

**Meeting Minutes      NASOA 7 August 2018**

**Members present:**

**Dan Cutshall**

**Skye Svehlar**

**Celeste Roberts**

**Wes Brown**

**Bill Der**

**Ed Tate**

**Daphne Brown**

**Kim Ong**

**Darrell Schmidt**

**Allen Craven**

**Nelson Walner**

**Douglas Vechinski**

**Magdi Eltom**

**Tim Holt**

**Austin Holt**

**Chris Boyer**

**Diego Chulan**

**Kim Hensley**

**Tim Barron**

**Todd Owen**

**Cedric Thomas**

**Mike Moran**

**Darrell Harris**

**Dean Johnson**

**Gene Uhl**

**Madison Uhl**

**Allen Turner**

**Jackie Svehlak**

**EthanDavis**

**(Apologies for misspellings but some can't print clearly!)**

**President**

Cedric Thomas opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and welcomed three new referees who attended the entry clinic on 4 August. He reported the State Referee Committee will meet on Sunday 12 August to produce a mitigation plan to address the registration problem.

**Vice President/HASL**

Tim Barron asked if any referee had been assigned games yet on GameOfficials.com. To date there are 45 teams and 600 players registered for HASL. He expects a total of 900 to 1000 players. HASL play will start on 19 & 20 August. Tim will get guidance out on Arbiter and GameOfficials.com concerning any grace period for teams to have laminated player cards.

Tim led the discussion of the HASL rule concerning slide tackles:

The referee will stop play and award an IFK if a defender goes to ground (with knee hip, leg, hand) in an attempt to possess a ball played by an opponent. Contact with

the ball is irrelevant. Should the defender who went to ground also commit a foul, the referee will award a DFK and possibly a PK if the foul was committed in the PA. The referee may issue a caution or ejection depending on the intensity of the foul and other contributing elements. The referee may play the advantage if appropriate and allow play to continue and address any free kick restart later as appropriate. Referees are not to consider any player who “goes to ground” in an attempt to keep the ball in play, or stop a shot on goal or pass from an opponent. Goalkeepers are exempt from the “going to ground “ HASL rule within the PA.

### **Assigner**

Dean Johnson reported that he has been contacted by the Morgan County Soccer League (MCSL) to assign referees. Tim Barron and others advised any referee who accepts a game in MCSL to immediately register as a high school referee with AHSAA and pay the \$52.00 fee on Arbiter Central site in order to have liability coverage. Referees are not to wear any USSF patch or other insignia since the MCSL is not affiliated with USSF and these games are not sanctioned by USSF.

### **Vice President**

Tim Barron mentioned a Labor Day tournament in Decatur sponsored by Scott Spencer. NASOA does not support this tournament. Members are independent contractors and may accept games.

There is another Labor Day tournament in Birmingham that NASOA will support.

### **Trainer/New Referees**

Daphne Brown reported 25 new referees (3 are from Florence) were trained at the entry clinic on 4 August. She gave the list of new referees to Tim Barron who announced every new referee will be assigned a mentor to ensure success. The assigners will be made aware of the mentor link when assigning games. Daphne also announced a second entry level clinic will be conducted on 29 September.

The old "Battle at the Jack" Labor Day tournament sponsored by the Decatur Soccer Association was a good training opportunity for new referees. Since that is not happening, NASOA will focus on the Kicks D2 tournament in 27-28 October for our new referees.

Tim Barron said he has received notice of two candidates (one was from Nelson Walner) and he again cited the requirement for every member to recruit a new member.

### **Membership**

Meeting notifications will be announced on the website, in Arbiter and Game Officials.

The meeting ended at 6:45 PM.