

NASOA Minutes Membership Meeting 8 January 2018

President

Cedric Thomas opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with 59 members present. Minutes from the 6 November 2017 meeting will be considered for approval at the next meeting. Cedric emphasized that all assignors must know the capabilities of all members to assign referee teams to the wide spectrum of game difficulties in high school and USSF competitions.

Vice President

Tim Barron announced that high school referees must register and take the rules test on Arbiter. We are to contact Kim Hensley, Treasurer (whensley11@comcast.net) if anyone has a problem with Arbiter registration. Tim recommends members to read the 2018 high school rule book (given out by NW Alabama AHSAA Coordinator Richard Robinson) before taking the on line test. Tim encouraged all high school referees to attend the all day referee development training on Saturday, 3 February at Decatur's Jack Allen Complex. Tim also asked members to be consistent on applying the high school rules on uniforms from the first game. We saw uniform violations as late as the final four in May! Handle these problems early in the season.

High School Assigner

Andy Dye is the high school and middle school assigner. He will assign games for the non-USSF sanctioned Middle School Soccer League (MSSL) as well. Andy echoed the need for additional referees and asked each member to recruit at least one new referee for high school and USSF games.

State Referee Administrator

Pat Miller Announced that the final two USSF recertification clinics will be in Birmingham on 3 and 10 February. Our Daphne Brown will conduct the 10 February clinic.

Member-at Large

Mike Smid passed out a flyer announcing the USSF entry clinic to be held on Saturday, 27 January from 8:00AM to 6:00 PM at the First Christian Church. He asked all members to send a copy to all possible referee candidates this week. He said the on line training must be completed prior to the class.

Mike Visoulis stated all members must have correct addresses in Arbiter for proper issuing of IRS Form 1099's and other matters. He asked where high school uniforms could be purchased. We can buy these at the "Winning Edge", 7540 Memorial Parkway SW, Huntsville, 35802, 256-880-7550. Members can buy the standard fuchsia and the new black and white striped jerseys there.

President

Cedric Thomas cited a problem with our members who tried to register directly with the AHSAA for the now cancelled State Camp in Foley, AL. Cedric said that AHSAA was trying to limit our association to four slots. He asked that all future requests for state camps be funneled through the NASOA board of directors.

AHSAA District Coordinator

Richard Robinson distributed the 2018 high school rule books. He explained that the AHSAA referee classification system has been reset to ZERO for all registered referees. Richard said that the state has revamped referee travel pay due to the heavy burden on remote smaller schools. Some remote schools pay \$50 per game for referee travel while large schools in larger cities pay a minimum amount.

Instructor

Daphne Brown pointed out the time conflict between the USSF Entry Clinic and the AHSAA District Camp on 27 January. She asked that the USSF Entry Clinic be given priority.

Training/Recerts

USSF State Clinic 13 & 14 January for Grade 5, 6, 7 and invited Grade 8's at Park Crossing High School in Montgomery.

AHSAA High School Clinic in Foley has been canceled. The North Alabama District Camp will be held on Saturday, 27 January at Athens High School starting at 8:30 AM. Cost will be \$30 that will cover expenses and a light breakfast.

USSF Entry Level Clinic (Grade 8) will be conducted on Saturday, 27 January at First Christian Church from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The prior on-line course must be completed prior to the class.

NASOA High School Referee field training jamboree, 3 February at Jack Allen Soccer Complex, Decatur.

The final USSF Recert Clinics will be held in Birmingham on 3 and 10 February.

Next Meeting will be on Monday, 15 January at the First Christian Church, Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville at 6:00 PM.

Monday meetings will continue until start of the high school season.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM