

# Central Oregon Soccer Officials Association Newsletter

October 16, 2016

Hi Everybody,

We have our last General Meeting coming up on Wednesday (Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>). Please try and attend the meeting, as we have a lot of important items on our agenda:

- Training Update for upcoming High School Playoff Matches
- Voting for the Gregory Scott Rivers Sportsmanship Scholarship
- Voting for new Officers for next year, including new Assignor & Commissioner

The Meeting Minutes of our Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting is included down below.

See you at the Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> General Meeting,

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## --- UPCOMING EVENTS ---

Please stick these dates and times on your calendar.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	WHAT'S HAPPENING	AGENDA	NOTES	
Oct. 19, 2016	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	St. Charles Med. Center (Conf. Room D)	6 <sup>th</sup> General Meeting	Training: Playoff Preparations		

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

### COSOA General Meeting Minutes (October 5, 2016)

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Wednesday October 5, 2016

SCMC Bend

Present: Pat Evoy, Leslie Evoy, Nathaniel Collins, John Young, Steve Kurzer, Mike Prochaska, Neil Carlson, Mike Paul, Keith Erickson, Mehdi Salari, Ramon Chivas, Cesario Alonso, Mardy Madison, Alberto DeAnda, Marko Alexander, Shyanna Ashworth

Approval of previous meeting minutes – minutes of last meeting included in last COSOA Newsletter were approved

Treasurer's report – all schools have paid for the season

“Non High School related” updates and comments:

- Unified Sports soccer match at Sisters H.S. Tuesday October 18, 11:30 a.m. – volunteer Official sought for Developmentally Handicapped soccer match in Sisters. Del Abbot graciously volunteered.
- Other? CASA semifinals going on. Kidsport and TTPL games still going on as well with the help of youth officials.

Commissioner's Report and Assignor's Report

- Daylight – be mindful of diminishing light and get those back-to-back games started on time, so we don't run out of daylight for the second game.
- Soccer officiating is NOT about speed, it is about Accuracy! Take your time when making your signals. Better to get the signal and call correct, than fast and sloppy.
- Site Administrators: Can cheer, but preferred from fan section, but not from behind goal. Encourage Site Administrators to move to the Fan section if wishing to be vocal and supportive of their team and to not do so from behind the goals.
- Photographers may NOT cheer. Anybody who is not seated in the fan section needs to remain neutral and not engage in vocal cheering or encouragement of one team over another.
- Coach Behavior & Misconduct:
  - Dissent vs USB – Coaches can say or do just about anything they want, as long as it's confined to their benches and team areas. Once their behavior and words become public (everybody on the field can hear and see their dissent) ... then it becomes something you need to address or caution.
  - **Subsequent caution** – Our usually protocol has been to: First, Ask the Coach to limit their comments to coaching points for their team. Second, Tell the Coach that they need to limit their comments to coaching points for their team. Third, Dismiss the Coach.
- Language: **Incidental Vulgar/Profane** vs. **Insulting, Offensive or Abusive** – The card you issue or not issue will depend on whether the language was directed at anybody (opponent or teammate) or themselves? Was the language public (everybody in the stadium heard it) or kept on the field. Use your judgment.
- **Taunting:** incite or degrade... other individual
  - **Taunting:** which is intended or designed to embarrass, ridicule or demean others under any circumstances including on the basis of race, religion, gender or national origin. Taunting results in a Red Card in High School sporting events.

- Injuries: Stopping play vs Stopping Clock; Apparent vs. Suspect Injury – You can stop the clock briefly to check on a potential injury ... and if you haven't called the Trainer on the field ... let the player remain in the game if they get back up and wish to continue playing.

#### Old Business.

- Gregory Scott Rivers candidates? -- So far the folks who have been nominated are Tayla Weeler (Bend HS), Meagan Day (Summit HS) and Obed Eriza (Madras HS). Please keep an eye out for these and other Seniors over the remainder of the season.
- Commissioner and assignor news, for those who may not know. Athletic Directors have been informed. COSOA Board is working on identifying and appointing new High School Assignor and Commissioner roles which are likely to be divided. Will have to separately identify USSF assignor. Our designated Commissioner will ultimately need to be ratified/accepted by the ADs. Pat & Leslie Evoy were recognized for their years of outstanding and exemplary service to COSOA and High School Soccer. Our organization has been well run, the games have been covered, our Referees have advanced, everyone has gotten paid on a timely basis and replacing Pat & Leslie will be very difficult. Pat & Leslie will continue to be involved with officiating, but simply wish to resign their responsibilities as Assignor and Commissioner.
- Concussion Update – We further discussed the Crook County vs. Estacada match. Apparently, the Estacada Coach has been dismissed from the team over his conduct and decision to put a player who the Trainer suspected of having sustained a Concussion back into the game. Our job as Referees is to ensure Safety of the Players first and foremost and we will continue to err on the side of caution whenever we suspect a possible concussion.

#### New Business

- Training topic: Elevating Your Game – Mehdi Salari presented some material from the Grade 6 Upgrade Course for the group. The slide presentation and much more is available for free online: Google “Grade 6 Referee Course” and you will see the various modules and can easily access and view all the various subjects listed.
- Nomination and election of State Championship representatives. – Ballots were passed out and the group voted for three Officials to represent COSOA at the State Championships.
- Begin to consider officers and area representatives for next year. – Everyone was encouraged to consider running for an Office within the Association next year. We will hold Elections at our next meeting

Confirm action plans, including next meeting time and date. – Next Meeting: Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session, immediately after general meeting. – Discussion regarding the replacement of Pat & Leslie was held. The responsibilities of the Assignor and Commissioner position were discussed. Nathaniel Collins will be nominated at our next General Meeting to serve as our High School Assignor, pending a discussion and vote by the Association. Mehdi Salari will be nominated at our next General Meeting to serve as High School Soccer Commissioner, pending discussion and vote by the Association.  
Adjourn.

#### **Copy of Leslie's Email about our State Championship Representatives (Oct. 6, 2016)**

COSOA'S REPRESENTATIVES TO THE 2016 STATE FINALS:

MIKE PROCHASKA  
MEHDI SALARI  
STEVE KURZER, ALTERNATE