

SSOA General Membership Meeting September 10, 2015

Meeting opened by President Romano at 7:32pm

A moment of silence in lieu of Flag Salute as 9-11 is tomorrow.

K. Duffie gave the treasurers report with the bottom line being \$ 19,179.63. (A hard copy of the report is attached to the hard copy of the minutes of this meeting 9-10-15).

K. Duffie informed the membership that there are still five people who owe missed meeting fines. It was asked if these members are doing games and President Romano answered NO. President Romano informed the membership these members will be discussed at the Executive Board meeting.

President Romano reviewed the ten most missed questions on the refresher test. There were some that Arbiter marked wrong but were correct. After review and questions and than answers, most members realized where they went wrong.

B. Fenlon the committee chairman on assessment and evaluations spoke about the committee goals. Brian spoke about the phases the association will be going through:

Phase 1- Will start this year with newer members who feel they are capable of doing varsity. If they are assessed and they do well than the assessor can recommend to the committee they be able to move to some varsity games. This will help newer members who are USSF and college with experience move to varsity faster.

Phase 2- This phase will be for the assessment of varsity officials who wish to do post season games such as the shore conference tournament or state games.

Phase 3- This would be to do all varsity officials so that any help that is needed can be found and corrected and to try to get all officials on the same page so that they can be the best that is on the field for varsity. We would want to have this one as an educational one so that the membership is all on the same page.

There will be no peer to peer assessments, you will know when, where and who is assessing you.

There were several questions and they were answered for the most part by either President Romano or Brian Fenlon. Those questions that were not answered will be submitted to the committee for answers.

B. Fenlon also spoke about the refer a referee program, where if you refer a cadet and they pass the course and become a member than you as a member only pay the state part of the dues the next year. We need to get this program going again as we are losing members each year.

Brian stated that we have 197 officials in the association with only part of the 197 doing varsity where there are 46 schools with teams that make up 1100 games. So we want to put the best officials that we can on the fields.

Pat Windle read off several names of members that he needed to see after the meeting.

Pat read off six dates—September 21, 24, 26, 28, 29, and 30, all very heavy game days. He asked that if you blocked any of these days and now you can be available please let him know.

Pat also asked that the membership do a better job with their availability. Please do not say that you are available and than all of a sudden you are not, most cases you know in advance if you are going to have a doctors appointment or some other thing to do.

Please call and confirm games with schools.

Those that do not have their picture on arbiter please try to get it on.

If a game is cancelled and Pat does not have it marked in RED please let him know that it was cancelled as some schools do not notify him they cancelled.

President Romano informed the membership that the minutes of the October 1014 last meeting will be posted for membership review. We will vote on them along with the minutes from the September 10, 2015 minutes at the next meeting.

President Romano spoke about the new shirts the NJSIAA is mandating. They are not mandatory this year except, the NJSIAA recommends that if all officials doing state tournament games have the new jersey that they wear the new jersey.

John Scoras made a motion that for the 2016 season SSOA wear the shirts we are using now, the NISOA Gold, Black, and Red. We do not use the new NJSIAA funny green.

Motion was seconded by Brian Donahue>

John Spangler took the floor and addressed the membership about the problems with the new shirts and the way the NJSIAA is mandating the use of the shirt. He also stated that the Executive Board did not handle the membership wishes about the shirts properly and he feels the Executive Board let the membership down.

Emilio Portelli tried to get up and explain to the membership that after the vote of the membership about not wanting the shirts; Dr. Richard Hunter was going to meet with the NJSIAA about the members voting overwhelming to not purchase the shirts. But when he stated that Dr. Hunter quit when he lost the election for Vice President he was shouted at by the members to sit down so he was not able to inform the membership that a letter had been sent and there was no reply from the representative in the state that does not like the NJSIAA.

President Romano asked for a hand vote on the motion and the motion passed by 99%. Some members did not vote.

Brian Donahue spoke about the concussion test. He feels that we should only have to take the test every three years as it is the same thing each year.

A motion by Brian Donahue that the test be taken every three years except for cadets who must take it the year they come into the SSOA. Also that a letter be sent to the NFHS about the test being taken every three years.

Motion seconded by Dan Caron.

Greg Bitsko informed the membership that the test is necessary for insurance purposes.

President Romano asked for a hand vote:

15 in Favor

47 against.

The motion failed with most of the membership not voting.

President Romano spoke about meetings and dues and the basic rules that go along with each. All members know when they become members what the rules are.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm