RBWLO Mid-season meeting minutes

April 28th @ SJF

• Meeting Minutes –
  o David Weaver - motioned to move / Approve
  o John Natti – seconded

• Nominations
  o Chair elect moves to Chair
    ▪ Jason completed 2 year term
    ▪ Don Smith nominated to move up into Chair
    ▪ Nominations for Chair elect: Rafik, Steve Simons, and Colleen

• Sectional dates reviewed
  • Jason’s discretion on assigning and partners based on game - incorrect
  • Assignments will be selected by committee of Assignor, Chair, and Chair-Elect using coach preferred/not preferred list and official’s rating

• Sportsmanship entry after games
  o Steve mentioned in good shape for data entry

• Input Service information on the website to get credit
  o Colleen will send confirmation

• Rating information
  o Input availability so Carl can set dates
  o Raters and those that need ratings please fill out availability on RBWLO so ratings can be scheduled. – Candidates must enter their rating games asap or they will not be rated in-season

• End of Season Banquet – usually 2nd Monday in June 10th or 11th
  o Over 50 people outgrew Colleen’s house
  o Looking at restaurant options
    ▪ Colleen speaking with Mickey Finn’s
    ▪ Steve to speak with Rich Stein about park pavilion options
    ▪ Frank to look at Greece restaurant options
  o Probably ~$10 fee per person to subsidize the cost
  o Executive committee will review options and make decisions

• Issues seeing out in the games
  o Dick’s is selling a STX stick that is illegal as it has 4 twirls
- John Natti works at Dick’s and will talk to someone in department to see if they are aware and what options players have.

- Out of bounds call over end line
  - Goalkeeper doesn’t own the goal circle and have the advantage of the goal circle as the positioning. It is where the goalkeeper is actually standing
    - If keeper runs out of goal circle toward end line she is treated as field player – if she is to receive ball it is 2 Meters inside end line not goal circle.

- Shooting space (FSG) and dangerous propelling call
  - If call FSG and attacker takes 1 more additional steps and shoots when she could have stopped her shooting motion then:
    - Card to attacker who shot
    - Offsetting fouls – throw
  - If shot happens at time of whistle and then defender steps into shot – no card
    - Not dangerous propel call
  - Need to be in position so can see the FSG and dangerous propelling correctly
  - Have a strong command of FSG and dangerous propelling definition and criteria

- Coach communication:
  - When a Head coach requests a conference or you address one coach on sideline (timeout, halftime, etc), invite both teams' coaches to the meeting. Only Head Coach may request conference, but assistant coach from opposing team may substitute for head coach for listening purposes only.
  - When coaches have appropriate questions during play, try to acknowledge question with a quick look, head nod, something. Relay comment to partner and quickly discuss after goals. Often this is all it takes to show you're listening. If you can quickly respond (one sentence) to a question then do so.

- Any issues with coaches getting vocal/crazy
  - Coaches stating to player – “don’t worry about it -- that was a good check”
    - Don spoke about speaking with Coach at half or after game about their comments, rule interp, etc.
  - Rafik mentioned about a rough game – Hilton vs. Churchville with 5 cards in 1st half. Also mentioned we as officials have to give the cards don’t think unintentional, not that hard, and go easy. It is a card we all need to be consistent.
  - Steve spoke about keep making the calls and the coaches will have to figure things out to get them to be legal
  - Don reminded if check or foul is overly aggressive or repetitious you can go red
    - However best if you should be giving a warning to players and coaches by giving yellow cards for aggressive play
If Fan is being obnoxious (even JV coach at varsity game or varsity coach at JV game) than contact site coordinator to have them removed

- Don will check if a coach is removed from other game can they coach if their game is next.
- Read USL RB Pg 59 Rule 7 Section 35 AR 7-16: Ejected (Red card) coach can not participate in any game at any level following during same day. This does not apply to Suspension (2 yellows)
  - If JV or varsity coach is in bench area for other level game – card goes to bench/head coach
  - Steve stated if red card to someone on bench goes to that specific player not head coach and if coaching next they are done for day. 1. Card to bench players if player can be determined, otherwise head coach is carded for assistant coach or undetermined player conduct. 2. See above rule 7 interp

John & Rafik officiated game in bad rain - game was played on poor field vs stadium field

- With rain a puddle became very large and field is probably deemed unsafe. Both coaches wanted to get to 80% to make it official
- By the rule – should we stop the game when deemed dangerous and unplayable? Don Smith absolutely call the game we are protecting player safety. Doesn’t matter what coaches want.
  - If possession time-out called with attacker with ball inside 8 right near goal – question is where to re-start?

  Good question – Don Smith mentioned all restarts are to be 8 M away from GC. Will check on details - Play is restarted at ball location. Play can restart inside 8M. All players position as they were when time-out called. Take note of player # with ball.

  Other question came up: foul away from the player with ball – defender slugged other attacker that was wide. Card to player – where to restart play?
  - Attacker with ball closest 8 M hash, offender carded (Steve and Don discussed at end of meeting) - Assuming ball or foul is in 8M.
  - Administer penalty at spot of ball unless spot of foul is more advantageous for offense.

- Reviewed positioning of Lead & Trail
  - Who is on ball, where should trail be?
    - Shared space in the middle space of the 8
    - Down the middle
    - New officials are only expected to be on ball as lead and off ball as Trail in CSA. They need practice at making the calls required by each position. In time they will understand how to manage primary/secondary focus on/off ball in both
positions. Experienced officials support and keep players safe, but allow new official time to make call and instruct them after goal if calls need to be made.
  
  - Experienced officials can “share” on and off ball responsibilities in the CSA to manage safety and fairness effectively
    
    o Trail as ball moves you need to move – don’t get cement feet
    
    o As trail be offset – off the shoulder so can see depth and positioning of defender to ball so you can figure out shooting space
    
    o As ball wraps around goal – lead needs to get back up into quadrant 2 so they can see the GC violation if it occurs
    
    o Trail looking at off-ball fouls (3 seconds, offside's, detaining, illegal picks)
    
    o Offside's – Trail can start counting once past half field or as approach RL

- Senior officials continue to give new officials perspective on calls
- Question from Chris - can they check bottom of stick
  
  o Don spoke about if check toward body or even if check away but pushes crosse head toward attackers body -- that is a foul. If a slight tick to dislodge ball - not a foul.
- Make Calls big – slow and precise. Sell the call
- Watch clock in last 2 minutes to make sure the timer is stopping clock. If less than 10 goal differential, then clock runs.
- Pre-game talk –
  
  o Partners to call and discuss what to wear – should be same – new official might not have many options.
    
    - Short sleeve, long sleeve, all black, etc.
    
    - Be professional
    
    - Go on & off together – meet at parking lot
- Steve spoke about Muddy Buddies -- Sunday May 5th
  
  o Need support
  
  o Don stated will get service credit – 2 credits for 1 hour due to all cancellations in the early season

- Frank need modified support on May 10th

- Chris asked for clarification on modified check –crosse head needs to be below the shoulder

- Summer leagues
  
  o Steve assigns Brighton league
  
  o RALL pays well for 5th & 6th graders games – pay well for 1 hour – go to Youth page on RBWLO.org for info and to notify Jason of interest. Jason will forward interest to RALL coordinator.

- John Natti motioned to close meeting, Heather Major second – meeting convened at 4:25