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MidAm BOD
Re: Safe Sport Report

We are presently over 60 new reports in the last 365 days. One would have hoped this would slow with the end of the regular season, but it really hasn't at all. I have received multiple reports in May and June.

I have 7 active cases. There will be multiple hearings over the next 10 days. The Center for Safe Sport has taken 3 cases from us this year with one decision still pending. The Center has added a lot of employees, but it doesn't seem to have impacted the number of cases they take. Some good and bad with that – when they take a case, we really don't have any involvement or knowledge of what is going on. The whole process is a little frustrating and hard to follow. Casey, Ben and Don at the national office are very responsive to our situations, but the lines of communication are a little hard to follow at times.

The bottom line on reports is that there are many legitimate reports and a lot of them that are just grievances I do not wish to resolve. We have not had any cases of sexual abuse in the district of these reports.

Next year will be sweeping changes for our District program. These changes should have been made a while back, but I needed to be a little more comfortable with the process before rolling it out.

Next year we will have associates in each of the state ... probably with a title I have not come up with yet. My suggestion would be for 2 in PA., 2 in Ohio and 1 in Indiana, West Virginia and Kentucky. Those numbers are estimated on volume. Selection or appointment would be handled by respective State V.P.'s. Would like to have the names by 9/1. All associations should also have a Safe Sport position and the default is the President.

I will roll out handout at the meeting Saturday on how to handle cases. I would suggest the associates set up training sessions via zoom in September / October. They can be done with other methods should they choose. I will participate and provide the zoom link for such meetings. I will be available for advice, reporting to Central Command, participate in hearings etc. and just for oversight to make sure we are following the procedures.

The whole process is still fluid as I see it. Need to make sure we file consistent lines of communication, so we don't end up stepping on each other ... which as of today we still do.

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