3/22/12: Brighton High School

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm by Jason Brightful

**Introductions:** Modified and new officials introduced.

**Attendance & board policy circulated:** Initial attendance sheet, sign board policies

**Minutes:** 2/27 meeting minutes nominated for acceptance by Scott Hathaway, seconded by Rich Stein.

**Bylaws:** Proposed modifications nominated for acceptance by Heather Major, seconded by MJ Vrooman.

**Policies:** Proposed modifications nominated for acceptance by Dan Strasner, seconded by Dave Weaver.

**Scrimmages:** Volunteer scrimmages are under way. It’s been hectic so far. Do as many as you can so you’re ready for the season. If you check sticks at scrimmages, be thorough. Checking sticks at scrimmages is not required. More scrimmages are coming up, many are multi-school and a handful is paid scrimmages.

If you seen an “FB” by your name at a scrimmage, you should be off the field and provide feedback to the officials on field. Higher rates officials should be the ones giving feedback.

Check the scrimmage schedules before you go to any site to confirm time and location. Have your service credit forms signed by the senior official when you work scrimmages.

**Stick measurements:** All sticks should be measured for first games for each team. Remember that goalie sticks are now allowed to be up to 52” long.

**Rules Emphasis:** Manage the 8-meter and CSA– get players to stand, reposition players if they move after the whistle (within reason), then set up the play.

Fouls after the shot – trail responsible for offside’s, shooting space, dangerous follow through, push after the shot, et al. The lead can assist with the calling of these fouls – take an extra second to make sure there are no fouls, there is no rush to signal the goal.

On ball and off ball responsibilities are key to ensure the game is called properly and kept safe. Proper positioning helps you make the proper calls.

Have thorough pregame discussions to verify who will cover which part of the field. Officials have different ways of doing things so pregame discussions are critical. Be flexible to your partner’s comfort level. It is ok for trails to have on ball fouls.

**Transition:** The far side official helps and releases the lead official to move down field in the direction play is heading. You can mentally divide the field into three lanes the long way. If you are in lane 1 and call a foul in lane 1, you should position the players, take about 10 steps to get ahead and restart play.
We should not generally call fouls in each others’ lanes (i.e., lane 1 officials do not make calls in lane 3 and lane 3 officials should not make calls in lane 1) in the midfield. The overlapping of lanes will occur and is more acceptable in the CSA.

In the middle lane, lane 2, that’s when you incorporate positioning where the either official sets up the players and lead moves down field. Trail restarts play in lane 2 situations.

**Ratings:** Carl Davis has assumed duties of Ratings Coordinator for the year. District and National officials should make themselves available to rate those officials who need to be rated/re-rated. Any questions about ratings should be directed to Carl.

Ratings games should not be called any differently by you and your partner just because one or both of you are being rated.

**Quadrant & Ropes System:** Video discusses areas of coverage, tangents, et al. USL video link available on the Board website. Video is 20 minutes long (viewed at meeting in part).

**Assigning:** MJ has assigned games through April 16th so far. She has received over 160 game changes to date. Please keep your availability current to help the board maintain a professional appearance and to avoid creating additional work for the assignor.

If there is a change that occurs prior to game day, that change will be put on The Arbiter. You will get an email from The Arbiter re: that change. If there is a change on game day, the schools are responsible for contacting you directly. If there is questionable weather, call the school to see if the game(s) will be played. Keep all contact information current.

**High School Directory & Officials Roster:** last revision received. Updated copy will be put on the website soon. Please print a copy and carry it with you for your use as needed.

**Games Fees & Mileage:** all remain the same as last year. Negotiations are taking place now. $42.30 for Modified 4Q ($48.30 for 5Q, 1.5 game fee if you officiate alone), $49.35 for JV, $70.50 Varsity, $.042 mileage.

**New website:** [www.rbwlo.org](http://www.rbwlo.org)

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm.