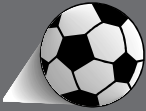


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NEWS

Important News — New Web Site

WWW.WMISOA.COM is the new website location for all WMSOA news. Managed by David Whitehouse, this website is an ideal reference for news, upcoming events and dates, tournament information, and references to other useful websites. Comments or information that you would like to see added - contact Dave at his email address: dww@whiteware.com

Annual Golf Outing Planned — A repeat of the popular WMSOA golf outing is planned for 9 June. This is an excellent chance to meet old friends and make new ones. Please contact Tom Walters for more information at 532-6959 or email twalt33@aol.com

High School Referee Clinic for Rules and Mechanics

A special clinic is being held at Zeeland High School Soccer Field on 22 March at 6:30pm, for those who want to improve their High School game. Contact Greg Pilbeam (455-5095) or Frank Warren (399-1012) for more details.

New Board Elected

At the AGM elections were held for the officer positions of Vice President (Steve Evans elected), Secretary (Ron Porritt elected) and three members at large (Frank Warren, Tom Weaver, and Jim Backowski were elected). Contact details for the WMSOA board members are shown at left.

WMSOA exists to promote soccer, maintain a high standard of refereeing, encourage fair play and sportsmanship, make available an adequate number of well trained and capable referees, and cooperate with other organizations to promote soccer.

WMSOA provides training with both written and physical testing opportunities to maintain registrations with MHSAA, USSF, and NISOA. The organization provides high school game assignments for high school referees, "Cracker Barrel" meetings for additional input into the high school and collegiate game, and a source of information about activities in the area.

To join WMSOA, please call Jim Heyboer at (531-1036). Regular Membership is \$30 per year. An Associate membership is available for referees that do not do high school or college games. The cost is \$10.00 per year to cover news letter and training.

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Other Associations:

Michigan Soccer Referees Association (MSRA). The following through individual members: United States Soccer Federation (USFF), Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA), National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (NISOA)

Assigners:

High School & NISOA:
Keith Miller 667-2401
High School - Muskegon, Grand Haven, Fremont, etc. : Don Dahl 846-7158 and Doug VanEssen 728-6289
Note: High School Assignor fees are now \$2.50 per game.

This newsletter - two newsletters are planned each year. If you have comments or news, contact Jack Wolf 682-0652, jl.wolf@comcast.net



Board members from left to right: Ron Porritt-Secretary, Jim Heyboer-Treasurer, Bill Wagner-President, Steve Evans-Vice President, Jim Backowski-MAL, Tom Weaver-MAL, Frank Warren-MAL (not shown)

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WMSOA AGM 2003 Meeting - Minutes

December 6, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. Grandville High School

A number of new members were introduced.

The Lakeshore Tournament will be switched to Memorial Weekend this summer.

In the State Tournament, Ed Whynott and Kirk Helfrink worked the finals for the boys. John Hill worked the finals for the girls. Keith Miller worked a College Division II Regional game and Rich May worked the MAC Conference Tournament.

The minutes from the 2002 Annual General meeting were approved.

Ethics Report Greg Pilbeam. There were three incidences this year where referees were accosted by fans/players. There were also two times where there were disputes between the referees on the field. A number of younger officials had problems with specific coaches and or schools. Finally, there were reports of officials doing games with their children in that school or on the teams. Having children in that school is probably alright, but officials are reminded that they are not to do games in which they have children playing.

Treasurer's report Attached is a balance sheet for the year.

Assignments Don Dahl assigns for 15 girl's high school teams and 14 boy's high school teams. Keith Miller assigns 42 boy's high school and 41 girl's high school teams. He also assigns 2 division I, 2 Division II, 6 Division III and 3 NAIA Women's College teams and 6 Division III, 3 NAJA, 1 NCCA, 1 CC, and 1 Division II Men's College teams. Over 900 games were assigned by Dan and Keith.

The most active referee this year was Jim Backowski.

High Schools paid the same this year and will pay the same next year. This is the first year that the fees were raised for the Colleges, so there will be no change in the near future.

There were two major complaints from the high school coaches. First, some of the referees are not returning contracts. Secondly, they feel that not enough distinction is being made between a careless and a reckless foul.

Elections For secretary, Jay Babler and Ron Porritt were nominated. Ron Porritt was elected. For Vice President, Steve Evans and Jaime Pilbeam were nominated, Steve Evans was elected. For members at large, the nominees were Frank Waren, Tom Weaver, Greg Pilbeam, Jim Backowski, Jamie Pilbeam, and Ryan Zamarron. Frank Waren, Tom Weaver, and Jim Backowski were elected.

Old Business

Web-site. Dave Whitehouse is now taking over the web-site. He hopes to have it up and running in a couple of months.

Uniforms For high school, we will still use black, red, and yellow. For NISOA, it is solid black, and their grid gold and orange.

Golf Tom Walters has inquired as to whether there is enough interest to continue the golf tournament as there was not much of a response last year. He will organize it again this coming summer.

New Business.

Association Approval. The Michigan High School Athletic Association has indicated that starting next year, only officials from an approved association will be assigned to State Tournament games in football and basketball. It is anticipated that it will eventually incorporate soccer. In order to be approved, we have to have an approved assignor and an approved trainer/instructor. Keith has agreed to attend the training for the assignor and Mike Windt and Greg Pilbeam have agreed to become approved trainers/instructors.

Newsletter Jack Wolf will now be taking over the news letter from Ron Porritt.

Rules Testing This fall, there were a couple of situations where some of our members were wrong about some technical rules, like the length of overtimes. We discussed how we can be sure that the membership keeps up on the rules and changes in the rules. MHSAA does not require any testing, but they do send a voluntary test with the rules. It has been proposed that in the future, we will have our members do the test and turn them in to the association. This is the easiest way that we can insure that our members have kept up on the rules.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.



Upgrade Assessments – GW Ouellette

If you are ready to UPGRADE send your completed upgrade form with your payment to Mike Bodary before April 15. If you have any questions call Jerry Ouellette at 269-965-5903 or e mail him at gwo73mg@aol.com.

Uniform Update – Greg Pilbeam

Referee Uniform recommendation for this year are listed below. In addition to the standard NISOA colors, the orange pattern is now being suggested. WMSOA members may purchase with the group purchase order being placed in July - order with sleeve length, size and if orange socks required must be to Greg Pilbeam by 1 July. This bulk order will save members 15% plus some of the freight costs from Official Sports prices.

- USSF...**
- Black w/ white pin stripe
 - Yellow w/ black pin stripe
 - Red w/ black pin stripe

Note: there is a new “logo” sock to replace the “three white stripe” sock. For local games, we are still considering the “three white stripe” sock as our primary sock.

- MHSAA...**
- Yellow w/ black pin stripe
 - Red w/ black pin stripe
 - Black w/ white pin stripe

NISOA...

- Black (without white pin stripes),
- Yellow pattern
- Orange pattern (being used this year) see above.
- Fuchsia pattern

Note: We are still considering the “three white stripe” sock as our primary sock for local games. Referees that may do NISOA games outside of the local area should consider purchasing the Orange pattern shirt and the “three yellow stripe” and “three orange stripe” socks.



Important Dates

March 10	7:00 Girls HS Rules Meeting MHSAA Office East Lansing
12-14	USSF Level 8 Certification Class Soccer Spot Kentwood - contact K. Miller
22	HS Rules and Mechanics meeting 6:30PM Zeeland HS Soccer Field contact G. Pilbeam, F Warren.
April 15	USSF Upgrade applications due.
17	GVSA soccer season starts
TBA	WMSOA Cracker Barrel meeting watch www.wmisoa.com
May 15-16	State Cup - Saginaw
June 5-6	State Cup - Farmington

Michigan Tournament Information

8th Annual Lakeshore Soccerfest (May 28-30) U10-U19

is a MSYSA sanctioned tournament held in Holland every year. This year it will move to Memorial Day. Contact [Pete Ziegler](mailto:Pete.Ziegler@wmisoa.com) (see: www.wmisoa.com) for information on officiating. Games will be played at Zeeland High School and Helder Park.

22nd Annual Canton Cup (May 28-30) U9-U18 Boys, U9-U15 Girls

is an annual event held in Canton every year. Contact: e-mail: CantonCup2004@aol.com
Games are played at the Canton Michigan Soccer Complex.

Lakeside Soccer Blast (May 29-31) U10-U14; Adult

is a new tournament this year to be held over Memorial Day Weekend in East Grand Rapids. It is sanctioned by US Club Soccer and requires USSF certified officials. Contact [Todd Vela](mailto:Todd.Vela@wmisoa.com) (see: www.wmisoa.com) Games will be played in East Grand Rapids.

Portage Soccer Classic (June 11-13) U10-U19

is an annual event held in Portage every year. Contact [David Rice](mailto:David.Rice@wmisoa.com) (see: www.wmisoa.com). Games are at the Portage Soccer Complex.

Kalamazoo Invitational Soccer Shootout (KISS) (June 18-20) U12-U19

is the highest level youth tournament held in West Michigan every year. Games are full length. Contact [Alan Maxwell](mailto:Alan.Maxwell@wmisoa.com) (see: www.wmisoa.com). All games are played at the Kalamazoo Soccer Complex.



Tournament information

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Petoskey Summer Invitational (June 18-20) U10-U18

is in its 22nd year. Always a fun place to go in summer. Contact [Gary Hunter or Bruce Platte](#)

11th Annual Saginaw Soccer Classic (June 25-27) Boys U13-U17, Girls U13-U19

This tournament is held at the McCarty Road soccer complete (site of the state cup) and attracts 160 teams. More details at: <http://www.saginawsoccer.org/newpage1.htm>

Cherryland Invitational (August 6-8) U10-U19

What better place to be in Michigan than Traverse City in August? Usually this event has competitive teams. Contact [Bruce Falberg](#) (see:www.wmisoa.com)

MILD Cup (September 3-5) U9-U14

is also MSYSA sanctioned and is held at the Barry County Fairgrounds (on M37 between Middleville and Hastings). Contact [Christie Williams](#) (see:www.wmisoa.com)

Petoskey Autumn Blast (September 11-12) U9-U14B, U9-U18G

The Fall version of the Petoskey Summer Invitational. Contact [Gary Hunter or Bruce Platte](#) (see:www.wmisoa.com)

Capital Area Classic (September 17-19) U12-U14

Lansings' only tournament. Contact [Vikki Blasey](#) (see:www.wmisoa.com). Games are played at the Kenneth Hope Soccer Complex.

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