

Board 6 Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2017

President Savo called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. He opened the meeting by advising the board is in a transition period. He asked the membership to embrace this as a positive change.

President Savo then called on Charlene Shepard to present the Interpreter's Report. Charlene advised some reminders pertaining to the season winding down. She reminded us not to engage with fans and to use the site director when necessary. Also, don't let coaches determine our game and to be consistent with our calls. She discussed Senior Nights, unsportsmanlike conduct, the high dribble, screens and moving defense. She closed by reminding us to be good partners.

The meeting continued with Ed Lynch providing the Commissioner's report. Ed opened by recognizing Larry Nelson and calling on Bill Cashman to report on the Board 6 participation in the Unified Sports games. Bill thanked those who volunteered to participate. Ed continued by discussing storm postponements and rescheduling. He asked us to be prepared for last minute assignments and to be sure to remove blocks when opening up a date. Ed reminded us to confirm assignments, even if only with the school secretaries. He asked we be extra patient and sensitive due end of season and teams posturing for the State Tournament. Ed advised that he will again post the sites where Board 6 officials are assigned for the State Tournament. Ed reported on the upcoming league and CIAC tournaments and use of our CIAC pass. He closed by advising the invoices for our assessments will be prepared in Arbiter at the end of the season and to send payments to Tony Lopes, not him, and to continue to report unusual situations.

Tony Lopes next provided the Secretary-Treasurer's report beginning with the Secretary's report. Tony solicited a motion to accept the minutes of the January 15 Meeting. The motion was made by Ed Lynch, seconded by Bob Norris and passed. There was no correspondence received since our last meeting. Tony advised that with our Annual Meeting being on March 22, the due date to submit amendments to the Constitution is February 20 and that members should use the amendment form on the website. He advised proposed changes would be forwarded to the Ad Hoc Constitution Committee for vetting and review and how the proposal would be handled depending on if it related to a board policy or the Constitution. Tony next recapped the positions to be elected and the qualifications to be eligible to run. He advised that the last date to submit a request to be on the ballot for an elected position is also February 20. Tony reminded members that applications for a McDonnell Scholarship are due by the end of the Annual Meeting on March 22. Tony closed this report by advising that former member Dennis Claire had a successful liver transplant last week in Florida.

Tony began the Treasurer's report by advising our account balance is \$28,384. He advised that the Financial Policy is posted on the website and that all due dates will be observed. Tony recapped the last postmark dates for dues and assignment fees to avoid a \$50 late fee and encouraged members to watch the due dates to avoid fines. He reviewed the revised policy, passed by the Executive Committee, regarding the payment of fines and provided the rationale for the change. Tony reported that last year we donated \$4,774.00 to Official's vs. Cancer and as of today we are at \$1,427.00. He thanked the members that dropped off donations this morning and we are accepting donations until February 28. He reminded members to make checks payable to American Cancer Society for donations and all other payments payable to Central CT Board 6.

President Savo continued by soliciting standing committee reports. Ken Dunn reported for the Ratings Committee that the ratings were opened in Arbiter and would be one more time at seasons end. Ed noted he needs to be advised when there is one official in a game so the correct fee is loaded. The problem with the glitch on a game Referee submitted rating has not been resolved so continue to use the work around. He advised ratings for scrimmages will be removed. Bill Cashman reported on the COT observations and advised that members can contact him if they are interested in feedback, but to wait until the season is over and all the reports are in. Tony Cekovsky reported for the Fund Raising Committee. For the Finance Committee, Bob Baniszewski presented the 2017-18 budget for approval. He reported Dues would remain at \$125.00. The motion to accept was made by John Zadnik and seconded by Dennis DeAngelis and was passed by acclamation. Ryan Nowobilski reported on the banquet.

President Savo recognized Larry Nelson who provided status reports on Tony Budzik and Dennis O'Brien. There was no old business. Under new business John Zadnik reported the Plainville Softball Umpire Board was seeking new members. President Savo closed by asking members to embrace change and satisfying member responsibilities. He then solicited a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Bob Baniszewski and seconded by Tom Juknis and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:54am.

Minutes submitted by Tony Lopes