

Chapter Reports:

North Chapter – Cheryl Sanderson reports the North Chapter had three successful meetings including presentations by members, CD's and videos regarding Fouls, Cheryl indicates the Interpretation Meeting for 2010 will be held at the Lynnfield Middle School with regular meetings at different locations to be scheduled by Bruce Anderson at a later date.

Chapter Reports: (Cont'd.)

West Chapter – Tom Stagliano indicated there was good attendance at all meetings; Ed Rae made several presentations and clinics. Ed will take over as Interpreter for the West Chapter and will set dates for the spring clinic.

South Chapter – Ron Cocuzzo indicated a good recruiting year for new members, dates for meetings have been set and are submitted for review. Spring clinic to be held on April 26, 28, May 3, 5 with Exam on May 10. All classes begin at 7:00 pm. at Hanover High School. Interpretation Meeting to be held on September 1, 2010 at 7:30 pm with Regular meetings to be held on Sept. 22, Oct. 6 and Oct. 20. all at Hanover High School.

*** Return to regular agenda and continue with Committee Reports.**

Judiciary Committee – Tom Stagliano spoke as the new Chairman of the Judiciary Committee replacing Ed Rae who is stepping over to be West Chapter Interpreter. Tom spoke about the incident at the end of the season regarding Madison Park HS. Tom wants to wait and see what the MIAA will do about it. The Jud. Comm. will take it further especially with regard to the City of Boston and MIAA rules. A presentation will be made to the Exec. Board regarding this issue. Also, until there is more information regarding member suspensions for lack of paying dues there is nothing else to report.

MISOA Report: - Cal Perry spoke to several rule changes being submitted for review by both the MIAA and NFHS. MIAA has a form for making rule changed and may be submitted by anyone. Date for submitting is June 1. Changes should be made through local chapters and the Exec. Bd. before going on to MIAA.

Presently there are two rule changes being considered; 1) On an injury to goalkeeper, may be assessed for injury and left on the field after being attended to by trainer, coach, EMS, etc.2) Unlimited substitutions by both teams when stoppage of play is for an injury.

At the national level age and size appropriate shin guard regulations will be effective 2012

Another change being considered concerns a red card to a coach, then an assistant coach may take over in lieu of having the game terminated at that time.

National Federation web site has lots of good information for Chapters to utilize at meetings.

A Red/Yellow card is shown in one hand for infractions on the field and separately Yellow then Red when awarded to the bench. Professional fouls such as intentional hand ball to prevent a goal calls for automatic Red Card even if ball goes into the goal.

As an aside there has been problems with accepting USSF level 8's without having to take the complete course of instruction for EMSOA membership. We should revert back to original bylaws specifying level 7's and above to mean Levels 1 through 7 and not beyond Lev. 7. Lev. 8 and below; 9,10,etc. will be required to take complete course.

North Chapter course will be tentatively held on April 22, 23, 24.

Cal was asked to confer with Chairman of the MIAA Soccer Committee with regard to Item #77 MIAA Soccer Rules variations.

Break for Lunch at this time.

Assessors Reports:

West Assessor – Larry Wise is not present but submitted his report. He assessed 29 first and second year members.

North Assessor – Mike Pelletier assessed 38 members, 32 of which were new officials. Not too many problems with Grade 8's, most problems occur with least experienced officials. One official who Mike deems "totally incompetent" is also a Life Member. Recommendations are to have Arbiter sort officials by name to ease search for particular assignments. This is an item for Roy Condon to assist with.

South Assessor – George Cataldo assessed 68 officials with 1-2 yrs. experience. Comments; some officials only run North and South down the field, little movement to the corners; use of hand signals for fouls and direction of kick could be improved; uniforms could be better equipped, seen no shoes, socks, golf caps, etc.

If members want an assessment they may contact George at any time.

Maybe 5 and 10-year officials should also be evaluated because they can have bad habits MIAA Observer commented on several situations that arose during this season relative to officiating.

Many of our officials are not moving too well on the field, we are old and slow. Lots of games at sub-varsity level are utilizing two officials that is a move in the right direction.

Comment regarding the incompetent official mentioned earlier should be discussed at the Exec.Bd. level in order to solve some of these situations. Assigners, AD's and coaches are also involved in the problem.

Veteran officials are reluctant to take on sub-varsity games after working their way up the ladder. Maybe we could provide incentive for them to work with new officials? Lots of our referees do not care what they look like and the result is shoddy uniforms and mechanics. We should take a position on this and improve ourselves. "Quality" is the issue we need to undertake.

Tournament action included four overtime periods? 5 PK's and then 5 more?
Only players on field can take PK's?

Communications:

Madison Park incident - Emails received concerning the Madison park incident presented but not discussed. Officials involved in situation does not want to pursue it. Hoping that MIAA GOC Committee will address this. We will wait for MIAA response to this event.

Arbiter – Is the decision to use Arbiter one that should be continued? Most comments are favorable. Not all assigners are on board to use Arbiter, and since they are using our labor pool they should join in. Some AD's have not provided accurate information regarding field sites, etc. Message Board function of Arbiter could be better utilized for EMSOA messages. Maybe we should underwrite the expense for assigners to use Arbiter. Can we have someone from EMSOA check on Arbiter for accuracy? Tournament had North Assigner use Arbiter, South Tournament did not. Useful tool and can MISOA assist other locals to use it!
Is there a "thumbs up" for Arbiter? Yes.

Membership Report:

Handout from Sec./Treas. indicates increase in membership of 109 members in 2009 for a grand total of 660 members; 6 transfers to other local boards; 3 transfers into EMSOA; 180 Life Members; 19 members terminated for non-payment of dues; 14 members terminated for not attending mandatory Interpretation Meeting.

New Business:

Change to Bylaws – Article 1 – Organization #4 change the words “area schools” to MIAA member schools. Approved by Exec. Bd. Oct./2009.

Motion and second to accept. VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Change to Bylaws – Additional position. Adoption of **EMSOA Executive Advisor**. Handout provides the qualifications, duties, and terms of office.

Motion and second to accept. VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Motion from South Assessor: Motion made and second to increase the Assessor Honorarium from \$750.00 plus \$250.00 for expenses to \$1,000.00 plus \$250.00 for expenses. Assessor indicated increased number of observations should be compensated.

Motion to move the question, second. Voted in the affirmative. Question to have a hand count. Motion passed with 22 yea, 5 nay.

Recommendation from Judiciary Committee to have Exec. Bd. require new members and veterans to have the same uniforms. We should look into having a supplier(s) provide price list for standard uniform. To be referred to Exec. Bd. for further study.

Inquiry from D. Laversa regarding COTI checks. Sec./Treas. indicated the application form has a criminal record checklist. Seems to be working so far. No further action requested.

Inquiry from C. Whiting Rice regarding Insurance coverage, suggestion is made to look to other companies. Pearlman and Borden of New Jersey is one example, there may be others available.

Inquiry from C. Whiting Rice to have bridge courses available to Lev. 7's and above. This has already been accomplished, problem existed with definition of “and above”, this should really mean levels 1 through 7, with 8 and below required to take the entire clinic. This response satisfied request.

Inquiry from Jim Palmer to have clear definition of how EMSOA officers, Executive Board members, delegates and Chapter Officers are elected. Executive Board will be looking into this question in detail during 2010.

President Brown called Don Fredericks up to pass the gavel.

President Elect Don Fredericks presented Past President Brown with remembrance for his service.

Motion to adjourn at 4:45 PM. **Voted in the affirmative.**