



October 21, 2021

PSOA Membership Meeting (via Zoom)

Welcome and Call to Order – Mark Rader: 7:35 pm

- Welcome to our monthly membership meeting.
- The Executive Committee met October 12, 2021.

Attendees (24):

Doug Bernard	Heldur Liivak	David Robertson
Chris Darling	Zoran Martinovic	Gerald Romain
David Elliot	Scott Mitchell	Andi Romine
John Griggs	Dan Moore	Ross Small
Jeff Kelly	George Moss	Shannon Smith
Sean Kent	Kevin Nolan	Don Torrenti
Steve Kinney	Mark Rader	Jack Zamora
Nicholas Kubyako	Don Reese	Michael Zamora

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

- None

First Business Item

- Jeff Lord – There will be a memorial service on Sunday, November 14 from 2-5 pm at the Edgehill Clubhouse, 700 Cockletown Road, Yorktown, VA. There will be food and a toast to Jeff as well as a "woot box of crap" to open. Masks will be required inside.
- Jeff Lord – Heldur Liivak is taking the ball and running with this one. "Wolftrap Park: This 28-acre reclaimed fly ash site features 4 soccer fields and restrooms. The park is used to support the County's soccer program and is the host site for select soccer and adult league matches. Two ponds also exist on the site. Also on this site is the County's Memorial Tree Grove. This grove provides an opportunity for friends, relatives, and organizations to commemorate deceased citizens of York County." *Heldur brought this up at the last EC Meeting and we all voted "YES": Hjalmar Fond has a tree and plaque at this park (as do about 15 other folks). How about doing this for Jeff. I think it would be a great way to recognize him.*
- Jack Zamora asked about Bob Cummings being added to a commemorative plaque as well.

Minutes of Last Membership Meeting (Posted on PSOA Website) – Don Samuels

- Motion to approve – John Griggs; Second – Michael Zamora
- Minutes approved unanimously by the membership.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Kinney

- Outstanding Bills (for leagues invoiced): 8 High Schools, NN Rec, Club WAKA Adult
- Leagues Currently Not Invoiced: VIP United Adult, JCC Adult, Poquoson Rec, IOW Rec, College Club
- September 2021 Referee Payments: 109 checks for \$30,502.01
 - Leagues Paid: High School, College Club, VIP United Adult, PAA, NN Rec, VSLI, CCL, Club WAKA Adult, NPL Sharks, YC Rec, IOW Rec, Poquoson Rec, JCC Adult
- July/August/September 2021 Mentoring Fees: None
- 2021 PSOA Dues Collected (YTD): \$2,430 (174 referees)
- Expenses left to pay: Annual State Corporation Payment (November), Microsoft Office yearly subscription (December), Treasurer Fee (December), Tournament Fees.

Arbiter

- We currently have 207 referees listed in Arbiter. Was 286 as of last purge in late September and 420 before that.

League Status for the Fall

The EC has decided that the league reports will be summarized quickly asking only if there are any questions about a particular league. The league statuses will be detailed in the meeting minutes that get posted to the PSOA website after review and editing within 5 days.

- CCL – Antonio Araiza
 - In progress.
- Club WAKA Adult League – Sean Kent
 - In progress.
- College Club – Steve Kinney
 - CNU Club: 7 games on the schedule at this time (6 already played).
 - W&M Club: 7 games on the schedule at this time (7 already played).
- High School Matches (Public/Private) – Mark Rader – (757) 775-7765; mrrader1@cox.net
 - Private School Boys: In progress. August 23 – October 31. Varsity & MS. Approximately 100 games.
- Isle of Wight Recreation League – Toni Goad
 - In progress.
- JCC Adult Recreation League – Sean Kent
 - No report.
- Newport News Recreation League – Steve Kinney – (804) 815-4655; spkinney61@gmail.com
 - In progress. Have covered games with 2 referees and the mites with 1 referee at times when needed. Will finish end of October.
- Phillips Athletic Association (PAA) – Sean Kent
 - In progress.
- Poquoson Recreation League – Andi Romine – (757) 344-8451; atorrenti@hotmail.com
 - In progress. Struggling for referees.
- VIP United Adult League (Oozlefinch) – Steve Kinney – (804) 815-4655; spkinney61@gmail.com
 - Fall season started September 11 and will go through November 20.
 - Have covered games with three referees so far this season. Schedule has changed many times since teams have dropped out.
 - Negotiating new rates to start Winter 2021-2022.
- Virginia Soccer League Incorporated (VSLI) – Antonio Araiza
 - In progress.
- York County Recreation League – Steve Kinney – (804) 815-4655; spkinney61@gmail.com
 - In progress. Have covered games with 2 referees and only had one U10 game with one referee due to a mix up. Will finish end of October.

Director of Referee Development – Sean Kent

- We have only had 3 new referees certify this year – as opposed to 40-60 every year before COVID hit. This is a problem.
- Potential referees/candidates needing training
 - Steve Kinney has two.
 - Andi Romine has a few.
- David Elliot – can you possibly do on-field training prior to classroom to see if candidates are interested? Sean will investigate.

Tournament Announcements

- Antonio Araiza – December in VA Beach

Director of Mentoring – Heldur Liivak

- Fall season wrapping up – had no PSOA formal assessments since May.
- Main focus is on “on-the-fly” mentoring with young and new officials.
- Contact assigner or Heldur Liivak if interested.
- Assigners – please provide candidates.

Old Business

- Bylaws – Mark Rader
 - The updated package was sent out for review to all members. No edits, updates or suggestions have been received. We will now vote to approve.
 - Motion to approve – John Griggs
 - Second – Don Torrenti
 - Discussion
 - Vote – updated bylaws approved unanimously by the membership.
- PSOA Lifetime Membership – Heldur Liivak
 - Four candidates vetted and approved by the EC (note: 3 other candidates declined this designation at this time).
 - Heldur Liivak
 - Don Reese
 - Ross Small
 - Antonio Araiza
 - Motion to approve – Sean Kent
 - Second – Don Torrenti
 - Vote – approved unanimously by the membership.
 - Jeff Lord posthumously added to the PSOA Lifetime Award by unanimous consent.

New Business & Member Sharing Information, Questions, Discussions

- Referee Academy was held Oct 8-10 – 6 referees from TSRA and 3 referees from PSOA (Kayla Romine, Matthew Demichie, Robert Corrigan). Was successful and all went well.
- There are dry bags available for \$10 for your gear for those rainy days. Contact Steve Kinney.
- Bay Rivers District HS Contract – Mark Rader
 - Bay Rivers District went with TSRA and they were shocked to get it.
 - New people on the board of Bay Rivers District decided to try something different.
 - PSOA referees will still be called upon to referee these games with prior approval from PSOA.
 - We hope that we can fill our PSOA contracted games as a priority.
 - TSRA will be using Arbiter to assign.

- Training – Sean Kent
 - Law 12: Handball
 - “Not every touch of a player’s hand/arm with the ball is an offence.”
 - <https://www.theifab.com/law-changes/latest/>
 - “You can make the wrong call as long as you have the right reason.”
- New potential meeting location – John Griggs’ brewery.

Next Membership Meeting – Thursday, November 18, 2021 – 7:30 pm (via Zoom)

Adjourned: 8:36 pm