

COSOA General Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, Oct 24, 2018, 6:30ppm  
St Charles Medical Center, East Dining Room (Bend, OR)

*In attendance (14): Nathaniel Collins, Alberto DeAnda, Keith Erickson, Pat Evoy, Jordan Hunt, Christine Johnson, Steve Kurzer, Mardi Madison, David Omori, Mike Prochaska, Mehdi Salari, John Young, Lisa Young, Dean Wright;*  
*Guest: Daryl Rothenbucher, Central Oregon Regional Representative to OAOA*

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;
  - c. Projected surplus of around \$4-5k to bridge the gap between end of this season and start of next season;
  - d. No issues (yet) with collecting from the Kidsports organization;
  - e. Payment from CASA (men's league) has been received and deposited.
3. "Non-High School Related" Updates and Comments (Mehdi)
  - a. Reminder to all USSF referees to re-certify for USSF - see recent email reminder and details from Mehdi;
  - b. Mentorship report from Keith and Pat:
    - Keith loves the ability to mentor rather than assess, and thinks it makes a difference for youth, as well as for seasoned referees to receive mentorship;
    - Email the assignor (Nat) or any of the assessors or mentors for mentoring requests - not just personal mentoring requests, but also team or school related requests (i.e. mentor the next crew that has to deal with a challenging team, such as Crook County).
4. OAOA Representative - Informal Report (Daryl Rothenbucher)
  - a. New to the position of OAOA regional representative for Central Oregon;
  - b. Meets at OAOA HQ (4) times a year;
  - c. The big thing that football coaches are concerned about is lack of officials - especially concerned by the case of a Willamette Valley high schools hiring out of state officials to referee a high school game;
  - d. Fee Review Committee - potentially a 2% increase in game fees (wages) pending review for implementation next year;
  - e. Playoff Certification Clinics - specific OCEP online clinics are under consideration by OAOA/OSAA - everyone understands that the in-person clinics are rarely scheduled and require travel and are hard to make (even though it is a once every three or five year requirement);
  - f. Soccer Official of the Year Award - due by Nov 1;
  - g. Sportsmanship Award for Coaches - due by April next year;
  - h. Association of the Year Award - nominate your association;
  - i. State Official of the Year Award - also can nominate a soccer official for this award;
  - j. School Sportsmanship Award - nominate the school;

- k. Officials Longevity Award - certificates available from OAOA at the 5yr, 10yr, 15yr, 20yr, and above levels - association just needs to notify OAOA of the individuals;
- l. Soccer specific notes: referee membership numbers are the same state-wide as last year; Portland ref numbers are up due to Latino and young officials numbers increase; quite a few parent and coach issues after games that require better support from school and/or onsite administrators.

5. Commissioner's Report (Mehdi)

- a. Set your playoff availability on OSC as soon as possible; the 6A playoffs start Saturday 10/27;
- b. Senior player nominees for the Gregory Scott Rivers Scholarship award - nominations frozen; voting will be sent by email to general membership for closure and selection deadline of Sat 10/27:
  - Josh Bruce (#4) Central Christian varsity;
  - Isaac Grusy (#4) Ridgeview boys varsity;
  - Emma Hehn (#12) Crook County girls varsity;
  - Alexa Martin (#12) Redmond girls varsity.
- c. Beaches and Grapes - review of some select comments Mehdi has received from coaches, admins, and parents;
  - "Not protecting the Keeper ... our goalie was stiff-armed!"
  - "The Ref added more time to the clock than what I had on my watch."
  - "The Ref stopped the clock multiple times in a blowout game and extended the game longer than it needed to be. He should have let the clock run!"
  - "We're appealing the Red Card because our player would then miss her last game as a Senior."
  - "The Ref didn't need to give our player a card. He should have just warned her."
  - "The Ref didn't give out enough cards and simply warned the kids, without any further consequences!"
- d. Thanks from Mehdi to select officials: thanks to Nathaniel for assigning; thanks to Mike for the website and prompt meeting notes; thanks to Steve for stepping up all season; thanks to all officials who have traveled to Paisley; thanks to all for coming to the meetings for keeping the participation numbers up to cover approximately 300 games for the season;
- e. Thanks from Steve to Mehdi for a great job shepherding the association all year!
- f. Two appeals for RC's were approved by OSAA; two appeals denied - one of the appeals approved was (and RC rescinded) because of officials game report containing incorrect information, so make sure reports are correct!
- g. Work for the off-season:
  - Review and revise the COSOA By-Laws (last edit was approx 20 years ago); Ad hoc By-Law committee of Pat, Mehdi, and Mardy will address this after the high school season is over;
  - Further updates and improvements (Policies & Procedures) to our website;
  - Recruitment of additional refs for next year;
- h. COSOA board member elections occurred with all present nominating and voting, with the following board member:
  - USSF Instructor - (**Pat E.**) - no change in this position;
  - Youth Liaison (vacant) - new nomination, so approved: **Dean Wright**
  - Bend Area Rep (Mardy M.) - new nomination, so approved: **Christine Johnson**;

- Outside Bend Area Rep (Del A.) - new nomination, so approved: **John Young**;
  - Secretary (Mike P.) - **Mike Prochaska** will stay in this position, so approved;
  - Treasurer (Nathaniel C.) - **Nathaniel Collins** will stay in this position, so approved;
  - Vice President (Marko A.) - new nomination, so approved: **Mardy Madison**;
  - President (vacant) - new nomination, so approved: **Keith Erickson**;
  - Commissioner (Medhi S.) - OSAA liaison, once every 3yrs, elected position, school AD's review and approve - no change in this position, **Mehdi Salari** is currently finishing his 2nd yr as Commissioner;
- i. Finals on Nov 10 - the following officials from COSOA have been selected by their peers to represent COSOA at the state finals this year: Nathaniel Collins, Mike Prochaska and Mehdi Salari (alt);
  - j. For 4th officials assigned to sub-QF-round games, motion made and approved to set the 4th official pay rate at \$30/game flat fee (increase from current \$20/game flat fee, regardless of classification, with mileage additive to the flat fee. This pay for 4th officials applies to any round before the QF round.
6. Training Topic (Mehdi and Steve)
    - a. OSAA Playoff Procedures review;
    - b. Stay sharp regardless of the team rankings; for example, a #2 vs a #15 can be just as competitive as a #8 vs a #9;
    - c. COSOA expects officiating crews that are assigned for out-of-area games to travel together (e.g. carpool) - the out-of-area travel games start on Sat 11/3.
  7. Confirm action plans; next meeting time and date (n/a, see everyone next year).
  8. Adjourn.