

**Minutes**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**October 24, 2016**  
**State Office, Monroeville, PA**

**Present:** Randy Lowden, Thilo Boensch, Keith Renner, Tom Beecher, Cheryl Bejgrowicz, Mike Spagnoletti, Matt Bahr, Nate Snyder (by phone)

**Guests:** Tim McCoy, Terry Eguaoje

**Absent:** Peggy Neason

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Lowden called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Mr. Lowden declared a quorum present.
2. **Minutes**
  - The minutes of the August 2015 meeting were approved.
  - The minutes of the September 2016 conference call were approved
    - Upon duly made motion by Mr. Renner and second by Ms. Bejgrowicz the Board approved the following resolution with 4 in favor and 2 abstentions (Boensch, Beecher), RESOLVED that the Board ratify the conference call vote approving the submission of a five million dollar grant application to HTM Foundation.
3. **President**
  - Mr. Lowden announced the services of our online provider Affinity Sports will be free following the acquisition by Dick's Sporting Goods.
  - Mr. Lowden presented a job description for a proposed Assistant DOC. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Boensch and second by Mr. Renner the Board unanimously approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board advertise the position of Assistant Director of Coaching.
  - Mr. Lowden asked Mr. Boensch to present the proposed Futsal fees. Mr. Boensch presented the 2017 PA West Futsal State Cup fee of 425.00. Following discussion it was decided to vote on the issue via email once detailed expense info was made available.
  - Mr. Lowden provided an overview of the proposed changes from US Youth Soccer related to registration fees and funding of additional programs.
  - Mr. Lowden announced Ms. Neason had resigned as Secretary; as SRA and President of the Referee Association she is no longer eligible to serve on the Executive Board. He presented a resume for Rich
  - Executive Session from 7:30-8:10 to discuss legal and personnel matters.
4. **Executive Director**
  - Mr. McCoy presented information about participation in the 2016 Santa Spectacular on November 18 in Pittsburgh. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Boensch and second by Ms. Bejgrowicz the Board unanimously approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board approve the participation in the 2016 Santa Spectacular provided by CBS Radio on November, 18, 2016 in Point State Park.
5. **Adult VP**
  - Mr. Renner provided some information about a problem with cancellation of games related to Steelers games.
  - Mr. Renner also discussed plans for next spring's Keystone Game.
6. **Youth VP**
  - Mr. Boensch was able to provide detailed cost information pertinent to the 2017 PA West Futsal State Cup. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Spagnoletti and second by Mr. Renner the Board approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board approve the 2017 PA West Futsal State Cup fee of 425.00 per team.
  - Mr. Boensch shared the association will pay the champions entry fee into the Futsal Regional.

- Mr. Boensch described the sanctioning program for PA West Futsal.
- Mr. Boensch offered that the youth division age group change went well in the fall.

#### **7. Treasurer**

- Mr. Beecher said the monthly financials should be out later this week.
- Mr. Beecher offered the annual audit begins on November 7.

#### **8. Director of Coaching**

- Mr. Eguaoje discussed the various information gathered from the recent DOC Meeting with USSF in New Hampshire.
- Mr. Eguaoje shared the youngest age groups in ODP had just completed outdoor training.
- Mr. Eguaoje provided an update on current Coaching Ed offerings.
- Mr. Eguaoje announced the international trip to England has sufficient participants.
- Mr. Eguaoje requested permission to negotiate renewal of our contract with NSCAA. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Boensch and second by Mr. Spagnoletti the Board approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board authorize Mr. Eguaoje to negotiate a renewal of the NSCAA coaching education and membership contract.

#### **9. Committees**

- Referees: Mr. Lowden said Ms. Neason has requested our new youth rules in advance of re-cert season. Mr. Boensch said he had discussed the issue with Ms. Neason and there were no changes.
- Office: Nothing
- Budget: Nothing
- Field: Grant application submitted to HTM Foundation
- Scholarship: Nothing
- Referee Abuse: Nothing
- Hall of Fame: Nothing
- Constitution/Bylaws: No Report

#### **10. Unfinished Business**

- Mr. Lowden requested information related to payment of referee stipends for referees traveling to regionals. Upon duly made motion by Ms. Bejgrowicz and second by Mr. Spagnoletti the Board unanimously approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board invoice the referee association for reimbursement of the additional stipend amount paid by the Referee Committee.

#### **11. New Business**

- Mr. Spagnoletti raised the issue of having all voting items presented two weeks in advance of the meeting. General discussion agreed that the info should be presented in advance but felt a shorter period of time, perhaps a week, was reasonable and sufficient.
- Mr. Spagnoletti discussed upgrading the office space and conference room technology. Mr. Spagnoletti will consult with Mr. McCoy about specific needs.
- Mr. Renner shared information about a new approach for recruiting adult referees.

#### **12. Adjournment – 9:04 PM**