



September 22, 2022

PSOA Membership Meeting (1700 Brewing, Newport News)

Welcome and Call to Order – Mark Rader: 6:40 pm

- Welcome to the PSOA membership meeting.
- The PSOA website is back up and running with the correct information.

Attendees (19)

Chris DeBoer	Nick Kubylko	Don Reese
Matt Demichiei	John Lightfoot	Dave Robertson
John Griggs	Joseph Martinez	Don Samuels
Roderick Hutchinson	Gabriel Mondragon	Ross Small
Sean Kent	Dan Moore	Shannon Smith
Steve Kinney	George Moss	
Wayne Kropp	Mark Rader	

Anyone attending for the first time (new member or interested in joining PSOA) – Mark Rader

- Roderick Hutchinson
- Joseph Martinez

Treasurer's Report – Steve Kinney

- Current Balance (9/22/22): \$25,951.92
- 2022 PSOA Dues Collected (YTD): \$2,565 (171 members)
- August 2022 Payroll: 50 checks for \$7,959 were mailed on September 10, 2022.
- Google Workspace: \$24 per month. Still trying to set up annual payments.
- K & K Liability Insurance Annual Premium: Paid \$1,509 on September 5, 2022.
- ArbiterSports Annual Renewal: Paid \$2,399 on September 5, 2022. Currently have 289 referees in Arbiter out of 300 licenses.
- Office Supplies (Amazon – 2 boxes of 500 envelopes): Paid \$95.18 on September 9, 2022.
- All high schools have been invoiced. Have received 7 of 13 payments to date.
- All four VPL/NPL have been invoiced.
- NN Rec and YC Rec will be invoiced October 1, 2022 for September 2022 games.
- Club WAKA, PAA and VIP United still to be invoiced.
- Upcoming Expenses:
 - o PSOA checks for approximately \$263.33. Last ordered October 2019.
 - o Annual State Corporation Fee of \$25 due November 2022.
 - o MS Office 2022 Annual Subscription of \$69.99 due December 2022.
 - o Stamps when required.

League Status for the Fall – Assigners

- Club Champions League (CCL) – Toni Goad
 - Assigning 103 CCL games in conjunction with TSRA (Karen Arnold and Sean Gomez).
 - Using Peninsula referees.
 - Assigning for 3 clubs and 3 venues.
 - Referee Development – we have a lot of new/newer referees.
- Club WAKA Adult League – Sean Kent
 - Season begins on Sunday, September 18, but no schedule received yet. Assignments pending.
- College Club (CNU/W&M) – Steve Kinney
 - CNU Club have started playing. 6 games scheduled.
 - W&M Club have started playing. 12 games scheduled.
- High School (Public/Private) – Steve Kinney
 - 167 games entered into Arbiter from 13 schools. Have 37 cancellations and 1 forfeit to date.
 - Will assign the last two weeks of October this weekend. Please accept or decline games as soon as possible.
- High School Commissioner – Don Samuels
 - No report.
- Isle of Wight Recreation League – Toni Goad
 - 70 games plus double elimination tournament at end of season.
 - Contract is in progress. A small increase in rates requested.
 - Initial invoice is in progress.
 - Rates to be updated in Arbiter by EOM.
 - Referee Development – Toni working with new/newer referees each Saturday.
- JCC Adult Recreation League – Sean Kent
 - Season begins on Sunday, September 25. Assignments are out.
- Newport News Recreation League – Steve Landers
 - 81 games completed out of 213 game season. There will be a top 4 tournament for Juniors and up. Awaiting the schedule for that.
 - Have one new referee (Warvan Ahmed) that certified on Sunday, September 18.
- Phillips Athletic Association (PAA) – Matt Starbuck
 - Going as well as it can be.
 - Had one incident involving a parent, but it's being addressed.
- Poquoson Recreation League – Matt Starbuck
 - Schedules received. Processing them as fast as Arbiter will allow.
- VIP United Adult League – Steve Kinney
 - Fall season begins this Saturday, September 24. Games are on Saturdays at 10:00 & 12:00 and Sundays at 1:00 & 3:00. There are 5 teams in the league for the Fall.
- Virginia Premier League South (VPL)/National Premier League (NPL) – Toni Goad
 - 192 NPL games.
 - Assigning for 4 clubs and 4 venues – VA Rush, VA Reign, VA Legacy, Tidewater Sharks.
 - 4 one-year contracts signed.
 - Initial invoices sent.
 - Rates updated in Arbiter (thank you Steve Kinney).
 - NPL has resisted moving games when requested.
 - Referee Development – Toni working with new/newer referees at multiple sites.
 - TASL (for informational purposes)
 - Assigning 111 games in conjunction with TSRA (Karen Arnold and Sean Gomez).
 - Using Peninsula referees.
 - Assigning for many clubs at 6 venues. TASL has resisted moving games when requested.
 - Referee Development – Sean Gomez is working with new/newer referees each weekend at Warhill, Woodville, etc. and Toni Goad is working with new/newer referees each weekend at Nike Park.

- York County Recreation League – Chris Moller
 - Regular season started this week. 303 games for the season.
 - All games have been uploaded to Arbiter and preliminarily assigned.
 - Officials should block dates they are unable to work in Arbiter as well as accept or decline new games as soon as possible.
 - Contact Chris Moller at chrissoccer3@verizon.net if you want to work games this Fall.
- Improvement Opportunities – Toni Goad
 - It has been a struggle to get schedules in a timely manner from the travel leagues.
 - We have been told that the leagues and clubs want to work with the referee and assignors, but actions have not been as responsive. CCL had a meeting this week that I attended. Each club has been instructed to work directly with the assignors to minimize the number of single games at a venue and to group matches. NPL has not been as responsive as CCL; TASL even less so.
 - Too many ejections for coaches. Are these being tracked and monitored by the leagues? No one has ever spoken to me about any of them. I am tracking them and ensuring match reports are completed.
- Attention Experienced Referees
 - We have many slots to fill in the travel leagues. If you accepted rec games and can help out with the travel leagues, contact the assigner of the games you are currently working to see if a game swap can be worked out.
 - We have a lot of new young referees that we would like to get some experience before throwing them out on the pitch with the higher-level games.
 - Also, it was brought up that a few referees are not getting games assigned. If that is true, please reach out to the assigners, plus copy someone on the board to ensure you get noticed.
- Important Reminders
 - Goals must be secured – DO NOT START GAME UNTIL THEY ARE SECURED!
 - Plastic earrings are considered jewelry – they must come out.
 - Hair control devices belong in the hair.
 - Red cards in rec leagues – please report them to the assigner even if you recorded it in the game report. Several issues involving fans can only be cleaned up if reported.

Tournament Announcements

- None being assigned by PSOA at this time.

Director of Referee Development – Sean Kent

- NFHS Rule Changes 2022-23
 - 4-2-2: The change clarifies that hair adornments, such as beads, may be worn in the hair if they are secured to the head and do not present a risk of injury to the player, teammates or opponents. Rationale: Clarifies that hair adornments can be worn in the hair if they do not endanger other players as well as being more inclusive of participants' cultural and religious beliefs.
 - 7-1-3: State association may adopt procedures to require the game be played in its entirety. Rationale: This allows states that may require the game to be played in its entirety (for post-season or regular season seeding play), to do so without a conflict with the current rule.
 - 10-1-2f, 10-1-1, 10-1-3h (NEW): Clarifies that a player cannot score by throwing the ball into the goal. Rationale: Defined the outcomes on a goalkeeper's throw when throwing the ball directly in own goal.
 - 12-2, 11-1-1. 18-1-1s (NEW): Clarifies the upper boundary of the arm is in line with the bottom of the armpit. Rationale: Defines the arm for the purposes of determining handling and offside.
 - 14-1 Penalty: Defines that an indirect free kick is awarded the defending team for an improper penalty kick. Rationale: Penalizes the kicking team for not kicking the ball forward on penalty kick.
 - 17-1-2: Defines proper distance for the opposing team from a corner kick restart. Rationale: Clarifies the proper distance for the opposing team on a corner kick.

- IFAB Law Changes 2022-23
 - Law 3. The Players
 - The temporary amendment giving 'top' competitions the option of allowing teams to use up to five substitutes (with limited substitution opportunities) becomes part of Law 3.
 - Competition rules may now allow a maximum of fifteen substitutes to be named.
 - Law 8. The Start and Restart of Play
 - Clarification that the referee tosses the coin to determine the 'ends' and kick-off.
 - Law 10. Determining the Outcome of a Match
 - Clarification that a team official may be cautioned or sent off during kicks from the penalty mark.
 - Law 12. Fouls and Misconduct
 - Clarification about handball offences by the goalkeeper in their own penalty area.
 - Clarification about the position of a free kick awarded when a player leaves the field of play without the referee's permission and then commits an offence against an outside agent.
 - Law 14. The Penalty Kick
 - Clarification about the position of the goalkeeper before and when a penalty kick is taken.

Director of Mentoring – Heldur Liivak

- PSOA has done one WIF since August. Asking the PSOA assignors to ID more young and new officials for looks. Have also encouraged OTF feedback to be reported back to me with the 5 Ws so we can add to and update our log, but have not gotten much feedback from the assignors to support this.
- Will research the USSF Mentor Course and see what the costs are. Maybe PSOA can fund a few takers or just have the members pay out of pocket. I will see what I find out. Seems like a good idea.

New Business / Questions from the floor

- Referee Academy – Sean Kent
 - Still time to sign up. Currently 10 applicants (4 from our area) and 3 mentors.
- Bob Kuhnle passed away recently.

Next Membership Meeting

- Next General Membership Meeting – Thursday, October 20, 2022 – 6:30 pm – Site TBD

Adjourned: 7:25 pm