

West Michigan Soccer Referee Association Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, July 6th 2022

Call to order: 7:34pm

Members in attendance: Bill Wilkinson, Jim DeBrabander, Kalani Burghard, Jeff Onkka, Kaitlin Keck, Kyle Cupp

Approve minutes from [January meeting](#)

Jim motions to accept– Bill 2nds

Motion passes

Treasurer's Report:

Old Business:

- Bylaws– up to date.
- Social Media/Website– look at Southwest's website for inspiration :)
- Discount/Incentive for recruiting–continue to push this out as we gear up for the Fall.
- Contracts– everything stays the same.
- Treasurer- met with Glen yet? Got it all :D
- Recruitment coordinator- any updates? What help do you need? Partner with local ADs to target 18 year olds heading to college (way to make \$\$). Also posting around gyms, we can teach you the laws and mechanics, here's a way to exercise!

New Business:

- Assigning– Ended up being a non issue :) Heard Wayne was retiring. Jim will take over once Wayne does retire.
- GL Coach Interview–principal said not acceptable but didn't say if they would be taking any action. We did all we could do.
- WMYSA Referee scholarship program– expectation that you referee a couple years, but they get \$200 to help pay for uniforms and equipment. Great recruitment tool! Get that info and talk with Kyle to help push it out.
- Joe Wallace assistance with recruiting/training– New referees are required to complete a 3 hour field session (local) as part of their certification. Can we use P. Central field (gym as a backup for inclement weather). Out of office reply for July. Reach out via phone.
- Glenn's retirement gift. Gathering?? Contact wife to see if we can surprise him– even just showing up at his place. Get some dates and decide if we keep it small or invite more refs who've known and worked with Glenn :)

- HS fees and referee responses– very nice email pushed out to ADs. Not much response. Followed up with more regarding JV and they acknowledged the issue and agreed to our fee plan. Start this conversation early so we aren't addressing these things last minute in the future.
- New Game reports–Remind referees that they need to FILL OUT GAME REPORT. 85-75% response rate. Better than we've done before, but still needs to improve.
 - # issues are team responsibility
- Disciplinary situation: A referee was double paid for a match. After multiple attempts to reach out and communicate with the referee and their parent, the fee still hasn't been paid back. WMSRA paid the coach (check received not cashed)– A notice was drafted and sent to the referee in question informing them that they are not in good standing and will be removed from assignments. The not in good standing status will remain in effect until the fee is paid, *plus* the time it took to be paid from the initial incident. Currently no response.

Jim move to close-Kyle second

Motion passes

Meeting adjourned 8:14pm