

West Michigan Soccer Referee Association Board Meeting 11/16/2021 Agenda

Call to order: 7:05pm Jeff Onkka/Bill Wilkinson/Jim DeBrabander/Kalani Burghard/Kaitlin Keck

Approving the minutes from the last meeting: clarification on previous Treasurer's report

Bill motion to approve

Kalani second

motion passes

Treasurer's report: in the money- loss of about \$300. gave discount and lack of referees. very few expenses

Old Business:

- MIGS: can't enforce it. Purchase our own zoom license to hold meetings and educational workshops-- helps mentors with their requirements as well as benefit the rest of the membership. Start holding sessions this winter.
- Update policy to be able to remove a board member: Requires 6 votes from the remaining board members. Make for lack of participation. *Update bylaws to add this in a work session. Then propose a vote on any changes.

New Business:

- We need help/ more officials: We. Need. Referees.
 - Talk to coaches to encourage players to pick up refereeing.
 - Flier to send to athletic directors?
 - Hands on experience? AYSO as a starting point- cross certifying only saves you \$25.
 - Discount for recruiting someone?-- Like the idea; logistics of tracking this. Have recruits reach out to Jim and then he can track. \$5 discount per referee. Jim write something up for a vote :)
- Local officials: Dressing.
- Mentoring: zoom/google calls and educational sessions. Get out to fields-- make them happy about officiating. We need to organize a WMYSA field session. Plan ahead to coordinate field sessions with local tournaments.
- Purchasing a zoom license: monthly payment of \$15/mo. MRC assistance? Google meet is an option too.
- Ref training opportunities: purchase zoom or use google-- NEED field session on this side of state
- Contracts with WMYSA: Wayne is now contracted with WMYSA. Just need to update this winter. Pay raise, yay! Centers are getting more \$\$ to encourage more folks to take center positions. Jim and Bill will take a look at contracts to update in winter.
- Our Financial State: see treasurer's report. Light on money but doing alright!
- Do we need to raise dues: dues have not been raised in a long time (at least 15 years). No Covid discount this year. Wait a year but warn folks at AGM that dues will likely be increasing?
- Open position: Glen is ready to retire as treasurer. Up for election this year- membership coordinator, secretary, treasurer. Accept Glen's resignation, appoint Jeff to treasurer- fill vacant recruitment position at AGM. Email- see who wants to do it.
 - Kalani moves to accept Glen's resignation w/ Jim's second. Motion passes.
 - Bill motions to appoint Jeff to Treasurer- Kalani second- Jeff accepts and abstains from vote
 - Motion passes 100%! Congrats Jeff!
- Social Media: Push for social media. Simplify info. Link payment forms to the website. No pics within 48hrs of match per US Soccer. No face pics of minors. Kaitlin, reach out whenever you have questions or need to chat with anyone! :)
- What do we need to cover for AGM: Dec. 12- meeting after recert class? Opportunity for normal AGM and we already have the facility. January-- hold a make-up zoom meeting (just no voting). Concern over mask requirement at WMU. Keep date/time and switch to zoom if

needed. How do we handle elections via zoom if needed? Kalani and magic software. 1 hour max meeting length. Need info from us one week prior to meeting.

- What issues did we have this year:
- Recruiting new officials: see “we need help/more officials”
- Other: instead of a dues discount- just give money for recruiting officials :) Less paperwork. How to collect dues this year- online w/ paypal? Reassure people: you are sending money to people you know; not a business. Golden whistle for Glen :) and an Applebees gift card.

Homework:

Bylaws- Jim/Bill

Fliers- Bill

Kaitlin- social media and website

Discount/incentive for recruiting- Jim

Contracts-Jim/Bill

Dates for next meetings: December 16th/January 27th/February 17th all at 7pm

Motion to adjourn- Jim

Second- Kalani

Motion passes

Meeting adjourned: 8:25pm