

**COSOA General Meeting**  
**Wednesday August 28, 2013, 7:00 p.m.**  
**St. Charles Medical Center**

**Attendees:** Marko Alexander, Kent Wieber, John Proud, Mehdi Salari, Josh Stackhouse, Pat Evoy, Inti Duran, Rich Willman, Del Abbott, Ken Marshall, Mike Ficher, Gentjan (G) Saliu, Leslie Evoy, Steve Kurzer (Keith Erickson was representing COSOA at a Madras meeting and is credited with attendance)

**Agenda**

**1. Welcome and introductions**

**2. Approval of previous meeting minutes.**

**3. “Non High School related” issues (park and rec, men’s league, etc.)**

**4. Treasurer's report** – tabled until Scottie could be present

**5. Commissioner’s Report**

- a. **OSAA registration, testing** -- folks were encouraged to complete their online tests
- b. **Need for more officials!** -- our numbers are down and everyone was encouraged to help recruit additional adults for the High School soccer season
- c. **Oregon Soccer Central utilization** -- the various features of the OSC website and Availability feature were demonstrated & discussed

**6. New Business and training topics**

**a. social media issues** -- (Steve) Everyone was reminded about the importance of not discussing teams, schools, players, coaches, fans or other aspects of the games that we work in a public place or internet site. Everyone was reminded that our meetings are the only place we discuss such things.

**b. what referees may expect from the experience** – Steve went over the following list with the group:

**Expectations from Officials**

- Do not Referee purely for the money (it isn’t a lot ... and it takes us a while to pay you)
- Pass the Rules Test & Background Check
- Show up on time for the kids and their matches
- Check your email frequently
- Visit the [OregonSoccerCentral.com](http://OregonSoccerCentral.com) website 2-3 times per week. We do *everything* by computer.
- Update your availability regularly on the OregonSoccerCentral website
- File game reports online following your game ... or you don’t get paid
- Accept or decline your assignments for games within 24 hours
- If you don't know, then email Pat immediately: [cosopat@gmail.com](mailto:cosopat@gmail.com)
  - Look & act professional when you’re on the field (don’t get overly friendly with coaches, players or fans)
- Do not spend more time visiting and hanging out with the home team players, coaches or fans; or give the perception to the visiting team that they’re about to be ‘Homered’
- Be respectful of the players, coaches, parents & fans ... good referees do not argue or fight
- Know the rules and work as a team
- Stick some cotton in your ears when you’re out there ... don’t take anything personally
- Do your best and learn from your mistakes ... because you’re going to have some bad calls, and you can’t let a bad call early in a game ruin your work for the rest of the game
- Hustle and work hard for the kids and teams ... they can tell if you’re walking and just going through the motions, or if you’re running as hard as you can to be in the right place to make the calls
- Be responsible & professional about your assignments ... all the games are a big deal for the kids playing ... they’ve been looking forward to their game all day!

**What Referees get:**

- First & foremost ... this is a form of Community Service
- Some exercise and a front row seat for local soccer games

- Get paid for the games that you work (**\$37 - \$54**) ...
- Mileage reimbursement (\$.20/mile – min \$5.00)
- A very basic form of Insurance in case you get hurt while working a game
- Admission into all other Regular Season High School sporting events with your Referee Badge

**Additional Fees:**

**\$35.00 association fee**

**8% deduction from officiating pay (2% commissioner, 2% assignor, 2% scholarship fund, 2% website fee)**

**c. pregame protocols (power point)** – Pat presented the Training portion of the evening with a discussion of Referee & Assistant Referee responsibilities before the match, Pre-Game protocols and Post-Game responsibilities. Referees were reminded about the abundance of Training Videos and Materials available on the USSF Website.

**d. USSF grade 7 upgrade assessment experience** – Marko & Rich shared their learning experiences from their recent upgrade to Grade 7 USSF officials. Everyone was encouraged to continue improving their officiating skills through additional games, mentoring and assessments.

**7. Old Business** – none at this time

**8. Adjourn.**