

MTSOA Meeting Minutes - Monday, February 5, 2024

Attendance: 46

Board members in attendance:

Timothy Stewart - President
Glen Garret - Member at Large
Tony Sheets - Treasurer
Jess Erickson - Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 7:26 PM

Glen Garret

Welcomed everyone to the meeting and annual banquet and welcomed new referees to our association.

Tim Stewart

Reviewed information for the new season:

Boys season begins, please call the early and easy fouls. Coaches never send in complaints about referees calling too many fouls. Keep the games under control.

New Rules and emphasis for this year:

- Substitutions must enter and exit the field at the halflin between the technical areas.
- Referees can stop the clock to check on a player without requiring them to leave the field. The player must be replaced if the trainer is beckoned onto the field (or runs on to the field without being beckoned)

Assessors are here to help and will sometimes let you know before your game and sometimes not.

When reporting cautions or unusual occurrences/red cards, be clear and use verbiage from the rule book. Ask for assistance from another referee in writing reports if needed.

Arbiter is having issues with text notifications. Especially Verizon network customers—check your email.

Put your picture in Arbiter. List your email and text AND make it public to allow other officials to contact you in preparation from games (public means to other referees, not the world)

Center referee or first listed in a 2-man should initiate contact with the hosting coach ahead of the game in most instances. If you have a double-header and are the first listed in the first game, include the referee for the second game in your email (we have the JV, X will be joining us for the varsity match at...)

Deal with foul/abusive language. TSSAA has Zero tolerance and considers sports as an extension of the classroom.

Ejected spectators will cost the school \$250 in fines per incident / per school. Use the game administrator to handle this and write it up in an unusual situation report THAT NIGHT. A quick heads up to Coz or Tim is requested via text.

Tony Sheets

Pay your \$50 dues. Use bank bill pay or Zelle if you don't want to mail a check.

Treasurer's report:

Expenditures since last report -

\$250 for executive committee meeting

\$73 for annual Referee Awards

Current balance: \$5658.36

Glen Garrett presented awards:

New Referee of the Year Award - Alexander Cooper

Referee of the Year Award - David Dillon

Tim concluded the meeting and encouraged anyone that wanted to go to the State Tournament to reach out to members of the board, Wayne or Chuck for consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM

Attachments:

Helpful link to 23/24 rule changes

<https://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/soccer-rules-changes-2023-2024/>