

IAABO Board #11
General Membership Minutes from October 18, 2006 Meeting

7:30PM: Mike DiMuzio opened the meeting.

D) President Update:

- Mike DiMuzio opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking all for their flexibility in getting the meeting started.
- Mike also discussed the presentation that was made to the Blue Hen Conference AD's, as well as to the DIAA Officials Committee. A presentation was also made to Cecil County AD's. Unofficially, Board #11 was given all of the Blue Hen games (not sure yet about non-conference games). We also have received the Cecil County contract, indicating that Board #11 will be officiating those games as well.
- As mentioned, Mike DiMuzio and Joe Santora went to meet with the AD's from Cecil County. They had nothing but good comments for Board #11. We need to continue to do an excellent job of servicing the Cecil County schools.
- The Board is looking to create a group of officials who will act as relationship managers for all of our clients/schools. Jack Baly has agreed to assist in heading up this effort. If you have a contact with a particular school (i.e. know an AD, coach, administrator, etc.), please notify an E-Board member.
- Jim Mahoney has scrimmages available at Wilmington College (November 3rd and 4th and November 8th and 11th). Contact Jim if interested. NOTE: These scrimmages WILL NOT count towards fulfilling your school scrimmage requirement of at least 3.

II) School Assignor Update:

- Joe Santora mentioned that he will rely on email and Arbiter exclusively this year to communicate with all officials. If you don't have access to a computer, contact Joe ASAP.
- Joe asked for all officials to verify their email address and phone numbers in Arbiter. Also, begin entering your availability for the season.
- Maryland games will begin getting assigned soon. Maryland AD's are asking for officials to call them if running late to a game. Joe will provide all of the contact information.
- The season begins the first week of December. We are actively working with all of the schools that we have historically serviced in an effort to keep as many games/conferences as possible.
- Blue Hen Conference games will start JV games at 5:30 during the week, with the Varsity contests immediately following. JV will utilize 6-minute quarters Monday thru Friday. Extra police will be in place at all conference games for security reasons. Be sure to contact someone (Joe, Kevin McGroerty, Mike DiMuzio, etc.) if you have security concerns at any point during the season.
- Get to your games on time. Be professional at all times. Remember, people are looking at us closer than ever.

- Joe is looking for a volunteer to assist with tracking scrimmages for the general membership (Michael Gioia has since volunteered to help).

III) Treasurer Update:

- Larry Buonocore reviewed the proposed budget with those in attendance. He mentioned that as a result of losing \$35K in revenue due to lost games/leagues; the Board will need to take advantage of the Internet in an attempt to save money. The budget will be voted on by the General Membership during the November 15th meeting at the E-Center.
- Going forward, all summer leagues will be serviced by Larry in terms of making payments to officials. Those monies will be reported on all 1099 forms for tax purposes. Larry will deposit all checks for the summer and write checks at the end of the summer season.
- Larry also mentioned that in his opinion, IAABO insurance will not be needed going forward due to the increased coverage offered by the NASO insurance. He recommends that we not spend the money for the IAABO insurance for the 2007-08 season.

IV) Other Board Business:

- A proposal was made to increase fines for callbacks within 24 hours of the assignment from \$25 to a game fee. The motion did not pass by vote of the General Membership (fine will remain at \$25).

V) Vice President Update:

- Kevin McGroerty discussed the importance of staying with our partners during all assignments. Be sure to take care of each other, from the moment you arrive until you get in your car to leave. We need to make a commitment to safety. Be sure to contact Kevin immediately to report incidents. Call your partners to confirm game assignments.

VI) Secretary Update:

- Paul Zoppi reminded everyone to be sure to sign in for the meeting.
- IAABO and NFHS rule books were distributed to those in attendance.
- The NFHS test will be given December 4th at the Polish VFW. Jack Baly has agreed to help administer the exam again (open discussion format).
- The DIAA Rules Clinics will be held October 16th in Dover, and October 24th at St. Mark's High School. This clinic is a DIAA requirement. If you can't attend, contact the DIAA offices in Dover to schedule a time to watch the video of the session (302- 857-3365).
- The Floor Mechanics meeting will be held November 15th at the E-Center.
- If you haven't returned your signed roster form to Paul, please do so ASAP.
- Ralph Hunter has a 2XL IAABO jacket for sale. If you are interested, see Cliff Phipps.
- The Board #11 directory will NOT be distributed this year in an effort to save money on printing. All contact information for officials can be found on Arbiter.

8:45PM: Mike DiMuzio closed the meeting.