

COSOA General Meeting
Wednesday August 7, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
St. Charles Medical Center Conference Room A

Attendance: Steve Kurzer, Pat Evoy, Leslie Evoy, Mehdi Salari, Marko Alexander, Scottie Johnson, Mike Ficher, Mardy Madison, Claudio Muggia, Nathaniel Collins, Ricardo Rivera, Alberto DeAnda, Johnathan "Cookies" Cruz, Jerika Burton, Ken Marshall, Josh Stackhouse, Kent Wieber,

Agenda

- 1. Welcome and introductions if necessary.** – Steve Kurzer welcomed everybody back and encouraged everybody to help recruit additional adult referees for the Fall High School Soccer season. Several folks were apparently away on vacation, but our Association numbers need to pick up in order to adequately cover our upcoming assignments.

MEETING GROUNDRULES:

- *One agenda topic/conversation at a time.**
- *No sidebars.**
- *No interrupting.**
- *No bad ideas.**
- *Be respectful of one another.**
- *Silence cell phones – emergency family calls only, PLEASE.**

- 2. Approval of previous meeting minutes.** – Minutes of last meeting (Oct. 2012) are posted on the cosoa.org website and can be reviewed.

- 3. "Non High School related" updates and comments.**

a. COSL – Mike Ficher reviewed the bid/proposal he had submitted to Bend Metro Park & Rec. in regards to the assigning of USSF Officials for the combined Park & Rec. + Bend FC Timbers Recreational Fall league.

b. Men's League – Games and assignments have progressing nicely through the summer. CASA is starting their Fall session at this time which will play games on Sundays through late September. The CASA games do count toward USSF upgrades for Referees.

c. any other USSF matters – Kidsports apparently coming back this Fall, and it appears that the OPL will also be going back to OYSA again.

- 4. Treasurer's report.** – Scottie Johnson plans to submit a report at the next COSOA General Meeting.

- 5. Commissioner's Report**

a. OSAA registration, testing – 1) Leslie reported on the early season Summit High Soccer Jamboree which will kick-off the season and allow a training opportunity for newer officials. 2) Everybody was encouraged to submit their availability on the oregonsoccercentral.com website. 3) High School games are scheduled back to back on Tuesdays & Thursdays for the majority of the season and most of the games will have 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. start times. There are some Friday and Saturday games as well in early September. Changes in the schedule are common as the season progresses. 4) Everybody was encouraged to make arrangements with their place of employment, so they could be on the field between 2:30 – 2:45 to get these games started on time. 5) Mentors and Instructors will once again be made available throughout the season to help improve the level of officiating and association consistency. 6) Everybody was encouraged to complete their registrations through the Arbiter website. Emails from Leslie spelled out the registration process for everybody. 7) Contact Leslie if you have any questions about or need help registering through the Arbiter website. 8) The High School test is available in both English and Spanish online. You need a 75% or better to PASS and a 90% or better to be eligible to officiate Playoff Games.

b. 2013 rule changes and points of emphasis – Pat Evoy reviewed & discussed the Points of Emphasis and 2013 Rule Changes via Slide Show with the group.

c. Mileage reimbursement – 1) Mileage reimbursement will remain at 20 cents/mile with a \$5 per game minimum. 2) The 8% withdraw from checks (same as last year) was discussed as well [OSC website, Commissioner's Fee, Assignor's Fee, Sportsmanship Scholarship expenses]

- d. Oregon Soccer Central utilization** – At the COSOA Board Meeting the discussion of whether to utilize additional features of the OSC website (Direct Deposit, etc.) were discussed. The decision was made to hold off on these additional features for now and re-visit them in the future should our needs change.
- e. Mentoring** – Keith Erickson, Pat Evoy & Claudio Muggia will once again be available to help with Mentoring this season. A portion of each General Meeting's Training will also include comments from the Mentors on the things they are observing.
- f. Other.**

6. New Business

- a. OCEP available online** – The list of folks who still need to complete the OCEP Training can be found online. OCEP Training is encouraged within a three year cycle and without OCEP completion, Officials are not eligible to officiate Playoff games at the end of the season. The OCEP Course is for the time available online and can be completed by going to the Arbiter website.
- e. Confirm meeting schedule and training topics for season** – Upcoming meetings and dates were discussed.

7. Old Business. None for this meeting.

8. Confirm action plans, including next meeting time and date.

9. Executive Session, if necessary. No business for executive session.

10. Adjourn.

– Minutes submitted by Mehdi Salari, Sec. (Aug. 10, 2013)