Meeting was called to order at 6:38 by Colleen Spiegelhoff.

Motion to approve minutes from the June business meeting was made by Steve Simon and seconded by Joe Elia. Motion passed and minutes were approved.

Jason introduced the new officials. There were 21 new officials that completed the training. Colleen reported that there are 4 officials who will not be returning and 3 officials that will be inactive for the upcoming season. Jason acknowledged all of the officials who volunteered and helped with training the new officials.

The Board Policies and Guidelines document and the Bylaws were presented to the board with the changes that were suggested by the Executive Committee. The major change from last season to this upcoming season is the reinstatement of the service credit. This was brought about because of the lack of attendance and volunteering from the board. After some discussion a motion to approve the Policies and Guidelines was made by Joe Marhatta and seconded by Refik Nuhanovic. The Policies and Guidelines were approved. Another motion was made by Chris Pessagno and seconded by Jason Mohr to approve the Bylaws. The Bylaws were approved.

Colleen reported that the USBC rules is if an official does not receive payment from the school within 45 days, the official is entitled to receive an extra $10.00 from that school. The rules and guidelines for this policy can be found on the website. If an official does not show up for their scheduled game, they would have to pay the lone official can choose not to work the “understaffed” game but will still receive a $10.00 fee stipend. If only one official is at a JV and/or Varsity game, it is at the discretion of that official if they want to do that game alone however it is not recommended. If the partner cannot be contacted, the assignor needs to be contacted immediately.

The test is currently available online and all officials should be taking the test and submitting them to Kathy Brown by March 15, 2018. All officials should be taking both the Girls rules and the Youth test. All officials must submit the tests and pay their dues in order to be eligible to officiate.

The board was told some new Section V schools that will now have girl’s lacrosse programs or will combine school programs. School of the Arts will be a modified program this upcoming season. The 2 Greece schools are combining their programs. They will be playing their games at Greece Arcadia. It was also mentioned that Midlakes and Newark were going to combine their programs.

Colleen told the Board that Heather Major has decided not to officiate in the upcoming season and has stepped down as the Treasurer. Jen Dreywood was asked and accepted to become the Treasure. Before stepping down, Heather prepared the budget for 2018. Colleen presented the budget and the Treasurer’s report. A new line item in the budget is New Official Accessory Kit. After officiating for 1 full year, a new official could receive a stipend for clothing or other accessories. The Website Hosting will be zero for our board for the next 3 years. Our fee for the web site is being paid for by the Syracuse and Binghamton boards. The budget will be put onto the site for viewing. The current balance is approximately $5,700.00 however there are still some bills that need to be paid. A motion was made by Jill McCabe to accept the Treasures report 2018 budget and seconded by Jen Dreywood. Motion was passed.
Ellen reported that she emailed all officials who need to be rated in 2018. There are several officials who need to be rated this year. The Irondequoit tournament will not be used for rating renewal. All of the rating will be done during the season. The highest rating that an official can get will be a Level 2. Level 2 officials will be able to officiate a JV and/or Varsity game.

Jason reported that the fees for the upcoming season will be $96.00 for a varsity game and $67.50 for a JV game. Modified fees will be $58.00 for 2 officials on a game and if done alone it will be $87.00. It was recommended that all officials look at and print the school information directory which is available on the website. It was also recommended that officials look at the school schedules before going to their game. Most of the scrimmages will be from 3/17 until 3/24. The regular season will run from 3/26 through 5/17, with sectionals running from 5/18-5/30. Jason has put on the website the heavier scheduled days and asked that they are kept open if possible. If the official is contacted by the school that their game has been cancelled, Jason asked that he also be contacted. A concern was raised about the modified games starting later than what the scheduled time is and it was suggested that the start time for the modified games be moved back to a 5:00 start. Jason said that the schools set the start times however, if a team arrives late to let him know. If there is a pattern with the same schools, he would address this. The assigning fees are $3.00 for varsity games and $2.00 for JV and modified games. This will be due at the end of the season.

Jason talked about the sectional assigning procedure. He said that there is a new Section V Coordinator, Jeff Ohms Oonze, who wants to be a part of the selection. Jason is going to send a Google form to the coaches so that they can select 3 preferred and 3 not preferred officials to officiate their sectional games. The selection committee will consist of the Board Chair, the Assignor and the Rating Coordinator. At his request, the Section V Coordinator will also be a part of this committee.

Chris Pessagno went over what is eligible for service credit. When credit is requested, it must be approved by another official. Once it has been approved, it will sent to Chris and the official will get their credit.

Steve Simon reported that he is making changes to the sportsmanship award this season. He wants all the officials to send in their top 3 teams and bottom 3 teams that deserve to receive the award. He is trying to simplify this process in order to get more officials to participate in the voting. This procedure will be reviewed by the Executive Committee.

Colleen asked if the Board wanted to invite coaches to the midseason meeting as it has in the past couple of years. It was agreed that they should be invited. This invitation will be extended at the upcoming coaches meeting. The midseason meeting is scheduled for 4/22/18 at 6:30. All of the officials must attend one of the 2 rules interpretations meeting. They are scheduled for 3/4/18 and 3/12/18 both for a 6:30 start time.

Motion was made to adjourn by Eric Davis and seconded by John Natti. Meeting adjourned at 8:05.