

Inland Football Officials Association Board Meeting

1-29-17

Date and time of meeting was made public to 2016 members

Attendance: Present – Board Members: Jan Bissell, Brandon McAnulty, Carl Richardson, Matt Arellano,

Vice President: Kelley Page, Treasurer: Andy Zody, Past President Tim Watt, Secretary: Bill Crist, President: Shane Smith, Assignor: Stan Smith, Instructional Chair:

Absent: None

- Past President, Tim Watt called the meeting to order at 11:30 am and then passed the gavel to Shane Smith, President for 2017 & 2018 Seasons.

- President Smith welcomed the board, especially newly elected board member Carl Richardson.

- Vice President Page stated his intentions were to continue the excellence of the banquet which has been a long-standing tradition. He will explore venues and meals to secure the best venue at the best price.

- Treasurer Zody reviewed the year end statement noting there is currently \$9108.07 in the account with the Richard A. Smith fund currently standing at \$2335.00. Initial major expense will be renewal of Arbiter. We currently pay for 260 members which adequately allows us to enroll all IFOA paid officials as well as the liaison. If membership nears this number, we will need to increase the number of enrolled officials listed on Arbiter. Currently we have 45 members enrolled with the final date of joining being February 17th to take advantage of the most reduced rate.

-Secretary Crist informed the board that Miguel Sanchez had asked if he could get any portion of his dues back as he joined but was unable to officiate attending only a portion of the clinic. Andy Zody made a motion to return his fee minus the cost of the kit which was \$35 for 2016. Jan Bissell seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Andy will return Miguel a check in the amount of \$40.00.

- CFOA meeting will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2017, at Frantone's near Cerritos College beginning at 12:00 noon. 3 representatives can attend; Shane Smith, Dan Durst, and possibly Tim Watt will represent IFOA at this meeting. Bill Crist was instructed to submit our order to Dean Crowley for the 2017 season: 245 kits, 25 Illustrated Officials Manuals, and 30 mechanics books as this is an off year for printing of mechanic's manuals.

- Matt Arellano excused at 12:05 pm as he had a college basketball game to officiate.

- Bill Crist requested some guidance on disseminating information regarding off-season officiating camps. The consensus was to publicize when made aware but not to specifically endorse any unless directed to do so via board decision.

- There was a discussion regarding where to hold the Clinic and the instructional meetings for 2017. Rocky Ford is willing to go to Redlands USD again to secure Redlands HS for all. Tim Watt informed the board that San Bernardino Elks Club has also offered their facility for all meetings

including the clinic. Motion by McAnulty, seconded by Crist to first attempt to secure Redlands HS. Motion carried unanimously. Crist to speak to Rocky Ford about approaching Redlands USD.

- Zero Week this year is Monday 8-21-17 with any games being played on Thursday the 24th, Friday the 25th or Saturday the 26th. This will put most scrimmages on the previous week, the week of 8-14-17. Stan to assign scrimmages except for the scrimmage for developmental officials which will be handled by Rocky Ford and the developmental instructional staff. The window for Study Guide Meetings will be July 15th through August 9th. Bill Crist will publicize; Study Guide Meeting leaders will be responsible to get attendance to Bill. The clinic will be held on Saturday August 12, 2017, assuming facility is available.

- There was a discussion on election protocol especially at the meeting when candidate speeches will be given. Tim Watt motioned and Kelley Page seconded, motion carried unanimously; The candidate must physically attend the election meeting to give their speech. No proxies, no speeches via electronic media or social media allowed. Secretary will amass a bio on each candidate and publicize to association via email week prior to election night.

- There was a discussion on years of experience. Kelley Page and Bill Crist attest the currently document has numerous errors which hopefully can be corrected by the secretary ASAP. For instance, Carl Richardson and Robert Bloe both joined the same year but one is showing 19 years' experience and the other 18 years' experience. Board agreed to make both 19 years' experience. Secretary will survey the association to see if any other mistakes can be identified and hopefully rectified.

- In the national championship game, there was a play not flagged by the officiating crew which has led to discussion on all sports talk media presentations whether it was illegal or not. It is predicted that coaches will inject similar strategies which may or may not be illegal in NFHS rules. Dan Durst to outline the rule and the criteria necessary to be legal at clinic

- Off season recruiting: Bill Crist outlined several ideas any of which could be implemented for 2017. Board instructed Bill Crist to survey and encourage each member to actively recruit new officials. The procedure to be 1.) Member to give copy of the registration materials to prospect and follow up with the submission of registration and fees. 2.) Member to send Bill Crist prospect's contact information and Bill will follow up.

- 2017 Observation program: What should be done to observe and make suggestions for improvement by officials and crews in the association. Decision was that each board member will be responsible to review, make suggestions on 2 crews beside their own and send to the crew chief via HUDL. Bill Crist to make assignments of games and crews to each board member. Bill also suggested he would assist any board member who may need a clinic on the procedure to accomplish this task.

Jan Bissell excused at 1:45 to attend a family wedding.

- End of the year survey. Bill Crist showed the board a sample of a yearend survey used by Arkansas FB Officiating Association. Board decided to try one year to see the results or if anything was learned by this activity. Since Bill brought it up, he will send out and collect survey, followed by developing any reporting of results to the board.

- IFOA Media Plan: Board discussed protocol expected from IFOA members if approached by a media person asking opinion of games officiated or observed by IFOA members. Motion by Crist seconded by Richardson; if requested members are to state, "No Comment"; if asked who to speak with refer all inquiries to assignor. Motion carried unanimously.
- Assignor and Instructional Chair excused at 1:55 pm.
- Bill Crist motioned and Page seconded to enter executive session for discussion of personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously
- Zody motioned and Page seconded to exit executive session. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion for date of next meeting. Decided next meeting will be on Sunday April 23, 2017 beginning at 11:30 am.
- Kelley Page motioned Zody seconded to adjourn, motion carried unanimously.