

COSOA General Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, Oct 10, 2018, 6:30ppm  
St Charles Medical Center, East Dining Room (Bend, OR)

*In attendance (16): Del Abbott, Marko Alexander, Shyanna Ashworth, Nathaniel Collins, Alberto DeAnda, Keith Erickson, Jordan Hunt, Christine Johnson, Steve Kurzer, Greg Mikkelson, Mike Paul, Mike Prochaska, Mehdi Salari, Leona Steele, John Young, Lisa Young*

1. Old Business:
  - a. No comments or updates on Old Business from previous meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report (Nathaniel)
  - a. All schools have paid for high school;
  - b. Healthy balance exists for upcoming payroll withdrawals.
3. "Non-High School Related" Updates and Comments (Mehdi)
  - a. Fields at Morning Start Christian School have brown lines which are difficult to see;
  - b. Men's league final is this coming Sunday;
  - c. Mentorship report from Keith - largely positive experience for the season.
4. Commissioner's Report (Mehdi)
  - a. Recruiting new and interested referees - window of opportunity to take high school test is closed, but please continue to pass new names to Mehdi for next spring;
  - b. OSAA playoffs are a few weeks away - Nathaniel requested Mehdi send out an email reminder prior to playoffs for everyone to set their availability on playoff dates;
  - c. Finals on Nov 10 - the following officials from our association are qualified to be selected to represent COSOA at the state finals this year: Del Abbott, Cesario Alonso, Nathaniel Collins, Alberto DeAnda, Keith Erickson, Pat Evoy, Jordan Hunt, ~~Christine Johnson~~ (declined), ~~Steve Kurzer~~ (declined), Mardy Madison, Mike Prochaska and Mehdi Salari;
  - d. General membership agreed to submit votes to Mehdi via email, rather than in person at tonight's meeting, in order to give a larger block of the membership the chance to vote; also, if possible, provide historical list of who's gone to state finals recently;
  - e. As the weather gets colder and the playoffs approach, stay warm but also continue to be professional looking and keep the following pointers in mind:
    - i. OK if our 1<sup>st</sup> Year Officials are wearing miss-matched socks, shorts, shoes jersey while they figure out if they want to referee or not;
    - ii. But 2<sup>nd</sup> year Officials and beyond should be looking professional and awesome at each outing;
    - iii. Starting next year, we're transitioning to the new USSF uniforms and phasing out the old style jerseys;
    - iv. Staying warm: wear layers under your jerseys, long black pants, black ski hat, black gloves;
    - v. The two acceptable Warm-Ups for our Association: Solid Black Warm-Ups with Adidas 3-stripes or the USSF Blue Warm-Ups;
  - f. Please complete game reports within 24 hours of your game;
    - i. Please note Abnormal Situations or Injuries in your Game Reports:

- Issue out at Ridgeview – Redmond Boys match was properly reported in game report (kudos to Greg Mikkelson)
- Trainer coming out to tend to a player, Head Injuries, etc.
- ii. Red Cards: Need to call/text or email Mehdi right after your game
- iii. Cautions or Yellow Cards to Coaches: Need to call/text or email Mehdi right after your game;
- iv. When you issue a card, your Game Reports can be made better by:
  - Including approximate LOCATION on the field for the infraction;
  - Describe the nature of the foul or misconduct;
  - Document that you informed the Coach and that the player was substituted;
  - What was the restart?
- v. Game report examples:
  - C4. Unsporting Behavior: Reckless Play, used arms to push opponent in the back. Informed Coach/substituted. Restart: DFK;
  - A5. Deny Goal Scoring Opportunity: Last defender pulled attacking players jersey, as they were driving to goal inside penalty area with opportunity to score. Informed Coach/Ejected Player. Restart: PK;
  - G2. Unsporting Behavior: Reckless tackle. Informed Coach/substituted. Restart: Throw In. Advantage was applied on the reckless tackle and card was shown at next dead ball opportunity;
- g. Discussion of Bend v West Salem 7sec video and review of angry parent email - Things we need to do to improve Player Safety and Reduce Injuries:
  - i. More CONTROL & GAME MANAGEMENT
  - ii. **CALL FOULS and SET PRECEDENT EARLY** that pushing players in the back, bumping into opponent after the ball has left, lowering your shoulder into opponent to knock them down, grabbing your opponent's shirt or shorts, running into the Keeper, sliding into opponent with cleats exposed/up, trash talking your opponent to incite them, stepping or kicking the opponent's foot after the ball has been played, ... are not how we're going to playing today
  - iii. Being **CLOSE ENOUGH TO PLAY** and having the **PROPER ANGLE** to see challenges and tackles as they happen ... involves a lot of running/hustle on the part of the Referee and AR;
  - iv. **REMEMBERING A PLAYERS'** first foul, **TALKING PUBLICLY** with that player on the second foul, **CAUTIONING** that same player for Persistent Infringement on his/her third foul along with a **conversation with their Coach**;
  - v. Recognizing that there is always at least one player (no more than three) on a team that tackles much harder, rougher and more frequently than anybody else. They push/grab and are simply more physical than the others. You cannot let that same player, play in such a manner that they are endangering other players safety in the same game.
- h. Referee safety review - per OSAA and recent bulletins, leave as a crew immediately, ask for an AD escort during pregame;
- i. Current senior player nominees for the Gregory Scott Rivers Scholarship award:
  - a. Josh Bruce (#4) Central Christian varsity;
  - b. Emma Hehn (#12) Crook County girls varsity;
  - c. Isaac Grusy (#) Ridgeview boys varsity;
  - d. Alexa Martin (#12) Redmond girls varsity

5. Training Topic (**Mehdi, Mike Prochaska**)
  - a. Review of Offside rules and officiating crew mechanics with regard to offside;
  - b. Several video examples.
6. Confirm action plans, including next meeting time and date (10/24/18, 6:30pm).
7. Adjourn.