

West Michigan Soccer Referee Association Board Meeting 11/28/2023 Agenda

Call to order: 8:00pm

Wayne Wilkinson, Jim D, Steve B., Jeff, Jared, Bill, Kaitlin

Approving the minutes from the last meeting:

Jim motion vote to approve all said yes

Treasurer's report:

Balance 3950 in checking.

Old Business:

- **Bylaws- Jim/Bill** Just need some time.
- **Kaitlin- social media and website** – Working to clean it up and make sure links are updated.
- **Discount/incentive for recruiting-** Jim - \$5 off dues for each person referred and becomes certified. 3 or 4 took advantage.
- **Contracts-**Jim/Bill. All the same. Pay is only discussion.

New Business:

- **Treasurer/** What help do you need?
 - Shirts arrived!
- **Membership coordinator/** What help do you need?
 - All fine at the moment.
- **Who is staying on and who is stepping down:**
 - Kalani is going to be stepping down. Jeff will finish term.
- **Who is up for re-election: (Odd numbered year)**
 - Jim and VP(special)
- **Raising our fees to \$40 for full membership and \$20 for others. Currently \$35 and \$15.**
 - Way to determine fees for MHSAA only individuals?
 - If expenses have gone down, why raise dues?
 - Cost of SWAG, food, and venue rentals
 - Use this year to monitor and see how extra costs impact us. Then decide if a raise in dues is needed.
- **Raising fees for students to \$20**
 - See above
- **Defining student to only high school**
 - Keep students as both High School **and** college.
- **Updates from the state?**
 - Bye-bye Game Officials. Ref Insight is the new system. More on that later.
 - Push for monthly new referee field sessions. Trying to find venues.
- **Free Shirts order**
 - Ready to roll! Just over 100!
- **Major problems we had this year and improvements?**
 - Field conditions. League support was good.
 - Officials not completing match reports. Only using Arbiter, not Sports Forms. Can we turn that feature off in Arbiter?
 - Proper check in procedures is a must.
 - 3 matches were forfeited because they didn't have a game sheet. Every league is different which causes confusion.
 - Use unused match reports to demonstrate how to use Sports Forms.
 - Place on game sheet to verify payments (in comment section).
 - Keep match reports just in case! Especially in cases of misconduct

- To remain a MIGS– turn in your reports on time
- Drawing for prizes with 100% completion– Three drawings. Cover spring and Fall. Spin-to-Win. Must be present to win. Email an Official Sports gift certificate.
- Of matches covered– we are in 90% of reports completed and submitted.
- KASL?
 - Get them to be part of WMYSA? Fines for every card? Need to clean it up in order to keep referees. Referees don't want to do it.
 - They've been warned. If behavior continues, we will no longer provide officials for them.
 - Doubt we'll be able to provide enough officials.
- We need to teach Sports Forms at our AGM
 - Just don't know how to do Sports Forms.
 - Or don't want to do it– this is part of the job.
 - Add incentives
- Everyone will need to have a chance to talk at the AGM. Start thinking about what you want on your slide and Discussion notes.
 - SPORTS FORMS
- Establish a meeting spot and time for the AGM
 - Reach out to venues. Enough space for around 100.
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- Make up AGM date?
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- When and what do we want to cover for our meetings this winter and early spring? Should we send out a survey monkey to see what the membership wants? Kaitlin to create a google form with Board access. Create rank of 5(ish) items – have ready at AGM with QR code
 - Wayne get info to Jim
 - Steve- Sports Forms/Check in procedure
 - Bill- Discipline issues
- AGM Slide items
 - See items above
 - Dissent/MHSAA concerns/Athletic Directors want us to crack down on it.
- Membership is willing to help with things we just need to ask.
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- Other:
 - Meeting with coaches from club and MHSAA
 - Want more discipline. Issues lie primarily with spectators.
 - Why do we put up with so much crap when the other sports don't.
 - Get referee classes down south (Three Rivers/Sturgis). They need to recruit in that area as well. We can't do it all.

Dates for next meeting:

Shoot for a weekend in January (14th?). Sunday afternoons work well. Find a venue. Get this locked in within a week or two.

Motion to close: Kaitlin

Second: Jim

Adjourned: 9:14pm