

Central Oregon Soccer Officials Association Newsletter

November 21, 2016

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 and we end up covering all the High School games ... as well as other kids and Men's League games on the side as well! You all deserve a huge pat on the back. Please know that the High School Soccer Season would not have happened without your participation as a Referee.

Great job servicing the sport, the High Schools, the youth and our soccer community. You should have all gotten your last payment for the work that you did (including the playoffs).

If you haven't done so already, please send a thank you email, text or box of cookies to the following folks:

- **Pat & Leslie Evoy** (our awesome Commissioner & Assignor/Instructor & Mentor for the past I can't remember how many years!): 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, maintaining a positive attitude with everybody, making sure the schools paid their bills, bringing cookies to meetings, and doing so much of the background work that makes our Association work. Both Pat & Leslie are leaving HUGE shoes to fill as they take on more Grandparent responsibilities and leave their positions within our Association at the end of the season. They did a stellar job over the years and their contributions, involvement and friendships to our association and all its members goes beyond any description possible by words.
- **Steve Kurzer:** our amazing President and spokesman! He ran our meetings and treated everybody with kindness & respect. He battled through some injuries with his lower leg and even squeezed in a trip to North Carolina to help his mom after a Hurricane in the middle of the season! We're lucky to have such a talented and fair President.
- **Marko Alexander:** Once again, I'm guessing worked the most number of games this past year and traveled the most distance. He covered our meeting when Steve was out of town.
- **Nathaniel Collins:** for doing such a great job as Treasurer, and making sure everybody was getting paid on time and taking care of the association bills. Nathaniel will be taking on additional responsibilities in 2017, as he will soon be sent off to get his Assignors Certification and help take over some of Pat's work.
- **Keith Erickson & Pat Evoy:** for taking time to come to our games, mentor, teach and help the Officials serve the kids, coaches, parents and sport better. Our Mentors help our

Referees maintain the same high standard for every varsity, sub-varsity contest. They help give our Association consistency and quality.

- **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.
 - **Mardy Madison & Derrick Pacheco** for stepping up and serving on the COSOABoard 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 over the course of the season.
- **Great job on a super season to Everybody!!!**

It's never too soon to start recruiting and finding new soccer officials for next year. Please see if any of your friends are interested in doing some games next year and get me their email addresses, so I can put them on our email list and send them notes/announcements about upcoming meetings and certification dates.

Hope to see you all next year. Please email me 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 5, 2016)

COSOA General Meeting
Wednesday October 19, 2016
SCMC Bend

Present: Pat Evoy, Leslie Evoy, Nathaniel Collins, Keith Erickson, Mehdi Salari, Mike Prochaska, Mike Paul, Alberto DeAnda, Del Abbott, Mardy Madison, John Young, Marko Alexander, Bob McKay, Shyanna Ashworth, Leona Steele, John Kliestik

Approval of previous meeting minutes, posted in newsletter.

Treasurer's report.

- Currently with approx.. \$26,000 in the account. Checks should be going out next Thursday or Friday. Playoff payments will come after the playoffs.
- At our last COSOA Board Meeting, the Board approved paying our 4th Officials who are assigned to work the 1st Rounds of the Playoffs.

Non High School related updates

- Kidsport League is all done. A few OYSA/TTPL games remain. One last CASA Super Final remains.

Commissioner's Report and Assignor's Report

- Pointed out importance of Play-in Games to the kids/coaches & fans
- Reminder about starting games on time, to avoid daylight problems

Old Business.

- Gregory Scott Rivers award discussion (Tayla Wheeler of Bend High, Meagan Day of Summit, Obed Eriza of Madras – were nominated and the group discussed their play and leadership characteristics throughout the season. The group voted and Obed Eriza was selected as the winner of the 2016 Gregory Scott Rivers Sportsmanship Award & Scholarship.
- Designation of Commissioner and Assignor – A discussion about the Commissioner Position and responsibilities was held. The group decided that it would select a Commissioner for COSOA and allow the Commissioner to select the High School Assignor that would serve alongside and share the assigning responsibilities with. Del Abbott and Mehdi Salari expressed an interest in the Commissioner position. The group voted by ballot and Mehdi Salari was elected to serve as COSOA's next Commissioner.
- Other Officers for next year were also elected:
 - President: Steve Kurzer
 - Vice President: Marko Alexander
 - Secretary: Mike Prochaska
 - Treasurer: Nathaniel Collins
 - Referee Mentors: Keith Erickson & Pat Evoy
 - Regional Rep. (Bend): Mardy Madison
 - Regional Rep. (At-Large): Del Abbott

- Youth Liaison: Mike Armstrong
- Web & Tech. Support: Mike Prochaska

New Business

- Training topic: playoff protocol – Pat Evoy presented COSOA's Playoff Protocols and Procedures, many of which are also available on the OSAA.org website and COSOA.net
- Emphasize contacting and confirming with ADs, weather forecast for playing conditions and driving conditions, trying to carpool even to local games for more thorough pre-game, *do not underestimate "play-in" games*, importance of detailed pre-game, overtime protocols – COSOA's policy to pay for one car to go to Playoff games outside of Central Oregon was mentioned. If a Referee is not able to carpool with the rest of the crew, there will not be a mileage reimbursement

With the season coming to an end, an expression of gratitude on behalf of the COSOA Board/officers for Leslie and Pat Evoy for their leadership and contributions as Commissioner and Assignor over the past few years and to each person in attendance for contributing above and beyond for helping make another successful High School Soccer Season.

Meeting was adjourned.