

IFOA Board Meeting

April 22, 2018, 12:00 PM Noon

12:00 Call to Order – Shane Smith called meeting to order at 12:00 Noon. Present: Crist, Zody, Watt, Gloudeman, Arellano, McAnulty, Richardson, Stan Smith. Bissell arrived at 12:10

12:01-12:10 – February CFOA Meeting – Shane: At this meeting of California Football Officials Association, IFOA was represented by Shane Smith and Tim Gloudeman. Shane appraised the board on the business of CFOA which included a proposal by Honig's Official Supply to provide uniforms for all CFOA. To enter into this agreement, Honig's was willing to donate \$1500 CFOA in exchange for access to emails of all CFOA members. This was voted down; contract not completed. CIF reminded next year all sports begin a week earlier to allow the year long sports season to be completed before Memorial Day. Therefore, **scrimmage week will be the week of August 6th and zero week will begin the week of August 13th**. Playoffs will begin the week of October 29th.

12:15 – Treasurer Report – Andy Zody reported that the enrollment at this date was lagging last year. Following the discount period which ended on March 30, 2018, we were ahead in enrollments compared to 2017 but since the discount period, we have had only a few enrollments. Presently, we have just enough to cover our expenses in the near future but if enrollments do not pick up, we will need to be creative to accomplish our financial needs for 2018. IFOA presently has \$3070 in the Richard A. Smith scholarship fund and will solicit donations at the clinic and the banquet.

12:25 – Secretary Report – Bill: The IFOA Facebook page is currently being managed by members and IFOA board feels it be in the best interest of IFOA to have a board member assist in management of this social media. Bill Crist will contact to see about IFOA board about becoming involved.

12:35 - Instructional Issues & New Rules for 2018 - Tim Gloudeman: Tim reported that the new power point covering the new rules and point of emphasis for 2018 which will be covered at the Clinic. Packets will be distributed at the White Hat meeting in July with mail distribution to follow immediately for those officials who need their packets mailed. This is an election year with nominations being held at the clinic on 08-11-18, as well as the first general meeting on 08-14-18. Elections will be held on 09-25-18. All nominees must be present on election night **to be able to deliver a campaign speech**. Motion by Crist seconded by Richardson

12:45 Paying Electronically for 2019 – Bill Crist: Bill opened a discussion about seeking the possibility of paying electronically for 2019 while retaining the option to pay via the current system. Many members have requested this option as many do not have checks any longer and must acquire money orders or send cash. No final decision was made but we will discuss at a later date. The IFOA board sees possible obstacles:

1. Making a payment to IFOA for dues and a separate payment to the assignor before enrollment is complete
2. Correct completion of required forms prior to money being accepted
3. Possible challenge of collecting necessary fees and information of each official via pay pal or some other similar collection system.

1:00 Possible crews for 2019 (new white hats, etc.) – Stan Smith: Stan will begin assembling crews on June 1st; any official not enrolled by this time will risk not being placed on a crew. Bill Crist will email the unregistered members to remind them of this deadline. Presently 156 officials have joined for 2018.

1:15 Moving Varsity Games off Friday nights – Stan Smith has been working with CIF Liaison, Dennis Pratt, moving varsity games off Friday nights. It appears there will insufficient varsity level officials to cover all the games scheduled on Friday Nights in 2018. The schools are reluctant to move games to an alternate evening, but the AD's are working on conjunction with Dennis Pratt to arrive at an equitable system.

1: 25 Recruiting and retention of officials: This continues to be a problem not only with IFOA but nationwide except for Texas where officials are paid a percentage of the gate. Texas high school football is very popular in Texas and officials subsequently are paid a much higher fee per game. This system would not work in states like California where attendance can be spotty. IFOA board will listen to any suggestions from members which may increase enrollment in a timely manner as well as recruit new officials.

1:30 Motion by Zody, seconded by Crist to extend the contract with Stan Smith as assignor making his contract end following the 2022 season.

1:30 Board adjourned via motion by Bissell and second by Watt.