

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2009 GCC BOARD MEETING

Date: November 2, 2009, 6:30 PM

Location: Jim Egeberg's Office, 3600 Kirchoff, Rolling Meadows

Present: John-Erik Anderson, President; Elie Ghawi, Vice President; Greg Cole, Secretary; Jim Egeberg Treasurer; Khalaf Al-Latayfeh and Carl Fisher, at large members; Steve Lough, Past President; Ed Braun, Chapter Assignor, Mike Oliver and Todd Abraham, Chapter Clinicians.

Absent: Chris Koloffon, at large member

Meeting Called to order at 6:35 P.M. by President Anderson

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of April 20, 2009 GCC Board Meeting made by Al-Latayfeh; second by Fisher; motion approved.

Old Business

1. IHSA Observers Program: Anderson reported that at the IHSA annual convention emphasis was continued to be placed on implementation of this program by local chapters as well as developing a training program ("Train the Observer") at the state office level. Anderson continues to consult with high school assignors to identify potential observers. The assignors will continue to stress to their affiliated high school officials the importance of becoming GCC members (at least at the associate level) in order to continue to develop and improve as soccer officials and to be able to take advantage of the observers program.
2. Clinic Sites and Dates for 2010: Anderson and Egeberg pointed out that high schools are now charging a significant fee for use of their facilities. Alternative sites need to be considered.
3. "Talent Bank" Questionnaire: Anderson is working on a questionnaire to distribute to the membership in preparation for hosting the 2012 National Convention.
4. Audit: Fisher presented results of audit conducted by him and Egeberg. Results indicate that GCC continues to operate in a fiscally responsible manner.

Treasurer's Report:

Egeberg presented his report summarizing the income and expenditures for 2009, including a pie chart. For the year we spent about \$1200 more than we took in. This was due to unanticipated rental fees for the facilities to conduct our clinics, as well as the shirts distributed to the members. Our present bank account balance is approximately \$1,700.00. Pie chart will be made available to members at the annual business meeting. Motion to approve report by Cole; second by Al-Latayfeh; motion approved.

New Business

1. Joint Clinic w/CSRC in March 13, 2010: Tentative site College of DuPage or possibly York H.S. (Lough will check on availability of York). Oliver indicated that Steve Olson is scheduled speaker. If York is available Cole or Anderson will contact IHSA to qualify the clinic as IHSA Level II Clinic with possible IHSA Rules Interpretation meeting to follow.
2. Hosting NISOA Assessor/Clinician Training Session: Anderson reiterated the need for additional assessors to meet the needs of our members, especially the National Refs, Candidates and Applicants. GCC would invite other chapters. Minimum of 10 participants needed. Time frame is January-June.
3. Insurance Issue: Discussion was had concerning liability issues of our members should they officiate college matches with non-NISOA officials. NISOA's underwriter indicates that NISOA members are not covered if we officiate a match with a non-NISOA official. Braun made the point that the only practical way to address the issue is for each member to approach non-NISOA college officials individually to stress the importance and benefits of NISOA membership and to collectively exert pressure. Fisher will prepare a disclaimer for website.
4. Uniforms: Anderson expressed concern that some officials have limited their wardrobe to one jersey. GCC members should have at least 2.
5. Fees: Braun advised the Board of his progress in negotiating a fee increase for the 2010-2012 seasons and suggested parameters. After discussion, Egeberg moved to accept Braun's recommendation of the fee structure of \$160 for referee and \$120 for assistants; second by Fisher; motion approved.
6. 2010 Convention (formerly in Florida, moved to PA): Anderson reported that the local Florida chapter which had originally offered to host the 2010 National Convention has withdrawn. The Lehigh Valley Chapter (PA) will now host. The Florida chapter came up short on funds when it was not permitted to cover expenses of hosting by implementing a per-game fee on its member officials. GCC will make a \$200 donation to the Lehigh Valley Chapter to help offset expenses.
7. Annual Business Meeting: December 7, 2009 Green/White 6:30 PM. Positions of V.P., Secretary, and one at large are open. Ghawi, Cole and Al-Latayfeh agreed to run again. Nominations and election will be chaired by Lough.

Next Meeting: December 7, 2009 6:30 PM Green White
Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Gregory R. Cole, Secretary