

**Minutes**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**March 23, 2011**  
**State Office, Monroeville, PA**

**Present:** Natalie Schwoeble (by conference call), Peggy Neason, Norm Hasbrouck, Tom Beecher, Thilo Boensch, Bill Kamienik, and Keith Renner.

**Absent:** Larry Solomon and Joe Paradise

**Guests:** Tim McCoy and Paul Halford.

1. **Call to Order** – President Thilo Boensch called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM. Mr. Boesch declared a quorum present.
2. **President**
  - Ms. Schwoeble requested a confirmation vote of the email vote approving Justin Freer as SYRA. Approved unanimously.
3. **VP Youth**
  - Mr. Boensch discussed the District Teams program.
  - Mr. Boensch shared issues regarding the team declaration component of the new online registration system.
4. **VP Adult**
  - Mr. Renner noted scheduling issues.
  - He discussed adult division registration.
  - Mr. Renner noted he would like to hold another Adult Referee class.
  - He shared that he would be appointing some new commissioners to the WGPSL Over-23 league. Rich Stover will take over as the WGPSL commissioner. Info will be submitted to Tim for posting on the web site.
  - He requests the Referee Committee to consider requiring state grade referees to do 15 adult games, an increase from 10.
5. **Director of Coaching**
  - Written report submitted
6. **Executive Director**
  - Written Report submitted
  - Mr. McCoy provided additional insight into the implementation of the new online registration system and the issues some districts are having with declarations and scheduling.
  - Mr. McCoy presented the Criminal History Clearance Policy he was asked to prepare with the association solicitor. Several changes were suggested...inclusion of referees, providing a certificate of clearance for those eligible to coach/ref/volunteer, and language giving those convicted of a felony to appeal the five year window.
7. **Treasurer**
  - Written Report submitted.
  - Budget meeting will be in mid-May.
  - Budget info must be submitted by May 1.
  - Audit is finalized; tax return being reviewed before submission.

## **8. Committee Reports**

- Hearing and Appeals – no report
- Office – no report
- Budget – provided during Treasurer’s report
- Field – nothing to report
- George Allen Scholarships – application arriving, deadline April 29
- AGM – July 10 at Cal
- Nominations – Nominations are open for EB positions.
- Online Registration – nothing to add to previous information
- Hall of Fame – nominations being accepted
- Referees –there is continued use of uncertified referees this year; ref numbers down from 2835 to between 23-2400. The new in-house ref program went well but there is great disparity between rules in our various programs; this leads to problems at travel when they become standardized.

## **9. Unfinished Business**

- None

## **10. New Business**

- Ms. Schwoeble asked the Board to consider allowing meetings to be held by conference call. The suggestion was agreed upon.
- Ms. Schwoeble asked the Board to consider amending the Mileage Reimbursement policy to allow reimbursement from mile 1 for meetings at the state office and the AGM effective immediately. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Beecher and second by Ms. Neason, the Board unanimously approved the change.

## **11. For The Good Of The Game**

- It was shared that Blind Soccer will be July 7 at Borland Field in W. Mifflin.
- It was noted that a National Cup match will be held in June 5 in Steel Valley.

## **12. Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.