

EBASOA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
October 27, 2019

Dues of \$70.00 per member were collected by Treasurer Salvador, assisted by At Large Member Seeley. Assignor fees collected by Jim Kisselburgh.

Meeting called to order by President Thompson at 9:15AM at the Van Patten Country Club, Clifton Park.

Vice President Doin conducted roll call.

President's Report

President Thompson discussed what it takes to be a "good official". Skills include how we interact with our partners, coaches and players, as well as our knowledge of the rules, mechanics and hustle on the pitch. We look at who our partner is for each specific game and evaluate the following:

- 1 – Respected – is my partner one who is well respected within EBASOA and by coaches;
- 2 – Experience – how long has my partner been officiating;
- 3 – Knowledge of Rules – how well might my partner be versed in the rules of high school soccer;
- 4 – Approachable/Ego – is my partner open to discussion pre & post game;
- 5 – Appearance – is my partner "polished", or might he/she need some direction both outwardly and with referee mechanics;
- 6 – Hustle – how well might my partner be able/willing to cover the speed & skill level of the game.

President Thompson recapped season. Very few complaints during season, and overall feedback has been quite positive. Single complaint of "potential favoritism" with official spending considerably more time with one coach/team during a match. We all get to know many of the coaches, sometimes personally, and we need to be certain we maintain impartiality independent of our respective histories with each coach/team. Remember, your words only go so far. It's your actions that shape others opinions.

Card Review (excludes post season)

2018: Yellow: 592 Red: 33
2019: Yellow: 502 Red: 40

Some leagues have done a nice job with Sportsmanship, specifically the Colonial, Patroon & Suburban.

Evaluation Committee - Trimbach

With the implementation of our evaluation process, along with on line opportunities for feedback, both for new and experienced officials, we now have more information than ever before. Next task is to determine how best to evaluate and use this data to implement changes, adjustments as needed.

Treasurer's Report – Salvador - see attached

Biggest reason for drop this year over last year is the cost of the evaluation process. While a major change for EBASOA, the membership is reminded that we are required by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association to have an active evaluation process in place which is to be used to provide valuable feedback to Membership. It is a part of the 5-point program.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Tom Green, 2nd by Rick Seeley. Motioned carried.

Assignor Report – Kisselburgh

Jim thanked everyone for their efforts and flexibility this season. With excessive rain, many, many changes were needed, and Membership responded admirably. Many positive comments from AD's and coaches.

Five games the entire season with no coverage.

Assignor Invoices – Jim confirmed that the invoices distributed for games up to October 25th, and cancellations are not included in fees due.

Proposed Section 2 Changes

Shorten season by one week, maintaining current match count. Could be difficult for scheduling official coverage.

Modified level change to 40 minute halves, with 10 minute overtime.

Sectional Concerns

Semi's and Final's require 3-Man teams. Need more certified members to become proficient in 3-Man mechanics.

Non Varsity members cannot referee Sectional matches.

State Tournament

Congratulations to Aaron Corman, Earl Chase IV and John Thompson, for being selected to work this year's State Tournament.

Jim closed by thanking the entire membership once again for their efforts & commitment.

Elections – Kent Sellner and Ron Salvatore ran unopposed and 1 vote was cast for each.

Membership Committee Promotions

President Thompson recognized the following for achieving Varsity Certified status this season: John Bishop, George Bishop, Dan Doak, Joe Davis, Brad Fitchthorn, Eric French, Brian Gordon, Alex Gryner, Bob Hartman, Zach Hartmen, Joel Rosenberg, Said Sadek, Mark Tidd

Anniversaries were announced by VP Doin

5 Years: Aversa, Brager, Canape II, Crocker, Malone

10 Years: Arnold, Barringer, Glannon, Levernois, Mili, Quintero, Sichak

20 Years: Kokernak

Frank Mills Award 2019 – President Thompson presented award to 2nd year referee, Dan Doak.

Caucus Breakout Sessions

North – mentioned concerns over kneeling during National Anthem; also, how are yellow & red cards monitored by Section – Assignor Kisselburgh stated that Section 2 has a process in place to handle card accumulation

South – commented Assignor Kisselburgh has done an excellent job this year; discussed that area chair Aaron Corman has 1 year remaining in his term, but is willing to run again

West – Don Maynard has agreed to stay on area chair, stating nobody else wants it. Asked if Non Varsity officials could be used on Sectional matches – Assignor Kisselburgh confirmed that only Certified, Varsity officials are eligible

East – Kalinkewicz was reelected with E. Chase agreeing to be his alternate. Discussed limited window for Boathouse orders, along with possibility of combining orders; also, can we investigate alternative suppliers; portable lights inherently provide tough lighting – might it be possible to insist that any school using this type of lighting also utilize 3-Man system.

2019 Sportsmanship Winners

AA – Guilderand; A – Scotia; B – Fonda; C – Chatham; D - Heatly

50/50 Drawing Winner – Bob Hartman - \$180.00

Also, several door prizes were awarded to various members.

New Business

Meeting adjourned at 11:20AM.