RBWLO Board Meeting February 26, 2016 at St. John Fisher College

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Colleen Spiegelhoff.

Motion to approve minutes from the June business meeting was made by John Natti and seconded by Jen Dreywood. Motion passed and minutes were approved.

Colleen had the new officials introduce themselves. There are 14 new officials that have attended 7 weeks of training. There are also 7 officials who will not be returning for the upcoming season. Jason acknowledged all of the officials who volunteered and helped with training the new officials.

The test is currently available online and all officials should be taking the test and submitting them to Kathy Brown by March 1, 2017. All officials should be taking both the Girls rules and the Youth test. The high school rule’s is found in the NFHS book while the modified (commencing with U14) is in the youth rules book. All officials must be a current USL member to officiate.

Heather Major gave the treasurers report. She showed the budget summary which was updated through February. The current balance is $3,952.58.

Colleen presented several policy changes.

1. The dues for an official who is currently a full time high school or college student will be $20.00 which is ½ of the regular dues.
2. An official who belongs to another board (an associate member) will have to provide full dues after being scheduled for 4 games within a season.
3. The position of Member at Large will be an official who does a majority of high schools games.
4. Administrative rights will be given to the treasurer.
5. There will be a sectional selection committee. The committee will consist of 3 officials who will determine and suggest those to be assigned post season games. They will submit names to the NYS selection committee for State Semi-final and Finals. This committee will consist of the Assignor, Board Chair and the Ratings Coordinator. The Member at Large will be an alternate to this committee. The Assignor has the right to make any last minute changes as he/she see fit.

A motion was made to pass these changes by Chris Pessagno and was seconded by Eric Davis. The motion passed.

Colleen announced position changes within the executive committee. MJ Vrooman stepped down as the ratings coordinator. Ellen Fanning will take over this position. Ellen will serve as both the Ratings Coordinator and Chair Elect until the June meeting. She will not be running for the position of Chair or Chair Elect in June. Nominations will be taken and the positions of Chair and Chair Elect will be voted on at the June meeting. Colleen has expressed interest in running for the position of the Board Chair.

There are opportunities for officials who currently have a rating of a level 2 or 3 to become collegiate officials. If interested, the official must join COA which costs $35.00/year. Baldwinsville will offer transitional clinic in July. This will be a 2 day commitment. Other clinics are available and can be found on RBWLO web site.

Ellen will contact those who need to be rated this year. Those needing ratings can either rerate in season or at the Irondequoit Tournament. Clinics must be attended and will be scheduled. The cost of
rating will remain the same at $100.00 which needs to be paid prior to rating. Every effort will be made to try to schedule an observation game before the rating game.

Jason asked that all officials update their availability on Arbiter from March 15th through June 1st. Scrimmages will start on March 15th until around March 25th. The season will start on March 27th. The game fee for the season is $95.00 for a varsity game, 66.50 for a JV game and $57.00 for modified. If an official does a modified game alone they will get an additional $28.50 and if they do extra time it will be an additional $6.00. There will not be any mileage as per the Section V contract. Spring break is from April 14th through April 23rd and officials are to block accordingly as there will be some games scheduled during the day. The same format as previous years will be followed whereas Monroe and Finger Lakes will alternate days every week. The first week of the season will have the Finger Lakes games on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Monroe will be Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. There are 33 schools that we will be servicing. Officials are encouraged to check the school sites for game day information before going to their game. Officials should be receiving a phone call from the school if a change is made on the day of their game.

Chris Pessagno spoke about service credit. She stated that USL has removed this policy from their manual and no longer require it. The Executive Committee of this board also voted to remove this policy so it will no longer be a requirement. However, officials will need to remain in good standings by attending board meetings, attending a rules interpretation meeting, take the test and to pay dues.

Colleen told the board of an off season policy that members of the executive committee had put together. A draft of this policy is to be emailed to the members so that it can be reviewed and approved at the midseason meeting. The policy addresses the fees that the girl's officials received and the assigning of those games. If this policy is approved, it will be presented to the coordinators of all the off season tournaments and venues that this board services. Colleen also proposed the creation of a new position. A Rec Assignor would be responsible for coordinating all the off season assigning. Nominations will be taken and this position will be voted on at the June meeting. This will be a 1 year appointment and will be voted on again in 2018 as a 2 year position.

Colleen asked if the board wanted to include coaches once again to the midseason meeting. After some discussion, the majority of the members found that it was a positive experience and voted to extend the invite. Colleen was going to let the coaches know at the Section V coaches meeting and that if they were interested they should let their league coordinator know.

Jill McCabe talked about an opportunity for officials to volunteer their services. There is going to be a 24 hour fundraiser to be held at Canandaigua Academy High School called Shoot Out for Soldiers. This benefit will be held on July 22, 2017 through July 23, 2017. More information on this event will be forthcoming.

The next meeting will be the rules interpretation. The meetings have been scheduled for 03/05/2017 and 03/13/17. All officials must attend one of the meetings.

Motion was made to adjourn by Steve Simon and seconded by Jeff Miner. Meeting adjourned at 8:05.