Meeting was called to order at 6:40 by Colleen Spiegelhoff.

Motion to approve minutes from the June business meeting was made by Jill McCabe and accepted by Joe Marhatta. Motion PASSED and minutes were approved.

Kathy Brown is thanked for her service as secretary, she has stepped down and Kevin Dromgoole will take her place until the end of the season when the position will be open again.

Rules exams (Youth and HS) should be e-mailed to Kevin Dromgoole at dromgo37@hotmail.com. You must complete both tests and pay your board dues to be eligible to referee this season.

Colleen and Jill introduce our new officials and thank all the board members who helped in the training. Special thanks went to Lisa Harrison who helped in the training of several high school age youth level officials.

Colleen explains proposed 2019 board policy changes, which were sent to the whole board in an e-mail.

Rich Stein, (wearing a purple sweat suit and coughing up bunnies) presents his idea of getting rid of required service credit, noting that it is extra work for busy officials, and that not many other boards do it like this.

Jill McCabe explains the basics of the service credit system and how it has recently changed.

Bill Colbey motions on Rich’s idea to remove the service credit requirement. The motion does NOT pass.
The 2019 policy changes are put to a motion by Kathy Brown and Joe M. The motion PASSES.

Colleen and Ellen Fanning talk about compiling info on late game start times. All officials should be keeping track of these and documenting them by accessing the google form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wNYLhNloYswAwdWOmaWlGG7WQg_AhHwC5H5p9zFzC0U/viewform?edit_requested=true.

Ellen talks about officials’ ratings. You should have an e-mail from her if you need to rate this season. E-mail her or her secretary with any ratings questions.

Colleen says games start March 15th. Colleen and the entire group talk about the new coaches starting at Varsity and JV level. Varsity for Canandaigua, Webster Thomas, Churchville-Chili, Fairport, and JV for Victor and both Websters were mentioned. It is agreed we should treat the new coaches as adults and with respect.

Jen Dreywood and Colleen talk about our Budget status. The biggest change is that the USL chapter will only be giving us $500 for training etc. compared to $2000 the last few years. We will have to see how this affects our budget the next year or two. Joe M motions to approve the budget, it PASSES.

Sectional Semi’s and Finals have been moved off of Memorial Day weekend. Regionals will be in Buffalo and finals in Cortland.

Jason Brightful will talk more about assigning in an e-mail or at the next meeting.

Majority votes on coaches being included again on the April 28th business meeting. (But maybe different coaches?) Colleen will reach out to section coordinators again.

Tom Costanza stated that he and more officials want to be included in off season training/events plans and e-mails. Colleen confirmed that the information regarding training will go out to all officials.

Jason Mohr asks what our status is with USL’s Safe Sport initiative. Colleen said, at this point, USL is only requiring USL Clinicians to take the course. We will revisit this if and when USL determines we all need to complete the course.

Kathy Brown and Joe M (again) motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31