RBWLO Board Meeting February 23, 2015
Submitted by Kathy Brown

Meeting was called to order at 6:37 by Don Smith.

The new members introduced themselves to the board. They are currently going through the training sessions. There are 5 members who will not be returning this season.

Don reported that Joan Sitterly was recognized at the National Convention with the lifetime achievement award.

Minutes (from June 10, 2014 Business mtg) were motioned to be approved by Ellen Fanning and seconded by Joe Elia. Motion passed and minutes were approved.

There is a change in the Board Policy revision that was sent to the members for approval. Responsibilities of Member At-Large Section 4.12 #3 should read “Assist members through the Ethics Committee Grievance Process” The representative will not be a part of the Ethics Committee. Motion to approve by Frank Marino and was seconded by Jill McCabe.

Ellen Fanning was appointed to new Member At-Large Position; as liaison with executive board and members. She will serve at this position until the next voting.

There is currently over $1,000.00 in treasury.

The board received a grant for $2000 to help with training of new officials.

All scrimmages will be paid this year and will be scheduled through Arbiter. Officials are each paid a JV or Varsity game fee, but will not be getting any mileage for scrimmages.

Jason went over the assigning process. Games for the season are all in for Varsity and JV. Modified game will be in within the next couple of weeks. Members are to update their availability. Season begins 3/13 with scrimmages and goes thru 5/14 for the regular season. Scrimmages run from March 13 until March 23. The majority of the scrimmages are being held on Saturday March 14 and March 21 so officials are encouraged to open up those dates. The season will begin on March 23. The Monroe Co. schools and Finger Lakes schools will have their games every other day with the heavier scheduled days being the Monroe Co. games.

Jason said that he will assign the same as last year, 1 week at a time. He said that turn-backs and declining games were much lower when he scheduled this way. He will start assigning Monday, March 2. Officials are to block when cannot work. Any preferences with scheduling should be emailed to Jason. Officials have the home address as the main address for mileage. Officials are to be honest about their mileage. Assignments are done so officials can ride together as much as possible. Before game make contact with other official if possible. Mileage is .46 a mile and tangent miles alright to claim if you meet your partner along the way. Frank will be scheduling modified games. If an official does the modified game by themselves they are to receive 1 ½ times the fee. New officials will not be on a modified game by themselves in the beginning of the season.
The USL test is to be taken as soon as possible. Members are to take HS and youth test and send the results to Don only. The test can be found by going to RWBLO or Arbiter. Answers are to be submitted Arbiter. All officials must be USL member to do test. Officials will not receive assignments unless their test is submitted.

Chris Pessagno, the Service Coordinator went over how to go about submitting service credit. Officials need 3 credits in order to be in good standing with the board. Service credit can be submitted through the RBWLO web site. When credit is submitted, another official must be selected to verify the credit.

Steve Simon talked about Muddy Buddies. It will be held on 5/31/15 from 8-5 in Brighton. This can be used for service credit. This program helps kids with cancer.

Steve also spoke about the Sportsmanship program. All of the information is entered on RWBLO. The date of game, level of game, and teams are to be entered. Each team is rated after the games are done. If the games are rated below average or lower need an explanation needs to be put in. Also if a red card is given out it also needs an explanation. Modified teams will be added to Sportsmanship survey.

Officials are to update all their information on RWBLO as soon as possible and to make sure that all the information is updated.

Beth Angus updated on NYCOGL meeting. NYS modifications and waivers were discussed. Goalie helmets were discussed. Warrior Regulator and Cascade R are not legal. Officials are to ask coaches if equipment legal. If a team has an illegal helmet they are not allowed to play. They can play without goalkeeper. A question was asked as to where does illegal helmet go? Don said that he would have to find out the answer to that question. All coaches and athletic directors were notified of regulations. Also, they are asking coaches to push getting the uniforms up to USL standards.

It was asked that if any official has uniforms that they are not using to bring them to next meeting for new officials.

USBC has discussed having 3 officials on all varsity games.

Game vouchers for most schools are still online.

New officials are to give their social security numbers to Don and to have their fingerprinting done in order to be assigned.

Rating renewal: Email will go out to those who need one this year. Any official who needs to be rerated must attend the clinic on March 15th if they wish to be rated during the season. Rating also can be done during the Irondequoit tournament in June. The clinic is 3 hours. If an apprentice is looking to go for local rating they will need 6 hour training clinic. MJ will be assigning the rating games. The fee of $100 is to be paid up-front.

Meeting was motioned to be adjourned by Steve Simon and seconded by Jen Dreywood at 8:11.

The next meeting will be on March 2 or March 8 rules interpretation. Officials must attend one of these meetings.