

CASRA Meeting Mintues

March 24, 2019

3 Lions Pub

Attendees: there were a total of 29 attendees at the meeting including the below CASRA Board members:

- John Kenney
- Ayman Alabsa
- Bob Correia
- Terry Conway
- Bucky Jones (ARA)

Agenda

1. Budget report - current balance is \$4922.00
2. Business Card are available, two styles were ordered “Improve the Game” and “Need Exercise or Cash?” Cards will be available at meetings, tournaments, gatherings for members to restock. We will order more as needed. The idea behind the “Improve the Game” business cards it to provide information to spectators/coaches who show a “special interest” in refereeing. The “Need Exercise or Cash?” cards are geared more towards youths that show an interest in getting started as a referee. John mentioned a referee who took advantage last weekend at the tournament and handed out a card and the positive effect it had on the game/parent afterwards.
3. New CASRA Coins update - expected to be shipped on 03/28/2019 and will be available at the next meeting
4. John talked about being prepared for your game. All the information you need can be found in Arbiter and by using the quick reference sheet John created and emailed to everyone:
 - Know where you’re going
 - Know what league you’re working and the league rules (league rules vary)
 - Heading the ball (allowed Yes/No)
 - Substitutions (FIFA or Possession)
 - Offside (if called and where)
 - Game length
 - Know what time your games are
 - Know how much you’re getting paid (recommended you bring change with you as many teams do not provide exact change for the ref crew)
5. What do you do when your game doesn’t play or there is a problem at your field?
 - Contact that league’s assignor. If he/she is not available, then try one of the other assignors to see if they can help answer your questions.

- Field or teams don't match then check your schedule to make sure you're in the correct place
 - Wait until after game time and then leave (**You must return for any future games you have that day**)
 - Send an email to the appropriate assignor with game details to include, date/time/game number/league/age group. All of this information can be obtained from your schedule tab in your arbiter account.
6. Upcoming tournament, Kris asked to make sure you update your availability and will need all the referees to be ready.
7. John introduced our guest speaker Dr. Joe Machnik
- Dr. Joe covered his role with Fox News during FIFA WWC in 2018
 - He explained the process of his roles as an analyzer
 - Dr. Joe walked us through a short video of how the Fox studio was set and how the setup process worked.
 - A link for the new 2019 FIFA laws changes was sent to the membership prior to the meeting and Dr. Joe. We covered several law changes during his presentation, offering members a chance to ask questions and receive clarification and opinions.
 - There are several other changes we did not discuss that referees need to read and become familiar with prior to the new laws being implemented on June 1, 2019.
 - Dr. Joe mentioned the NIOSA convention in St. Luis, MO and promised to email the presentation to John who will forward to all members. The presentation addresses the difference between officiating male/female college teams, and key things to look for when officiating specific genders.
 - Also discussed using the VAR and replay the play from the best view to validate the referee decision
8. John thanked Dr. Joe for his presentation and time and reminded all members to take business cards and a copy of the quick reference sheet with them if they didn't have one already.
9. Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm