

CMO35 Meeting Minutes – Fall 2013

August 11, 2013 – Rovezzi's Restaurant Sturbridge, Ma.

Meeting opened 3:10pm

1. Roll call – 3 Teams not represented; Auburn, Cosmos & Nashoba. Raul Esnal was also present representing a new team El Roble.
2. New Business
 - a. Field Assignments – All teams remaining their Spring season home field except Brimfield. Brimfield moving back to Monson Middle School. The new team El Roble's home field is Doyle Field in Leominster.
 - b. Illyria was represented and requests re-entry into CMO35. It was approved; Mohammed Chantoufy is the team coordinator.
 - c. 3-man Referee system – The majority of the teams agreed that it made for a better game. The only concern was that of inexperienced AR's being used.
3. Schedule review – First game August 25th with no game Sept. 1st, continuing with Sept 8th. Last game Nov 3rd and make-up week Nov.10th.
4. Bylaw fines – There were several bylaw fines this past season ranging from no passcards to game forfeits. Fines will no longer be ignored. All fines other than card fines are due before the end of the season. Card fines are due before player may continue playing. Most prevalent bylaw violation; no player passcard (\$25 fine), next was team forfeit (\$110 fine). The importance of team commitment was discussed.
5. Game forfeit & League review – Italia had to 'no-show' forfeit requiring team dismissal. It was found that one of the 'no-shows' was not a no-show by the league Bylaw and didn't require team dismissal. Italia also ended 2 games at half time due to short players. The importance of team commitment was again emphasized and the suggestion was made to roster 'enough' players.
6. Officer's reports:
 - a. Referee Assignor – AR's are still limited. Due to concerns regarding inexperienced AR's the assignor will limit AR's to minimum grade 8 with 2 years or more experience. This will further limit the AR availability. Assignor asked for everyone who may know of an eligible AR to contact him with the name. He will also be more cautious regarding controversial games and make sure a qualified center ref is sent.
 - b. Competition Committee chair voiced his concern over a clear definition of violent conduct. What constitutes a 20 game suspension and what doesn't? He will be drafting a bylaw and definition to be reviewed at the Annual meeting. Also to be reviewed is a spectator interference bylaw.
 - c. Treasurer – The treasurer stated that CMO35 is now financially sound and could afford one more season of paying for AR's. However if it is to continue we may have to raise the League fee if it is to continue next year or have the teams pay the additional referee fees on game day.
 - d. Secretary/Web Admin – New scheduling software was purchased to help with the game scheduling. The software program works well however due to so many teams sharing fields the schedule still needs a lot on hands on work. It was suggested that to end this problem we have to require all new teams coming into the League to have an unshared home field. The only other solution would be to have 2 games on the shared fields, starting at 8:30 & 10:30 leaving the field clear for the youth leagues use by 12 noon. It was reminded that all team coordinators send in their team registration forms ASAP. Deadline August 22nd 5pm.

- e. President - Thought that the 3-man system went well and would like it to continue next year with the help of the teams. He also discussed his displeasure regarding the re-accruing issue of spectator interference. Strongly suggests a no-tolerance bylaw regarding spectator interference with severe team sanctions. It is not to be tolerated. Anyone with any bylaw change suggestions are to write them down and forward to the President and Secretary which will be reviewed at the Annual meeting. In closing he stated that he may be standing down at the end of his term due to his work load. Asked that if anyone was interested to consider it for the Annual meeting, the room was silent.
7. Adjournment – Meeting closed 5:15 pm. Next Meeting: November-December 2013 (Day to be determined).