Minutes

Pioneer Soccer Referee Association General Meeting

August 7, 2024

# In Attendance

Pioneer Executive Attendees: Absent:

Todd Lewis, President

Mark Johnson, Vice President

T. J. Antich, Secretary

Michael McKinney, Treasurer

Bill Neef, Member At Large

Pat Comber, Member at Large

Dr. Tony Rizzo, Rules Interpreter

General Members: 70 members

Guest Officials: 10 guests

# Opening Remarks

Todd opened the meeting at 8:04 pm and welcomed all. He reminded all participants, especially officials from other Chapters, to be double sure they get credit for tonight’s meeting and text your name to Secretary T. J. Antich at (610) 909-4477.

# Financial Report

Michael reported that all of our members have paid dues to date. The balance of the treasury is $ 8,091. We will have a recurring monthly website fee of about $ 20.00 per month. Our Zoom contract for three months will cost approximately $ 210.00. The insurance for officials will be close to $ 3,000.00

# Secretary Report

Minutes of all last year’s meetings as well as this year’s Executive Board meetings have been posted to the Pioneer website. T. J. reminded members to confirm their attendance with the PIAA portal. Meetings of other chapters can be found on the PIAA website.

# Training

Dr. Todd Lewis decided to postpone his scheduled training session on Referee Abuse to next meeting in order to allow sufficient time to take care of other start-of-season organizational business.

# Assignor’s Reports – John Campbell & Sue Wilson

Sue Wilson – Sue reports she is working on trying to get game fees being consistent across the district, stating that it is important for officials to be recognized for the time they are giving.

John Campbell – John stated that preseason game fees for Ches-Mont HIGH SCHOOL games have been updated in arbiter and that MIDDLE SCHOOL game fees should be added within a week

J. J. Graci – A Pioneer Chapter member who assigns local CYO games was given the floor. He discussed his need for officials to cover CYO games.

Sue Wilson objected to PIAA officials refereeing CYO games citing the fact that they might not be insured.

Vice President Mark Johnson opined that our insurance WILL cover Arbiter-insured officials doing CYO games based on his past experience.

Secretary T. J. Antich was tasked to contact Arbiter ([mark.duckerschein@arbitersports.com](mailto:mark.duckerschein@arbitersports.com)) to clarify

# Other Items

Todd reminded officials that they can take a 50-question test on the PIAA.org website to get credit for one Chapter meeting with a passing score of 80 % or above.

Todd reminded officials that ONE of the four required Chapter meetings must take place in October.

At Large Member Bill Neef questioned the PIAA Adoption listed in the first preseason bulletin stating that junior varsity games are 40 minutes in length. T. J. Antich confirmed that Page 4 of the Preseason Bulletin dues in fact reference Rule 7-1-1 stating that both Varsity and JV contests are two equal halves of 40 minutes.

Assignor John Campbell stated that JV games are only 36 minute halves. John also clarified that Ches-Mont MS games are 24-minute halves.

Sue Wilson had previously notified all Chapter members that CENTRAL LEAGUE MS games will be 30-minute halves beginning this year. We still need clarification on PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE MS game lengths as Sue had left the meeting by this time.

Vice President Mark Johnson brought up situations relating to “Senior Night” festivities, stating that he has encountered instances when teams have held their recognition at halftime (as opposed to pre-game) and then want an additional 10 minutes break. He cited an instance of one of the Downingtown high schools that had 17 – 18 seniors and the activity took quite a long time. John Campbell stated that in the Ches-Mont League, on “Senior Nights”, JV games will usually be moved up to 5:15 pm (from 5:30 pm) to allow additional time. He said that Senior Night Recognition then begins IMMEDIATELY following conclusion of the JV game, and that it should NEVER be done at halftime.

Meeting was adjourned by President Todd Lewis at 8:42 pm. Attendee Rich Robertson asked for the Exceutive Board to remain in the meeting to discuss a private matter which was done with Todd, T.J., Michael and Pete Comber in attendance.

Respectively submitted,

T. J. Antich