Minutes

Pioneer Soccer Referees Association – Executive Board Meeting

July 9, 2024

# Attendance:

Present: Todd Lewis, President Absent:

Mark Johnson, Vice President Bill Neef, Member At Large

T. J. Antich, Secretary Pat Comber, Member at Large

Michael McKinney, Treasurer Dr. Tony Rizzo, Rules Interpreter

# Meeting Topics:

Meeting called to order by President Todd Lewis at 7:03 pm

1. RULE BOOK / DUES UPDATE – Todd / TJ

* TJ reported that the Breakfast meeting was well attended. Nine rule books were passed out. Dues from seven members were collected. Six guys stayed for breakfast at the Ridge.
* TJ delivered the remainder of the 80+ rule books to Todd’s house today.

1. ZOOM / INSURANCE UPDATE – TJ

* TJ spoke with Zoom sales rep last month. Best deal for us will be a “monthly subscription”.
* If we sign up end of July, it will cover us for entire months of August, September, and October and we can pay for only three months. Should be less than $ 100.00 for the season.
* TJ made a motion to purchase the monthly Zoom package for three months. Board vote 4 - 0. Motion PASSED. TJ will see if Michael can mail in a Chapter check. otherwise will charge it to his credit card and request reimbursement
* Reached out to four different organizations: Arbiter, NFHS, NASO & K and K Insurance
  + Arbiter – E-mail from Mark Dukerschein today. Will cost $ 27.50 per member
  + NFHS, NASO and K and K Insurance were all more expensive.
  + SPSOA has Arbiter insurance as we had last year
* TJ made a motion to purchase the annual Arbiter coverage for the membership effective August 1, 2024. Board vote 4 - 0. Motion PASSED. TJ will see if Michael can mail in a Chapter check.
* Board discussion and decision that MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID DUES AS OF AUGUST 1, 2024 WILL BE INSURED. After August 1st, members are on their own for insurance if they haven’t paid their dues yet.

1. TREASURER UPDATE – Michael

* Michael reported a balance in the checkbook of 5,258.28 as of yesterday.
* Michael had a question on payments last year to “Beacon Tech” wondering what they were for.

1. IN-PERSON MEETING 09/24/2024 – Todd

* Todd states that nothing to date has been confirmed with Great Valley School District to reserve Room 154 for the September 24th meeting. Todd will look into what it will take to coordinate.

1. PIAA RULES INTERP MEETING 07/25/2024 – Tony

* Todd states that Tony will be attending the State Zoom meeting for Rules Interpreters and that he will present during the RI meeting on August 7th to the Chapter

1. CHAPTER TRAINING TOPICS – Tony

* Not discussed as Tony Rizzo was not at the meeting

1. GENERAL MEETING TOPICS – Tony

* Todd states that since Tony will be presenting at the RI meeting on August 7th, that he (Todd) is working on a Powerpoint presentation related to “Safety for and Abuse of Officials” to present to the membership at the August 7th Chapter Meeting. Todd feels that this is an important topic that we as a Chapter need to take a leading role in to change the culture and mentality of coaches and spectators at games.
* Mark is working on a presentation relating to “Recruitment and Retainment of Officials” with attention to the costs required by a new official (PIAA dues, Chapter dues, Uniform costs, Background Check fees) as possible deterrents to young people becoming refs.

1. ADDITIONAL ITEMS – Board

* Spreadsheet of game fees, times of halves for Varsity, JV, and Middle School for all three leagues we cover. Todd is trying to obtain information from John and Sue for their respective leagues.
* End of Season Banquet – T. J. would like to bring this up as a meeting topic at a future meeting
* Copies of League – Assignor Contracts for review of Board / Chapter – Do any exist ? Are we as Chapter members entitled to see them ? Should they be posted on our website ?
* Mentorship Program – T. J. states that as a relatively new non-Varsity official, he would like to engage a mentor with whom he can text game situations and seek guidance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm when the Zoom app suddenly went blank.

Respectively submitted,

T. J. Antich

Secretary