

East Central Executive Board Meeting
Kimberly Civic Center
October 16, 2017

Doris Schommer – East Central President
Marti – East Central Vice President
Gary Coan – East Central Secretary
Wayne Stoflet – Scheduling, TOPS
Chris Billstrom – Games Commissioner
Mike Jones – Referee Commissioner
Mike Buman – Recreational Commissioner
Kevin Otto - Registrar

Silent Weekend

Not a lot of bad feedback. Some here and there, but not a lot. A few extreme cases.

- Could have planned more and ahead of time. Guessing there are some clubs that didn't get the word out properly. Some didn't include players who were out of season.
- Should we try this one weekend per year? Allow parents to converse on the sidelines. There were a lot of different ideas to communicate on the parent sideline. It was reported that Tootsie Pop sales were up in the valley for the weekend.
- Parents: Why am I being punished? Why can't I cheer?
- This was a chance for the quiet parents to show the noisy ones what is wrong with their behavior.
- Responses were categorized in thirds: those who liked, those who disliked and those who wanted to give their rebuttal.
- Younger refs loved it. They were very confident in blowing their whistle knowing they weren't going to get yelled at. Many players liked it too. Said they could hear the coach for a change
- We need to put together a survey and allow a spot for feedback.
- A ref is a paid position and they should be more tolerant of feedback. Our refs are younger vs other sports where often there are adult coaches in other sports
- Parents are our biggest target. Maybe we can teach sideline behavior through education; e.g. pamphlets, discussions, code of conduct. Put together a video of kids' positive reactions and get it out to the parents. Printed info has to be short and to the point or it will get tossed.

We need to address this at the AGM District-wide. Should we do it again? If we can educate parents at an earlier stage, they might be better with it down the road. Need feedback from all clubs as to whether to repeat it.

- Coaches should be educating the parents on sideline behavior. Many are not.
- We have to allow everyone to express their opinions.
- If we vote as a district to try it again, we will have to do a better job of informing and enforcing. AGM agenda item.

Executive Board: Discussion lead by Doris Schommer
Exec board is too large. Should be kept to a smaller number.

Who? President, vice-president, treasurer and secretary. What about all the commissioners and committee heads?

Jamboree

Discussed possible weekends (again) and its attendance. Many weekends already have tourneys.

Looking for an academy director who can stick around more than just a year. Matt Callahan may be interested.

Scheduling software

Will have a scheduling tool

Wayne will ask Demosphere to do some sort of demo beforehand.

Some clubs are having trouble as they are still married to LO through auto-renewing contracts.

Should we look at how we separate our teams in classic divisions and how they are placed?

Once again some are not happy with their placement.

Fall play

Set at 8 games. There are a few adamant people who really want eight games. It should be brought up at the AGM. Chris will prepare

Some people say they pay enough that they should get their eight games.

Nine games in spring. Should we cut back to eight? Teams are more and more interested in tournament play vs club games. Let's poll at the AGM when there is younger blood in the room to see what result we get.

Teams dropped this fall after the schedule was live. This is unacceptable and these teams need to be invoiced for their blunder.

Website and FB page need to be more active and kept up-to-date.

SAFE

Playing up. Need to get the rule back.

Taking a knee and handshakes and kids slapping parents' hands need to be addressed. Marti will prepare

AGM

Nothing major. Should we have breakout sessions? If so, which topics need to be discussed?

Silent weekend will be discussed by the entire group. Should the district registrar be a paid position? Paid per player, not per team. Charge for expedited fees. Doris will prepare.

We need help in the registrar position.

U8 refs. My apology here, but I think the discussion was whether we should use refs at U8??

AGM will be held Dec 2nd at the Starlite Club, which is located at the intersection of Outagamie County Hwy JJ and Sate Hwy 55. From I41, exit to Hwy 55 at Kaukauna and go north one mile. Destination is on your left.

Adjourned at 8:30

Gary Coan

East Central Secretary