

Soccer Coaches Association of New Jersey
October 5, 2009
Pines Manor
Edison, NJ

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Pines Manor in Edison.

Attendance was taken and present were:

Andrew Lowery – North II
Mike Rusek, – North I
Tom Breznitsky and Chris Hayston – Central I
Rob Bechtloff, Brian Grimm and P.J. Barret– Central II
Mike Brennan, Damon Petras and Bill Dent – South

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Old Business: The Hall of Fame Banquet was a tremendous success, and the feedback from the Honorees, guests and HOF Committee was very positive. It was one of the largest turnouts in SCANJ history. Thanks to all who helped out.

The State Banquet held in January was a terrific afternoon as usual. 1000 players, coaches, parents and friends were in attendance. This year's banquet will again be held at The Pines in Edison on Sunday, January 3, 2010 at 12:00 noon. We are hoping that coaches will join our association for the minimal fee of \$20 and help support the work that we do for the coaches and players of New Jersey. Membership forms can be downloaded from our website at www.scanj.org.

The annual Senior All-Star Showcase will be held again at St. John Vianney on Sunday, December 6, 2009. North II will play Central at 12:00 and North I will play South at 2:00. We want to thank Brian Grimm and St. John Vianney School for providing the venue for this enjoyable event.

New Business: The All-State selection meeting will be held on Sunday, November 8 at 4:00. We would like to remind all coaches and county selection chairs to please attempt to have all area selection meetings prior to November 6, so the Board can meet the deadlines that coincide with our State Banquet. Section reps. will bring the rankings from the area meetings to the State meeting so that the athletes are properly recognized in January. We would also like remind coaches to contact State award-winning players ASAP so that the families can reserve their tickets in a timely fashion and avoid last-minute problems with seating.

The cut-off date for the State Tournament is October 23. Make sure to utilize the NJSIAA site to record scores and matches, as the State is now using this information to create the brackets and seed the teams. It is important to realize that it is possible to apply, using the "intent form" on the tournament site, to be in the tournament with a record below .500. The State is attempting to bring more schools into the brackets and also compensate for the realignment. Also make sure that your team's record is accurate on the last day to insure proper placement. Check with your ADs for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.