

CASRA General Membership Meeting Minutes

10 February 2019

3 Lions Pub

Attendees: there were a total of 36 members in attendance including the following board members:

- John Kenney
- Sam Hosig
- Ayman Alabsa
- Mark Rowell
- Bob Correia
- Bucky Jones
- James Felluca
- (Luke Georget and Terry Conway were unable to attend)

Agenda:

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- Budget report
- Membership statues/due collections
- Purchases
- CASRA Membership procedures for initial registration
- Due collection date move proposal
- Tournament/League start dates
- Molding center out of AR's
- Future events
- Meeting venue ideas
- Future meeting date for EB and GM
- Questions/comments/complaints??

Notes:

1. John opened the meeting to cover agenda as follows:
2. Budget report:
 - a. CASRA balance is approximately \$4300.00
3. Currently CASRA has 301 referees in Arbiter, 25 are inactive due to not paying CASRA Dues (will be removed by 02/15/19) and 31 are marked not ready to be assigned
4. Purchase:
 - a. Spent \$35.00 on business cards and expected to be in before next meeting to hand out
 - b. Planning to purchase thicker/heavier CASRA coins, hope to be available by next meeting
5. CASRA membership and procedures for initial registration

- a. Each year we get about 100-120 new referee
 - b. New referees will receive an arbiter account free for the first year which means a cost of about \$500-\$600 that CASRA will pay
 - c. Board proposed to change CASRA dues structure to \$20.00/year for all members
 - d. Removes uncertainty of dues amounts for everyone.
 - e. Currently take in ~\$4400.00/year. \$20.00/referee would bring in ~\$5800.00 which is a decrease of \$1400.00. Changing to \$15.00/referee is a wash/loss of funds.
 - f. Extra dues will pay for new referees first year dues and could also be used to give travel stipends to referees attending ODP since they receive \$0.00 from state.
 - g. This change required a change to the by-Laws and needed a GM vote. Vote was taken and most everyone was in favor. CASRA Dues will change to \$20/referee beginning 2020.
6. Dues collection date move proposal
- a. Every year, many referees do not pay their dues in timely manner
 - b. Some leagues start in January, most leagues start in February (Youth & Adult), High School & tournaments also start around this time.
 - c. President spends most of January tracking people down for payments, getting Arbiter account squared away for those that don't understand how to use the system yet.
 - d. Turning off referees Arbiter accounts due to lack of payment at the busiest time of the year for referees is not conducive to the game.
 - e. Only two times a year where soccer is slow - December holidays and Summer
 - f. At the beginning of the year referees get hit with many dues at the same time, recertification/certification, HS dues, CASRA dues, Assignor fee etc.
 - g. Many people do not want extra bills in December
 - h. Moving the due date to June 1st would be easier for everyone
 - i. This change required a change to the by-Laws and needed a GM vote. Vote was taken and most everyone was in favor. CASRA Dues Collection Date will change to 06/01 and next payment due is 06/01/2020.
 - j. New Referees attending certification classes beginning Jul/Aug 2019 will be the first classes to receive their Arbiter accounts free.
7. Tournaments/league start dates
- a. CBSC Girls & USA/MP tournaments - Feb15-17
 - b. CBSC Boys - Feb 22-23
 - c. CPL/Coastal/PMSL/NPL have all begun
 - d. High School scrimmages starting this week
 - e. CSL Adult:
 - i. Women's 8V8 starts Monday 2/11
 - ii. Men's 11V11 & O35 starts 02/24
 - iii. Coed 6V6 start 02/26
8. Molding Centers out of AR's
- a. We need more center referees, too many referees remain at the AR position for too long
 - b. Jim Felluca recommended doing coaching session during tournaments

- c. We need more experienced referee willing to mentor at tournaments and on regular league games.
 - d. Kris could use some for stand-by during tournaments while they mentor fields
 - 9. Future events (parties, tailgates) for 2019
 - a. Much of money being wasted to due low turnover vs commitment
 - b. Charleston Battery tailgate parties and tickets
 - i. Battery were being contacted and asked about tickets deals for organization
 - ii. Best offer is the pricing of \$10.00 a ticket but must purchase a minimum of 125 tickets or more (CASRA cannot afford that)
 - iii. Flex tickets were a possible option
 - iv. GM pinged for interest on CASRA purchasing Battery Tickets to have on hand but the idea was voted down.
 - v. CASRA will look at hosting a regular tailgate party prior and possibly half priced tickets in the future.
 - 10. Meeting Venue Ideas
 - a. Still looking for places to have GM meetings
 - b. The battery has been kind enough to let us utilize the 3 lions Pub
 - c. We can get a room at the Citadel that holds around 40 people with A/V equipment
 - d. Any other ideas are welcome if anyone has a connection – please email John @ casrapresident@gmail.com
 - e. Centralized locations are the best. Will try moving the meeting around so the same people do not have to travel far all the time
 - 11. Future meeting dates for EB and GM
 - a. Bucky and John are working on scheduling a date to have a meeting with Dr. Joe Machnik (World Cup Rules Analysis) - most likely in March
 - b. CASRA General membership meeting will be scheduled on the even months and added to the odd months as needed for special events or situations.
 - 12. Questions/Comments/complaints??
 - a. Kris asked referees to inform her if a referee is LATE or NO SHOW to a scheduled game assignment.
 - 13. CASRA meeting adjourned and transitioned into High School meeting at 6:45 pm