

# Central Oregon Soccer Officials Association Newsletter

November 20, 2015

Hi Everybody,

This is our 'End of the Year' or last Newsletter of the Fall Season. GREAT JOB EVERYBODY! Every August we start with a shortage of Soccer Referees and come November ... somehow ... EVERYBODY pulls together we end up pulling it off and covering all the High School games ... as well as other kids and Men's League games on the side as well!

Great job servicing the sport, the High Schools, the youth and our soccer community. There is one final check on its way that closes out the last few weeks of the season and any playoff games and mileage that you would be due, which should close out the books on the year.

If you haven't done so already, please send a thank you email, text or stop by the following folks' house with a batch of cookies (I hope I didn't leave anybody off this list):

- **Pat & Leslie Evoy** (our awesome Commissioner & Assignor/Instructor: For their great communication with the High Schools, coordination with the Athletic Directors, Assigning of the games, making sure every game was covered, dealing with the last minute changes to the schedule, keeping everybody happy, making sure the schools paid their bills, bringing cookies to meetings, and doing so much of the background work that makes our Association work.
- **Steve Kurzer**: our eloquent leader and spokesman! Ran and set up the Agendas for our meetings, made sure we got home at a reasonable time and treated everybody with kindness & respect.
- **Nathaniel Collins**: for taking over the Treasurer's position, making sure everybody was getting paid and taking care of the bills.
- **Keith Erickson & Mike Cleavenger**: for taking time to come to our games, mentor, teach and help the Officials serve the kids, coaches, parents and sport better.
- **Mike Armstrong**: for serving as liaison with the Timbers Youth League in town, doing so much to pull off the housing for the 40-50 out-of-town Referees for the Bend Premier Cup at the start of our summer season.
- **Mike Ficher**: for keeping our [cosoa.net](http://cosoa.net) website current, informative and cool!
- **Mardy Madison, Marko Alexander & Derrick Pacheco** for stepping up and serving on the COSOA Board and being there when we have needed their input and help.
- Our awesome crew of veteran and new Officials who worked so well together this past year. The new Officials picked things up quickly and got better each week, and the veteran

Officials were patient and helped the younger/newer Officials perfect their mechanics and skills.

- Great job on a great season to Everybody!!!

Hope to see you all next year. Please email me or the Evoys if your email address changes between now and next year ... so we can be sure to get a hold of you next season.

Have a great Thanksgiving and Holiday Season,

Mehdi

## **--- UPCOMING EVENTS ---**

Please stick these dates and times on your calendar.

You should be receiving one last check for any games you worked the last week of October and in the Playoffs.

## **--- MORE STUFF ... ---**

### **COSOA General Meeting Minutes (October 28, 2015)**

#### **COSOA General Membership Meeting**

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Charles Medical Center – Bend

Present: Leslie Evoy, Pat Evoy, Nathaniel Collins, John Proud, Mardy Madison, John Young, Rich Willman, Marko Alexander, Cesario Alonso, Derrick Pacheco, Keith Erickson, Mike Paul, MehdiSalari, Del Abbott, Alberto DeAnda, Jordan Hunt, Mike Armstrong, Mike Prochaska, Mike Cleavenger, Shyanna Ashworth

#### **Agenda**

1. **Welcome.**

2. **Approval of previous meeting minutes.** Motion made and passed to approve minutes.

3. **Treasurer's report.** Nathaniel reported that deposits had all been made and that we would all be getting paid soon for our games through Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. There is going to be one more paycheck coming in late November, which will close out the last week of the regular season and playoffs.

4. **“Non High School related” updates and comments.** Anyone interested in officiating basketball please check with Marko, Del Abbott, Nat Collins or John Proud

**TTPL, Kidsports, CASA assigned on OSC. Check OSC regularly!**

**PRESIDENT CUP** Double check each assignment to be certain as to the Overtime and Kicks from the mark specifications of each league. The KFPM Checklist and Rules will also be [www.cosoa.net](http://www.cosoa.net)

**U11- U14 Preliminary Round Play Dates**

November 7, 2015

November 8th, 2015

November 14th, 2015

November 15th, 2015

**Additional Preliminary Round Play Dates (U13 & U14 Only)** November 21st & Nov 22.

**U11 & U12:** Semis/Finals: Nov 21 & 22, 2015

**U13 & U14:** Semis/Finals: May 7 & 8, 2016

Recent incident with a youth player who had a concussion being allowed to play the after a head injury (not in our Association): The parents were not informed of the concussion. There was a lack of communication between the coach, referee and parents. Referees are advised to do their best to include nature of injury and complete Game Report and also helpful to remind/ask the Coach to notify the player's parents of the injury.

## 5. Commissioner's Report

### a. Playoff availability and scheduling.

## 6. Old/Ongoing Business.

**Mentor observations.** Keith made the suggestion to appoint or secure a contact at COCC to put information about our upcoming Referee Training Courses in the COCC catalog of upcoming courses/classes; since it is a form of vocational training for College Students and a means to earn a small paycheck. The idea was welcomed by the group.

Keith once again commended and pointed out the great improvements and strides being made by our younger and newer Officials during the course of the season. The Mentor Program that we have instituted here in Central Oregon was the first of its kind in the State and is now being duplicated by other Referee Associations.

## 7. New Business

**a. Gregory Scott Rivers award: nominees with remarks as to each, and vote.** Keith reported that our Scholarship Fund is currently sitting around \$22,000. The hope is that in a few years, when the fund has reached \$25,000, it will be self-perpetuating and no longer needing annual funding from our group.

Nominees for the Sportsmanship Award were made:

- Carlos Montanez – Redmond High School Boys Captain
- Kelly Gieber – Bend High School Boys Captain
- Christina Edwards – Summit High School Girls Captain

Each individual voted for one person on a piece of paper and the winner of the 2015 Gregory Scott Rivers Sportsmanship Award was Carlos Montanez from Redmond High School.

**b. 2016 officers and area reps: nominees and vote.** The following individuals were nominated and voted on to serve as Officers & Executive Board Members for the next term:

- President                      Steve Kurzer
- Vice Pres.                      Marko Alexander

- Treasurer                      Nathaniel Collins
- Secretary                      Mehdi Salari
- Bend Rep.                      Mardy Madison
- Non-Bend Rep.                Derrick Pacheco
- Youth Liaison                 Mike Armstrong
- Mentors                         Keith Erickson & Mike Cleavenger
- Website / Technical         Mike Ficher
- Commissioner                Leslie Evoy
- Assignor / Instructor         Pat Evoy

**c. Training topic: Playoffs – protocols for communications, travel and overtime rules, along with anything else that applies.** Pat reviewed the High School Playoff protocols and procedures, including the role of the 4<sup>th</sup> Official, Overtime & Kicks from the Penalty Mark. The importance of contacting the school AD to confirm game time and location was also emphasized.

**d. other?** A brief discussion about the possible investment in an Association Referee Intercom system was held. The idea of using the Intercom System to help train new Officials was brought up. After a good discussion by the group, it was decided that new Officials had enough to worry about and the addition of a Mentor in their ear during their early development would further complicate their natural development and progression as Referees.

8. **Confirm action plans, including next meeting time and date.** We are done with our High School Meetings for the year. There is probably going to be a USSF Training Course in the Spring of 2016.

9. **Adjourn.**

**In case you missed the Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Bend Bulletin article:**  
 Redmond BOYS SOCCER player WINS scholarship

Carlos Montanez, captain of the Redmond High boys soccer team, has received the Gregory Scott Rivers Memorial Sportsmanship Award. Each year, the Central Oregon Soccer Officials Association awards a \$500 scholarship to a Central Oregon high school senior, and Montanez was selected based on his on-field performance, leadership and sportsmanship this season. Other nominees included Kelley Gieber, of the Bend High boys, and Christina Edwards, of the Summit girls.