

## MINUTES –NEW YORK STATE CERTIFIED OFFICIALS OF SOCCER –EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 8/3/13

**Present:** E. McLaughlin, M. Smith, J. LaBarge, S. Reynolds, R. Leaf, N. Edkins

**Absent:** T. Kadlubowski

**Guest:** J. Zimring, Attorney at Law

1. The meeting was called to order by NYSCOS President Ed McLaughlin at 7:05am at the Craftsman Inn, Fayetteville, NY
2. Jeff Zimring provided the E-Board with some background and the latest information on the Lacey litigation. The entire complaint has been dismissed pending appeal. Jeff then reviewed the process for incorporation including the need for a new Constitution and ByLaws. A rough draft copy was provided for each Board member. After some questions from Board members, it was agreed that Jeff would review the wording of the section dealing with members of good standing in NYSCOS as it relates to having taken or not taken in a physical fitness test.
3. Fingerprinting – Section One has revoked the grandfather clause and requires ALL officials to be fingerprinted. According to Bob Stulmaker, this is not a NYSPHSAA issue as fingerprinting is a state law. Thus, the requirement is up to each Section.
4. Rosters – The Board agreed to extend the deadline for submitting rosters to August 15 for this year only. Boards are to submit rosters to the Secretary/Treasurer, then later add new members.
5. State Tournament requirements. To be considered to work regionals and the State Tournament, an official MUST:
  - a. Be a member of NYSCOS in good standing
  - b. Have participated in an approved NYSCOS, NISOA, or USSF physical fitness test.(must be noted on roster Y or N)
  - c. Be proficient in the diagonal system of control, both middle and line
  - d. Be listed on the roster submitted to NYSPHSAA as a “Varsity” official
6. Ed McLaughlin reported that the State Tournament fee proposal has been rejected by the State Championship Committee.
7. Assessors at State Tournament. Jamie LaBarge and Michael Smith agreed to contact Mike Andrew and Chuck Goerhing to determine what is NYSCOS’ responsibility in the running of the State Tournaments. We do not spend the same for the girls tournament.
8. Gifts. Ed McLaughlin proposed a \$300 limit on gifts for officials working the State Tournaments. The Board unanimously agreed to raise this amount to \$500.
9. Dues. Dues will remain at \$4 per member. A Board’s state dues will be \$4 x number of members on its roster.
10. Observation of post game handshake. This is not a state policy. Soccer seems to be the only sport where officials remain to observe the post game handshake. Ed McLaughlin will discuss with Mike Andrew after today’s meeting. All Board members agree that further discussion is necessary.
11. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:10am

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Leaf