

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

10-04-2020

Attendees

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

Not attending

Steven Shorah

Official start of the meeting - 7:06pm.

Quorum is present.

7:06pm - Upcoming Secretary Election

DSOA is having an uncontested election after Chris Jackson dropped out from the Secretary race.

The Association hasn't spent money on the voting software (ElectionBuddy.com) and this expense can be removed, as it is no longer needed.

7:09pm - Covid Waiver

EC agreed and voted to post the Acknowledgement of Risk on the website, before the season starts. (Charlie Granger made the motion, Tyler Edelman seconded. Unanimous vote yes.)

Secretary is to make changes to the Waiver per EC emails with changes and then upload the document to the site prior to October 19 (start of the season).

7:12pm - Contract w/ DIAA

The Executive Committee had discussed the new DIAA contract proposal and the process of presenting it to the membership. It was clarified that the EC must approve it first and then to be presented to the membership.

The proposal was not the final version, it had typos and did not include the fees for officials.

After the amended motion was made, the EC approved tentatively for the President to review and sign the contract providing that it has what is expected in it (fees to be the same as last year or more). The amended motion was made by Tyler Edelman, Charlie Granger seconded. Unanimous vote yes.

(Ineffective - Original motion: Charlie G. made the motion to approve the contract by the Executive Committee. Rich R. seconded.)

Official Fees are expected to be \$77 for varsity, \$58 for sub-varsity.

7:26pm - Covid Mask Rule

The EC discussed and agreed to send out the Mask Proposal document to the membership before DIAA Clinic on Oct. 7.

During the meeting, the details of the new Mask Rule proposal were clarified:

- During the course of the game, officials are to make a natural 2-minute break every 20 minutes (officials to wait for the play to naturally stop).
- Mask requirement - intentional removal or improper wearing of the mask will result in an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty and removal until the next opportunity to legally return to the game. All mask penalties will be reported to DOC and DIAA
- Intentional removal of a mask to be punished as a defiant action

7:37pm Assigning Games

The EC discussed the assignor payments in case of a cancelled season and general membership's approval. The committee also discussed the possibility of diverting the 3% fee that schools pay from Treasurer and Secretary to Assignor.

The Executive Committee had decided to propose for the general membership to vote on paying 50% of the assigning fee by DSOA for the games that get assigned and the season gets cancelled. The Assignor is to assign no more than two weeks in advance.

(Motion was made by Tyler Edelman to propose to the membership the following option: in the case of games being assigned only two weeks prior and a season gets cancelled, if the assigned game is paid by DIAA then normal assignment fee will occur, if it doesn't happen (the game is not paid by DIAA) then 50% of the assigning fee will be paid by DSOA. Nino DiRienzo seconded. Unanimous vote yes.)

7:52pm Publishing Minutes

The Executive Committee discussed how to handle Minutes and whether they should be publicly available on the website.

The discussion followed that the minutes may contain sensitive information that may be not best to be shared with the membership (i.e reviewing a complaint against an individual, personal matters).

The EC had decided to review and approve the Minutes via email prior to publishing them on the site with any sensitive personal information redacted from the public view.

8:01pm Complaint Email from Member

The complaint email from a member was brought up and the need for the official response. The complaint included publishing the EC Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports, as well as communication with the membership (discussed below).

8:03pm - DSOA website

The question about the usage of the website (that previously was decided to abandon) was also brought up. In previous meetings, EC wanted to abandon the site and post all important information on the Arbiter. With migration to Dragon Fly that might be not sustainable.

The website also requires tech support that no one is currently doing (updating plugins/theme), and the website was never finished.

No discussion followed.

8:05pm - Financial Statements

The Treasurer Mr. Robertson clarified about the financial statements will be the 1099EZ Schedule O form.

The EC had agreed to share the financial information with members. The Secretary to send the Tax Form and Bank Statement to the whole membership when received. Mike V. will send bank information to the Secretary and Treasurer. Rich R. will post in documents in Arbiter.

8:12pm Communication with Membership

The EC discussed tightening up the communication with the membership, so it doesn't come from all different sources. The consensus was not achieved.

8:19pm Dues

The EC had decided to pay back \$35 to Officials that didn't sign up with DragonFly at this time and are not refereeing in the fall 2020 (only the Officials who actually gave this money to DSOA last year). *(Tyler Edelman made this motion, and Charlie Granger seconded. Unanimous aye.)*

The Executive Committee had also discussed what to do with the \$20 DSOA fees that were withheld from the Officials' payments last year. It was decided it was too early to decide and not to include that in the agenda at the next meeting (Oct. 8, 2020). The EC would wait to discuss it with the General Membership in spring 2021.

8:23pm Reimbursement of \$35 Issue

The Executive Committee would wait to talk about it when/if the season got cancelled.

The EC is to be careful how we treat the money in the DSOA fund, not like "free money".

8:27pm Absenteeism from DSOA General Meetings

Members who decide not to referee in the fall 2020 will not get penalized if not attending the two meetings we will have by October 8. But they have to attend the meetings in spring to remain in good standing.

8:37pm New/Returning Referees

Three referees are returning to DSOA: Doug Adamson, Randy Von Stuuben, Brittany Barnes.

8:40pm Games Schedule

Games are still not scheduled late enough in the day for many referees to make it on time to the games. Officials availability may be a concern.

8:44pm Meeting Adjourned