



Southeastern Soccer Officials Association



SSOA General Session Meeting

Meeting Minutes

The SSOA held a general session meeting on February 9, 2009 at Concord Baptist Church. The members that were present at the meeting are listed at the end.

1. Aaron Martin gave the following important dates:
February 20th – Walker Co Invitational
February 21st – Walker Co Invitational / Ooltewah Playday
February 28th – GA MS Jamboree
March 12-15 – Jekyll Island Tournament / Cleveland Invitational
April 3-4 – CCS Tournament
2. Aaron informed members the Katsuhiko “Hiko” Waldon Distinguished Service Award will be created in honor of Hiko and his service to the association. This award will be given annually at the Banquet.
3. The training for the meeting was **Game Management:**

Coaches' Starting 11 Expectations of Referees:

1. Arrive on time. (30 minutes minimum before game time)
2. Show both teams the crew is working together.
3. Work hard to keep up with play.
4. Keep the game flowing.
5. Understand the different between the letter of the law and the spirit of the law.
6. Caution as a last resort.
7. Respect everyone and help keep players in the game.
8. Give clear and prompt signals.
9. Keep the game safe and fair.
10. Look like you're enjoying yourself.
11. We all have a part to play to leave the game better than we found it.

Keys to Becoming a Good People Manager:

1. Pick one thing about your game to work on.
2. Work on relationships with coaches.
3. Exude confidence through good eye contact and body posture.
4. Interact with players in the way that's consistent with your personality.
5. Don't threaten.
6. Show interest in the game.
7. Stay calm, maintain composure.
8. When showing a card, beckon the player, meet them halfway. Move them away from conflict.

A Referee's 7 Discretionary Powers:

1. Talk
2. Whistle
3. Advantage
4. Caution
5. Disqualification
6. Suspension
7. Termination

SSOA Board Members:

Rob Griffith, President
Vann Sisemore, Treasurer
Abby Gengozian, Secretary
Buddy Edging, Supervisor of Officials

Buddy Edging, HS/MS Assignor
Patrick Crossman, College Commissioner
Aaron Martin, Member at Large
Craig Phillips, Member at Large

Members in Attendance

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If your name is not on this list and you attended the meeting, you MUST sign the roll to get credit for attendance and training! You will be excused if you had a game scheduled on a meeting day.

Mark Able
Gary Beisser
Cameron Brown
Ivan Burns
Andy Burroughs
Chris Carter
Ken Carter
Caroline DeRhodes
Abby Gengozian
Todd Gould
David Hyde
Dustin Hysinger
Gale Johnson
Bob Laws
Isaac Martinez
Aaron Martin
Matt Mullinax
Walter Obando
Craig Phillips
Rick Powers
Michael Salley
Gene Schlereth
Kenny Seagroves
Vann Sisemore
Joseph Smelley
Tom Steer
Ben Stolt
David Tromanhauser
Dwayne Turner
James Walsh
Brenda Whiteside