

# New York State Certified Officials of Soccer (NYSCOS)

Annual Meeting – Saturday, July 27, 2019 – Minutes

**President** ... *welcome extended to all. A moment of silence was observed for the recent passing of Jeff James (current President – NYSCOS) and John Hogan (past Secretary/Treasurer - NYSCOS). It was suggested to the representatives that a motion be in order for a donation to a designated organization(s) in memorial to John Hogan. The motion was presented and seconded stating “the NYSCOS ExComm select the organization(s) and appropriate amount of the donation”. A brief discussion followed as the Secretary/Treasurer will identify the organization(s), per obituary. A vote was taken and unanimously passed.*

- **Call to Order and Roll Call of Local Boards** ... *representatives of all NYSCOS Local Boards are present. No additional NYSCOS members were present.*
- **Reading of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes** ... *minutes as read, and approved*
- **Reports:**

## Treasury

1. **Expenditures/Balances...** *read with no questions regarding expenditures; approved*
2. **2019-2020 Budget and 2018 Dues...** *reviewed with no questions following explanation. 2019 NYSCOS individual membership dues will be \$5.00*

## Secretary

1. **NYSCOS Local Board Registration Report** ... *Local Board's registration/membership were sent to all Local Board's Secretary's (13Jul2019). Deadline for submission is September 8, 2019. Of Particular notes, NFHS 2019 Soccer Rules (“on line”) test score and membership compliance with the NYSPHSAA(OCF) FIVE POINT PROGRAM are to be documented in this report. There are no exceptions of any NYSOCS individual member not participating, and passing, the National Federation “on line” soccer rules testing procedure; and, not being in compliance with the FIVE POINT PROGRAM. No passing test score and No compliance to the FIVE POINT PROGRAM means the member is not listed with NYSPHSAA and cannot participate in any NYSPHSAA soccer program matches. **Deadline is September 8, 2019.***

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2. 2018 Seasons Concerns (received/addressed) ... *Representatives were made aware of various opinions/concerns received by this NYSCOS Secretary/Treasurer, NYSPHSAA Soccer Coordinator (Mike Andrew) and NYSCOS Soccer Rules Interpreter (Scott Reynolds). All Boards present were, again, made aware:*

*... to the difference(s) in **Modified NYSPHAA Rules (handbook)**. Attention and Adherence to these specific Rules should be reviewed regularly by NYSCOS Local Boards servicing this group of athletes.*

*... **Match Referees – Appearance/Image/Impression/Professionalism**. Discussion focused upon “2019-20 NFHS Soccer Rules book, page 79: Coaches and Officials are expected to model good sportsmanship and to uphold the honor and dignity of their profession. THIS INCLUDES ALL INTERACTIONS WITH STUDENT-ATHLETES, OTHER COACHES AND OFFICIALS, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND SPECTATORS”. The “invisible referee” was discussed pertaining as by not drawing attention to oneself through the course of duties of any one of the above mentioned topics. Jewelry was discussed and Scott Reynolds addressed this specific concern. As various jewelry concerns were expressed, a motion from the floor was then made to end discussion with a 2<sup>nd</sup>. A vote was taken to end this discussion and approved.*

## NYSCOS Liaison to NYSPHSAA

**“On line” Soccer Rules testing...** *Retrieving specific individuals is hampered by Local Board individuals: 1) NOT USING their Local Board’s (abbreviated) designation 2) and, not placing the sport(soccer) in their PROFILE boxes. Instructions for doing so have been distributed to ALL Local Board Secretary’s. Local Board Secretary’s and alternate contacts have been notified with the 2019 Registration Information to ensure instructions are understood.*

**2019 NFHS Soccer Rules (Interpretations and Waivers)...** *Local Board Representatives were informed of new Rules, Changes and Points of Emphasis.*

**NYSPHSAA Soccer Coordinator (Mike Andrew and Joe Vasilie-Cozzo)**

*not present*

**STATE Championship Tournaments Reports ..** *BOYS (S. Reynolds), GIRLS (G. Lesmes)*

*Scott Reynolds informed the representatives that he is now the NYSPHSAA Liaison for the STATE (BOYS) Soccer Tournament.*

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## New Business

### Elections (odd year) ... Member-At-Large

**Nomination...** *presented by J. LaBarge for Member-At-Large (incumbent – Wm. Pasnak).*

*Motion made to close nominations, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved. Nominations were closed; President directs the Secretary to cast the vote for this nominee, as there are no other nominations.*

*Vote is cast... Wm. Pasnak is elected to another term in office.*

### Amending NYSCOS Bylaws (second reading)... *amendment was read ...*

**Existing structure and wording**, IX. Official Game Uniforms

- A. *It is the policy of NYSCOS that all individual officials shall be dressed alike for all matches conducted under the auspices of NYSPHSAA.*
- B. *The NYSCOS-approved uniform shall consist of the following:*
  - 1. *A badge specified and provided by NYSCOS.*
  - 2. *A NISOA-approved grid-style shirt. All officials working a game must wear the same color shirt.*
  - 3. *Black shorts of a design appropriate for soccer referees.*
  - 4. *Black socks with three white stripes. Alternatively, as long as all referees working a game are dressed alike, the color of the stripes may match the color of the shirt.*
  - 5. *Local boards may allow individual officials to wear black baseball-style hats with no logo.*
  - 6. *Local boards may set policies and/or other uniform requirements or allowances for specific weather conditions.*

**New Structure and Wording to read**, IX. Official Game Uniform

- A. *It is the policy of NYSCOS that all individual referees shall be dressed alike and shall wear the specified, and provided by, NYSCOS referee badge for all matches conducted under the auspices of NYSPHSAA.*
- B. *Referee apparel should be appropriate for the purpose of officiating soccer. This apparel must be of a commercially manufactured quality and to include: the jersey, the shorts, socks/stockings.*
- C. *NYSCOS Local Boards may set policies and/or other uniform requirements or allowances for specific weather conditions.*
- D. *NYSPHSAA Soccer Coordinators and their STATE Soccer Tournament Liaisons shall determine the appropriate apparel for use at their respective tournaments.*

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*Motion was asked for and made to adopt the newly structured and worded amendment. The motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> . Discussion followed ... several downstate Board representatives expressed their dissatisfaction at the addition. Ed McLaughlin explained the ExComm reasoning for this addition. A motion, from the floor, was then made to end the discussion, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved.*

*A vote yea (approval of the addition as read) or nay (against approval of the addition as read) was asked of each Local Board Representative by the NYSCOS Secretary/Treasurer. The vote is 26 yea and 5 nay. The addition, as read, will be incorporated to the NYSCOS Bylaws.*

**Presentation ...** *thanks were expressed to Alexis Murphy (Capital District) from the NYSCOS ExComm. Alexis was NYSPHSAA Liaison for the STATE (GIRLS) Soccer Tournament for many years. Michael Short (Capital District) accepted the presentation for Alexis (absent).*

**Anything for the “good of the cause” ...**

- 1. NYC Board and Nassau County (GIRLS) again voiced/stating their displeasure of the new Uniform Amendment.*
- 2. A motion was entertained to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and approved.*

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