

# New York State Certified Officials of Soccer (NYSCOS)

Annual Meeting – Saturday, August 2, 2014 – Minutes

NYSCOS President, Ed McLaughlin, called the Annual Meeting to order at 09:38 at the Craftsman Inn and Conference Center, Fayetteville, NY.

- 1) Roll Call ... all ExComm members present, all Local Board's represented with the exception of Sullivan County.
- 2) A "moment of silence" was requested and observed for the tragic passing of Michael Smith, ExComm 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and member of the Mid-State Board of Soccer Officials. A donation from the NYSCOS membership and the ExComm was given to Mid-State representative, Chris Scalza. Chris will present this to Michael's widow, Gail Renninger-Smith and daughter Lauren for an established Trust Account.
- 3) Treasurer's Report ... a handout of financial details for the past year's status was reviewed by all present. A brief discussion followed questioning transactions and balances in several months. All questions presented were answered appropriately. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the report. The treasurer's report was approved.
- 4) 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes were reviewed. A motion was made, and then seconded to accept those minutes as documented. 2013 Annual Meeting minutes are approved.
- 5) Secretary's Comments ...
  - It was brought to everyone's attention that NYSCOS information, sent by the ExComm secretary/treasurer to all Local Board's, is not being relayed. The single point of contact for this information is that Local Board's secretary. To date, the ExComm secretary's list of Local Board's Secretary's is updated. If Local Board's Officers are not receiving this information from the ExComm, that Local Board's secretary should be questioned.
  - NYSCOS, as of August 2013, is now incorporated and has applied for tax-exempt status. This applies only to the administrative branch of NYSCOS, the Executive Committee. It is not applicable to any Local Board of NYSCOS. When NYSCOS was originally granted Federal tax-exempt status (January 10, 1997), a number Local Board's are listed as subordinates under that tax-exempt number. As subordinates, that Local Board may not have been required to submitted a tax report. Depending upon your Local Board's status, Incorporated, LLC or otherwise, you may now be required to file a Federal Tax report. Those Local Board's originally listed as NYSCOS subordinates are:
    - A) Westchester
    - B) Orange County
    - C) Mid-Hudson
    - D) Western Niagara Frontier
    - E) Allegheny-Livingston
    - F) Central Western NY
    - G) Cattaraugus-Chautauqua
    - H) Utica
    - I) Steuben
    - J) Allegheny-Steuben
    - K) Central NY

- L) Capital District
- M) Chemung Valley
- N) Western NY
- O) Eastern
- P) Mid-State
- Q) Clinton County

The IRS tax notice using the past tax-exempt number is directed to me, the current NYSCOS Treasurer. Upon receiving my next notice, ALL of the Local Board's listed will be removed. This means ... if you are using this tax-exempt number, you no longer can use it. You MUST obtain another Employee Identification Number (EIN) from the IRS. A letter to each Local Board will be sent as to reinforce this discussion.

Jeff Zimring, NYSCOS Counsel, explained the EIN, tax-exempt and "not for profit" status NYSCOS has applied for.

- 6) Soccer Rules Interpretation ... Scott Reynolds, NYSCOS Soccer Rules Interpreter reviewed the 2014 NFHS Soccer Rules updates and Point of Emphasis. Discussion followed. President McLaughlin presented past historical situations regarding the post-game handshake. Mike Andrew, NYSPHSAA BOYS Soccer Coordinator, was questioned regarding this procedure. Mr. Andrew expressed the position of NYSPHSAA. As this position of NYSPHSAA is not a directive, President McLaughlin interjected a directive regarding "post game (referee) responsibilities". All NYSCOS Local Board's membership will abide by current NFHS Soccer Rules – Dual Officiating System, page 93, POSTGAME DUTIES.
- 7) Presentation to John Hogan
- 8) NYSPHSAA Soccer Championships Report
  - Neil Edkins – All ran well with no concerns to be addressed.
  - Alexis Murphy - All ran well with no concerns to be addressed.
- 9) Executive Committee (ExComm) Elections (EVEN year) ... Secretary/Treasurer and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Nominating Chairperson (Past President), Rich Leaf presented the nominees: Thomas Kadlubowski for Secretary/Treasurer, Jeff James for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Additional nominations were asked for from the floor and no candidates were presented in addition to the nominee. A motion to close nominations for the office of Secretary/Treasurer was asked for. A motion was made, seconded and approved to close nominations for this office. The secretary was asked to cast a vote for Thomas Kadlubowski; completed and elected. Additional nominations were asked for from the floor and no candidates were presented in addition to the nominee. A motion to close nominations for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President was asked. A motion was made, seconded and approved to close nominations for this office. The secretary was asked to cast a vote for Jeff James; completed and elected. Both elected officers will serve a two (2) year term.
- 10) New Business ... The NYSCOS Executive Committee is recommending two (2) amendments to the By-Laws. The purpose of the amendments is to clarify the manner in which vacancies in the officers positions will be filled.
  - Amendment to existing NYSCOS By-Laws ... the first amendment was read in its entirety as distributed to all Local Board representatives present. A motion was made and seconded to

accept as read. Brief discussion followed as to why the ExComm sought this amendment's approval referencing the recent passing of the NYSCOS 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. A vote was taken for the first addition to the By-Laws and was unanimously approved. The second amendment adds a requirement to the office of President. Specifically, the amendment, in language added to Paragraph IV, (B)(1). The second amendment was read in its entirety as distributed to all Local Board representatives present. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept as read.

- Operating Guideline – NFHS Soccer Rules, Written Testing taken each year by all NYSCOS members. The new guideline as resolved by The NYSCOS ExComm is:
  - 1) A minimum passing grade of 85% is required for all VARSITY status referees of NYSCOS,
  - 2) Each Local Board of NYSCOS will determine the passing grade for it's NON-VARSITY status referees,
  - 3) This test shall be granted "open-book" status.
- Mike Andrew expressed his thanks to the NYSCOS membership for their dedication to the task at hand. He also thanked the ExComm for focusing upon and maintaining the high standard of guidance to all of its Local Boards.

11) General Remarks, President McLaughlin ... Ed urged effective communications of ExComm messages from the Secretary/Treasurer and Annual Meeting information presented to attendees/representatives to Local Board Officers.

12) 2015 NYSCOS Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, August 1, 2015 in the Syracuse area. Location TBA.

13) A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved. Lunch was served at the Craftsman Café.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Kadlubowski, Secretary/Treasurer

NYSCOS ExComm