

9-22-2020 Executive Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Marina Stewart
Tyler Edelman
Ritchie Molaison
Mike Vincent
Rich Robertson
Nino DiRienzo
Steve Shorah
Charlie Granger

1. DSOA Tournament Meeting (7.12pm) - briefed by Charlie Granger

Everyone wears masks. Benefit: no soccer rule changes. By Oct. 1 DIAA will have the number of conference teams playing. October 19 - first game of the season. By Oct. 8 - Board Meeting. Sept. 28 pre-season starts. Until Oct. 19 scrimmages are banned. Saturday of Thanksgiving week is the last game of the season.

Tournament Changes (some of them):

- Logistics are complicated, a lot of things to figure out.
- Single headers instead of double headers, games played on grass.
- Final will be played on the neutral field.
- 2x20 minute quarters per half, because of wearing masks.
- 3 Officials will be working, instead of 4 officials.

Info about the Tournament will be sent out at the beginning of the season.

2. Dragonfly (7.22pm)

Rich Robertson shared that no dues to be paid when signing up for officials, the DSOA will pay (by credit card or check). After October 1, officials have to pay individually. Should the season be cancelled, DSOA doesn't get money back from NFHS.

Tyler makes a motion if the season gets cancelled then DESOA will refund \$35 (Rich R. seconded the motion). Charlie Granger asked why DSOA should be responsible for refunds (since DIAA/NFHS are not refunding these money). Rich R. replied that the Organization has a reputation of taking care of its members.

7.36pm Ritchie M. is having troubles with mic (we can't hear him). Resolved within a couple of minutes.

Charlie G. wondered if DSOA could take care of just half of the amount.

Mike Vincent specified that once you register, you'd be registered for a year. The suggestion to review the dues in spring.

Marina Stewart proposed for the general membership to have a vote about the refunds in case of a cancelled season at the next DSOA membership meeting. Rich R. supported.

7.39pm Ritchie M. pointed out that if you give the money before spring, you force to re-register and pay if spring season is on.

Tyler E. pointed out people don't want to shell out money if there is no season. More people will feel more likely to sign up if the money can be refunded.

Mike V. clarified the money DSOA is going to pay for the registration is actually officials' money, and they (money) are just being held by DSOA.

Tyler E suggested that DSOA could play a hardball with DIAA/NFHS, if they don't come up with a refundable policy, then DSOA doesn't sign up.

Rich R. warned that DIAA would not recognize us as an organization, and it would go back to the situation where officials had been reaching out individually. Or another organization would step in.

Rich R. withdrew his second (after Mike Vincent's comment).

Nino DiRienzo seconded Tyler Edelman's motion.

Marina S. suggested bringing this issue up to the general meeting.

Charlie G. suggested a pro-rated refund if the season doesn't happen

Tyler E. amended his previous motion to bring it up in our next general meeting. Charlie G. seconded.

Voted aye by Tyler E., Rich R., Nino D., Charlie G., Marina S., Steve S.. Mike Vincent abstained.

Charlie G.: how many members do we have for this season?

Rich R. about 40 people confirmed to referee this season

3. Two new members - Rich R. 7.54pm

Two people requested to be reinstated:
Doug Adamson

Randy Von Stuuben

Mike Vincent clarified that Randy was not in a good standing, and he would need to come to 2 meetings to be reestablished. Randy V.S. confirmed in writing that he was willing to commit.

4. Covid Waiver (7.56pm)

Rich Robertson is to look for the waiver, since we need to fix my errors/typos before distributing it to the membership.

Rich R. suggests to use Dragon Fly to track the waivers.

Mike V. voiced concerns about the Dragon Fly and whether Rich R. could trust the platform to take care of such things.

Rich R. suggested as an alternative to use the acceptance of assigned games as an acceptance of the waiver.

Mike V. asked Rich. R. to put it as an announcement.

Rich R. suggested an announcement in the Arbiter and site, and the waiver uploaded to both.

Rich R. to post the Waiver on Arbiter, Marina S. to send out the Waiver to the membership when the corrected version is available.

5. Election (8.02pm)

Paul Norat couldn't be present at the meeting (the invitation was shared by Mike Vincent, recommended by Marina Stewart).

Rich R. supports Tyler Edelman's decision in regards to the selection of Voting software.

Tyler Edelman completed the research and recommended ElectionBuddy.com. The cost is \$19 to host an election and it takes care of everything.

Marina Stewart motioned to vote on using ElectionBuddy.com for the upcoming election, Charlie G. seconded. Unanimous vote: yes/aye.

6. Rules Clinic (8.04pm)

Soccer Rules Clinic will be held on Oct. 7

Mike V. will send a link for the DIAA clinic for Marina S. to share with the membership.

All agreed to have the general membership meeting on Oct. 8. This way it is after the Clinic, and it is not the same night (to make it easier on the members).

7. Non-DIAA Groups (8.07pm)

Rich R. shared an update about the CYM fees - CYM JV no increase, negotiated up \$1 for CYM Varsity games.

The final decision for Non-DIAA Groups about the payments is that the payments are directly through the league, DSOA is not involved in payments.

8. Sharing Financial Information - Mike V. 8.16pm

Mike Vincent has opened a question whether a bulk financial information should be shared with any single member of DSOA per request.

Marina Stewart: They should be able to get it, with the bank account numbers redacted for security reasons, if shared online (i.e. via email)

Charlie Granger: I am good sharing this information as long as they pay for photocopies (expenses of producing them).

Rich R. makes a motion to make 7 years of statements be provided to the person who requested them, as long as they pay for any photo copying with redacted critical information.

Charlie G. seconded. Unanimous vote yes/aye.

8.24pm Steve Shorah left.

Rich R. shared that we may not have enough referees but if the games are scheduled later in the day and we do have to wear masks, we can do 3 men system to be more productive and do more games in 1 day.

Covid Regulations

Tyler Edelman raised a question whether the referees should be the Covid police?

Rich R. clarified that wearing/not wearing masks will go under improper equipment, and not as illegal equipment. This is still to be clarified though.

Mike Vincent added that the contract between DIAA and DSOA is currently in progress. DSOA is pushing for not being the mask police.

Mike Vincent adjourns the meeting at 8.32pm

