

**South Shore Soccer League
General Meeting
October 16, 2017**



Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Ellis at 7:32pm

A) Roll Call

- All towns present except Weymouth, Brockton, and South Boston

B) Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Minutes of the September 2017 meeting were approved

C) Treasurer's Report

- Highlights were reviewed by President Ellis and they were approved by voice vote.
- President Ellis informed the delegates that based on the present balance of the scholarship account, the amount to be awarded had been increased from \$700 to \$750 at the previous SSSL Board Meeting..

D) Communications

- Mass Youth & Leagues Committee
 - Randy Ellis has been elected at the new chair for the MYSA Leagues Committee
 - Be sure to respond to the survey sent by the MYSA and be looking for the regional information meetings which will be scheduled.
 - Leagues are encouraging MSRC to bring back the Grade 9 referee training to increase the number of referees available in their various towns.
 - Delegates are encouraged to contact their state representatives to vote to approve legislation to provide legal option to pay referees under the age of 14.
- Fall Season
 - There is some concern that there are not scores for 7th/8th grade girls or boys.
 - Delegate from Randolph responded that the scores may have been eliminated when the schedules were adjusted.
 - Delegate from Sharon reported that her phone app from Sports Pilot did not have the button to allow her to input the score. President Ellis will contact Sports Pilot to review.

- Delegate from Randolph asked about an extra final game for two top teams in each division. This be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting.
- Registrar
 - Mandatory Registrars' meeting at 6:30pm before the November general meeting
- Referees
 - Ref Recruiting and Retention committee will be meeting tomorrow and will report at the November general meeting.
 - Referee fees for Spring 2017
 - Fee for 9th/10th grade assistant referee will be increased from \$40 to \$45 which will increase the registration fee for each team in that age group by \$20
 - President Ellis commented that the number of referees who reffed at least 15 games increased from 52 to 67 probably because of the incentive bonus.
 - President Ellis discussed the possibility of offering a bonus for reffing at least 20 games and Dennis Laversa added that maybe it should be in addition to the 15 game bonus.
 - Delegate from Acushnet asked if there could be an incentive created to bring referees to the Acushnet area since they only had one referee last year

E) Reports of Committees

- Sportsmanship – No report
- Scholarship – No Report
- Rules – all proposed changes were voted on and accepted (see the attached list)
- Delegate from Easton recommends a friendly amendment to the By Law 10.8 to include the proper number of players for an acceptable roster for a team that plays 9 v 9. The number should be 13.
- TOPS – No Report

F) Reports from the Delegates

- Delegate from Randolph wanted to know the proper method for reporting an issue in a game for which there was no card issued by a referee.
- President Ellis stated that a detailed account from the coach or president of the town should be sent to the appropriate SSSL Age Group Coordinator.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm