

COSOA General Meeting
Wednesday October 9, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
St. Charles Medical Center

Attendees: Pat Evoy, Leslie Evoy, Marko Alexander, Claudio Muggia, Mike Ficher, John Proud, Ken Marshall, Del Abbott, John Young, Gentjan Silau, Keith Erickson, Mardy Madison, Mehdi Salari, Scottie Johnson, Ricardo Rivera, Salvador Alonso, Cam Ficher, Mike Armstrong

Agenda

1. **Welcome and introductions by Marko Alexander.**
2. **Approval of previous meetings' minutes. All minutes for the season have been uploaded to the COSOA website and, unless there is an objection, they should be approved as presented.** (Minutes were approved and seconded.)
3. **"Non High School related" updates and comments.**
4. **Treasurer's report, if any.** (No report at this time. Scottie has been out of town until today.)
5. **Commissioner's and Assignor's Report** Leslie reported that all schools have now paid their bill.
 - a. **assignments posted on OSC through end of year – please accept**
 - b. **playoff and State Championship considerations** Playoff eligible Officials were distributed to the group for a vote for State Championship assignment. The dates for the Play-in and Play-off games were discussed and the need for officials to update their availability through mid. November. Playoff matches will be played on Tuesdays and Saturdays
 - c. **Other.** Patrick Duffy's latest SRI Newsletter was discussed
6. **New Business**
 - a. **Cam Ficher on State Cup experiences and points of emphasis** Cam Ficher did a great job with his slide show showing some of the things that he did during the State Cup. Some of the key things Cam learned were: 1) Take things slower ... make sure you're right and slow, instead of fast and wrong. 2) As the AR, it's recommended to keep your arm and flag straight down ... instead of arm bent and flag out ... it just looks better. 3) Be off the line a yard or two, so your peripheral vision down the line is increased ... instead of directly over the line which limits your peripheral vision slightly. 4) Proper management of the benches and coaches and making sure you deal with their outburst appropriately.
 - b. **training topics (as many or as few as time may allow):** Pat did a great job overviewing and discussing all of the topics listed below. The group discussed their experiences within these areas.

Persistent Infringement

- o Same player committing multiple offenses throughout the game
- o Different players targeting or fouling the same player on the other team repeatedly
- Free Kick Mechanics
 - o Setting the wall
 - § Using the AR to set the wall depending on the location of the ball
 - o Making sure the offense is given the opportunity to do a quick restart
 - o Caution for Failure to Respect Distance
 - o Caution for the defense Kicking the Ball Away to Delay the Restart
- Dealing with Player Frustration within the Flow of the Game
 - o Verbal Dissent on the field which only the Referee hears, but questions or ridicules calls made by the Referee
 - o Verbal or Non-Verbal, but Public Dissent with gestures toward the AR or Center (we did talk about Public Dissent briefly at our last meeting ... but the newer Referees are not yet cautioning for it)

- o Kicking the ball away after a whistle in frustration and responding with “I didn’t hear the whistle!”
 - o “Why aren’t you giving him a card?”
 - o “You’re giving me a card? The guy on the other side just did the same thing two minutes ago and you didn’t do anything about it!”
- Things Referees have been seen doing 10-15 minutes before the game which they shouldn’t be doing:
 - o Giving pointers or coaching a player on a particular team
 - o Greeting or visiting for far longer with one coach than the other. Do not let either coach bend your ear about stuff they would like to see done on the field or players to watch out for or protect.
 - o Hanging around and visiting with the parents
 - o Dribbling or juggling a soccer ball at midfield and demonstrating their soccer skills to the players/coaches/fans
 - o Best to hang out with your crew and not be isolated 10-15 minutes before the game

b. Gregory Scott Rivers candidates were discussed. No other players were nominated or brought up at this time.

Will need to vote at next meeting unless group is prepared to close nominations and vote tonight. Two nominees to discuss so far:

- (1) **Natalie Ambrose, captain, Sisters H.S. Extremely solid player – leads by quiet example – always encouraging and supportive of teammates and respectful to opponents and officials. Takes multiple advanced placement classes. Is involved as leader in student government, is a leader with Sisters High School’s IEE outdoor program which guides fellow students on hiking, climbing and rafting types of expeditionary learning opportunities, and is engaged in the community along with her family as well. Plans on attending Columbia University and will try to play soccer there.**
- (2) **Tony Watters, captain, Bend H.S. A four year starter and class act. GPA is above 4.0 weighted, indicative of taking high level coursework, and recently received “High Desert Hero” by The Center for both athletic and community accomplishments.**

7. **Old Business.** Nothing brought up.
8. **Confirm action plans, including next meeting time and date.** Next meeting: October 23rd. 7:00 p.m. St. Charles Med. Center.
9. **Executive Session, if necessary.** Nothing brought up.
10. **Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned by 8:50 p.m.