

## **COSOA General Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday September 25, 2013, 7:00 p.m.  
St. Charles Medical Center

**Attendees:** Del Abbott, Marko Alexander, Steve Kurzer, Mike Armstrong, Pat Evoy, Mardy Madison, Rich Willman, John Proud, Ken Marshall, Mehdi Salari, Jordan Hunt, Megan Heinrich, Kent Wieber, Gentjan Saliu, Josh Armstrong, Alberto De Anda, Scottie Johnson, Inti Duran, Ricardo Rivera, Claudio Muggia, Matthew Kirk

### **Agenda**

- 1. Welcome and introductions if necessary.**
- 2. Approval of previous meeting minutes at next meeting. This years minutes are in the process of being uploaded onto the COSOA website. A motion to approve all meeting minutes from four general meetings to date (including tonight) will occur at the October 9 meeting.**
- 3. “Non High School related” updates and comments.  
COSL, Timbers, Men’s League/CASA and Kidsport updates provided**
- 4. Treasurer’s report. – mid-season checks were distributed at the end of the meeting. Will need W-9s from officials who have not been paid by COSOA previously.  
COSOA account had \$2287 at beginning of season – all high school billings are complete and proceeds have been received and deposited, with a reconciliation anticipated at the end of the season when everyone is paid. Still awaiting a CASA check for deposit.**
- 5. Commissioner’s and Assignor’s Report**
  - a. assignments posted on OSC through end of year – please accept or decline.**
  - b. suggested transition protocol for “stacked games” reviewed and posted on COSOA website.**
- 6. New Business**
  - a) Training topic compliments of Mike Armstrong and his USSF experience this summer doing State Cup and attending the NISOA clinic in PA**
    - Importance of a thorough pre-game and preparation**
    - Make eye contact with crew throughout match**
    - Dealing with the Coaches & The Technical Area**
    - Communicate when a foul is not called**
    - NISOA Referee Training Camp – great opportunity for further instruction**
    - Offside Hints for ARs**
      - Memorize the numbers of the last defenders**
      - Spectators watch the game, but the AR must focus on the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last defender**
      - Offside flag better late, safe & correct; than quick and wrong**
      - When in doubt, leave the flag down**

- **Officiating the Girls Game. Is it different?**
  - **Men use more upper torso force**
  - **Women can absorb more incidental hip contact**
  - **Women tend to develop stronger relationships with teammates. Use this to help calm them down.**
  - **More team oriented, passing oriented. Tend to retaliate on behalf of teammates**
- **Three things to say to a Coach**
  - **Thank You**
  - **I understand**
  - **I'll take care of it**
- b) **Gregory Scott Rivers candidates -- continue to monitor Senior players who are exhibiting good sportsmanship. Will most likely do our nominations and voting at our next two upcoming meetings**
- c) **Conference play and playoffs on horizon -- be on the lookout for increased intensity with upcoming matches as there are local bragging rights at stake. Everyone needs to be on their 'A' game**
- d) **Farewell to Megan Heinrich; congrats to G on new job**

**7. Old Business.**

**8. Confirm action plans, including next meeting time and date. -- Next meeting: October 9, 2013. 7:00 p.m. St. Charles Med. Center Conference Room D.**

**9. Adjourn.**