MTSOA Meeting minutes for 2-3-2020

90 referees attended the Banquet

Banquet was MC’d by Glen Garrett

The banquet was more about fellowship than meeting, door prizes were given out and catered by Holmes Cakes and Catering. If interested her contact info is Jane Holmes (615)415-3937.

Big thank you as always for Sarah Ann Jones, who was unable to attend but always does a great job with setting everything up. Thank you to John Kirkland for helping set up the gym and providing the location, Ron Pratt for serving dinner. Denise Ozment for manning the sign in table. Phil Newman for taking pictures. Also thank you for everybody who helped set up, break down and brought door prizes.

Recognized years of service from TSSAA:

5 years: Victor Growden  
 Phil Newman  
 Jody Latiguer  
 Chuck Kranitzky  
 Dave Donahue  
 Greg Cobb  
 Brandon Baylan  
 Kyle Saulin  
 Matt Smith

10 years: Anthony Davidson  
 Dan Scott

25 years: Charlie Jones  
 Rod Beukenkamp

New Ref of the Year went to Jessica Frank-Hansen—questions and bio below

**How many years have you been reffing?**

This was my first year officiating soccer, however, I am in my third year officiating basketball. I also did some soccer officiating when I was in high school being an AR for my dad.

**Goals now with reffing?**

My hope is to continue to improve in my officiating skills every game out. I would love to see where the next few years take me. On the basketball side I have already begun to move into the college ranks and hope to continue to reach for higher levels of officiating. I don't really know about soccer, but wouldn't mind explore its possibilities as well.

**Any credentials, tournaments and such?**

None to date. Besides this great honor! : )

**Mentors you would like to thank?**

I would really like to thank Tony Sheets who has been so kind and helpful. I got his number from my basketball assigner and emailed him out of the blue in late July and he was great at getting me set-up for the season and also giving me some great guidance and coaching as I adjusted into soccer officiating from basketball. He continues to be someone I can reach out to and I am grateful for this.

I would also like to thank the many people I got the opportunity to officiate alongside with past fall. I appreciate the camaraderie that is evident in this association. And thank you to Coz, who took a chance on assigning a newcomer some games!

Ref of the Year was awarded to Jess Erickson—questions and bio below

Jess Erickson is an Aries who likes riding horses, watching cute cat videos on Reddit, and refereeing soccer.

Jess began refereeing USSF games in 2008 after discovering it as a great way to stay connected to the game that he grew up playing.  He joined the MTSOA in 2011 and credits this community with increasing his competency and enjoyment in refereeing.

He would like to thank his fellow referees for their friendships, support and honest feedback over the years - especially Pat Bristol and Dave Dillon who took him under their wing when he was just starting to figure this things out.  He would also like to thank the Assessors and Instructors who are so generous with the time they devote to making us all better with their advice and guidance.

Jess looks forward to continuing refereeing soccer and learning on the field.  You can find him on Saturday mornings mentoring new referees at the TSC recreational program in Bellevue and looking for other ways to give back to the sport he loves.

*Next meetings are TBD*