

COSOA General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 22, 2018, 7pm
St Charles Med. Ctr., East Dining Room (Bend, OR)

In attendance (23): Del Abbott, Marko Alexander, Shyanna Ashworth, Taylor Bernhardt, Lisa Brooks, Nathaniel Collins, Alberto DeAnda, Keith Erickson, Pat Evoy, Jordan Hunt, Christine (CJ) Johnson, Steve Kurzer, Mardy Madison, Gerry McDaniel, Greg Mikkelson, David Omori, Mike Prochaska, John Proud, Mehdi Salari, Mike Sipila, Leona Steel, John Young, Lisa Young

1. Old Business:
 - a. No comments or updates on Old Business from previous meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report (Nathaniel)
 - a. No outstanding AP;
 - b. \$6,100 in the treasury.
3. "Non-High School Related" Updates and Comments (Mehdi, Pat, Keith)
 - a. Bend Premier Cup went well the past 2 weekends;
 - b. Thanks to Keith Erickson, Pat Evoy, Mark Wallace (out of area), and Craig Hill (out of area) for mentoring;
 - c. Bend Parks and Rec youth games are available on Saturdays, however the need for high school games that are scheduled on Sat are hopefully the priority for everyone;
 - d. Update your availability online at Oregon Soccer Central website.
4. Commissioner's Report (Mehdi)
 - a. Reminder of newofficials.org website for getting new recruits started and connected to Mehdi and COSOA;
 - b. Refer to our own association website at cosoa.net for all meeting dates, minutes, resource documents, links, etc.;
 - c. Use social media to recruit new prospective officials, but not to mention games, other referees, etc.;
 - d. Thanks to Lisa Brooks for generating interest with new officials, on behalf of COSOA;
 - e. Cannot honor requests for assignments, but do put travel / work related notes in the Availability calendar on the OSC website to help Nathaniel understand any commute restrictions or tight transitions from other commitments;
 - i) The system works when we trust an Assignor to distribute the games amongst the available Officials;
 - f. Referees do not want to be the Center of Attention;
 - i) Please do not be confrontational in your dealing with Coaches, Players, Fans, or Parents;
 - ii) Please do not yell, get upset, frustrated or fired up out there. You are the voice of reason out there;
 - iii) Please use as many Preventive and Management Tools as possible when dealing with difficult players and situations;

- iv) Take and accept games within your fitness and comfort level. If you aren't able to stay within 15-20 yards of the action, how are you going to properly manage that game? Coaches/Players/Parents/Fans will be upset at you (for good reason) and you're suddenly the Center of Attention!
 - g. Request from the ADs for more consistency in dealing with Language on the field;
 - h. Games start 8/23 (tomorrow), smoke and air quality permitting;
 - i. Review of Air Quality Index - games typically canceled when AQI is above 100; AD's are supposed to provide 6hr advanced notice if game will be canceled, but please also check before making the trip to the game.
5. Training Topic (Pat, Steve)
- a. Dissent and Dealing with Criticism - by Pat Evoy.
6. Confirm action plans, including next meeting time and date (9/12/18, 6:30pm).
7. Adjourn.