

IAABO Board #11
General Membership Minutes from March 14, 2007 Meeting

7:10PM: Meeting is opened.

D) President Update:

- Mike DiMuzio opened the meeting. The minutes from the last meeting were approved by the members in attendance.
- Mike gave an update on Nate Beasley (Nate felt ill at a recent game at St. Mary Magdalen and was taken to the hospital). Mike has been in contact with Nate's wife regarding his status. We are asking the entire membership to keep Nate in their thoughts and prayers.
- Mike expressed his appreciation to all members for their hard work during his term as President. He very much enjoyed representing IAABO Board #11 for the past year.
- Mike also provided very positive feedback from the state of Maryland regarding the officials we provided to work the state tournament. Board #11 officials consistently rate as some of the top officials working the Maryland State Tournament.
- Chris Bassett and Dave Evans are retiring from Board #11. Thank you for your service to the Board over the years.
- It was determined that any officials who missed games due to assigning errors should contact the E-Board for possible resolution and compensation. The E-Board will review any such situations on a case-by-case basis to determine if some compensation is due. Contact Paul Zoppi if you would like to address the E-Board regarding possible compensation.
- Larry Brown will be administering the election process during tonight's meeting.
- Paul Zoppi will be notifying all officials of any applicable fines for the past season after today's meeting (league games, scrimmages, meeting attendance, etc.). April 11th and May 9th will be the last two E-board meetings of the season for appeals.
- John Carew continues to lead the Game Assignment Committee. Anyone interested in sharing their thoughts or ideas regarding the assignment process should contact John directly.
- Mike DiMuzio is also going to send a thank you letter to every AD expressing our appreciation for servicing their games, as well as our desire to service their games once again next season. In addition, Steve Meeker will reach out to Bob Lewis (Kappa Tournament Director) expressing our interest in working their tournament next season.
- Any official who called back a state tournament assignment is automatically ineligible for next season's tournament (as per Board #11 state tournament rules and procedures). All impacted officials will be contacted and will have a right to appeal to the Executive Committee.

II) Secretary Update:

- Remember to sign in. The sheet will be pulled at 7:30pm.

- If you do NOT plan on officiating next season, be sure to contact Paul Zoppi ASAP. If you do not notify Paul to the contrary, your dues for next season will be deducted from your end-of-the-season voucher.
- IAABO dues are due by April 15th. Paul will work with Larry Buonocore on the registration and corresponding payment (\$35 per official).
- Paul reminded the general membership of the upcoming appeal meetings scheduled for April 11th and May 9th. If you are notified/assessed a fine for the 2006-07 season and wish to appeal, please contact Paul confirming your intention and availability for one of these two dates. Members will be notified of all fines in writing (if they haven't already been notified).
- Finally, Paul reminded everyone of the importance of the elections and encouraged everyone to get involved with the Board in some capacity.

III) Treasurer Update:

- Larry Buonocore reviewed the insurance situation/question with the E-Board members. The Federation insurance now provides the same coverage as the IAABO insurance (both School AND League games), but without the game reimbursement coverage. If we elect to stay with the IAABO insurance, Larry is recommending we keep our dues at \$100 for next season. If we decide to eliminate the IAABO insurance and just use the Federation insurance, he is recommending our dues be reduced to \$90. The membership voted to keep the IAABO insurance, which means dues will remain at \$100 for the 2007-08 season.
- Larry reviewed his plans for writing checks to the general membership. By constitution, he has until May 15th to make all payments. However, he has historically made all payments by mid April. If you call him before April 15th regarding payment, you will automatically go to the end of the list. All checks will be made net of any applicable fines, dues, cash games, and the 7% assignors' fees. Given it is an odd year, checks will be written in reverse alphabetical order. Larry has also committed to bringing checks to the banquet for all attendees. Please be patient and understand that we have close to 150 working officials on the Board.
- As of today, the Board has \$155K in cash on hand, with more checks coming in every day. We seem to be doing a better job of collecting money from schools and leagues.

IV) League Assignor Update:

- Fred Mason is looking for volunteers to work the Special Olympics basketball tournament at the University of Delaware on March 31st. Please see him if you are available to volunteer your time.

V) Interpreter:

- Layne Drexel thanked everyone for a great season. He reminded everyone to continue to work on their games during the off-season. Work games for Fred over the summer and keep striving to improve.

- Take advantage of summer officials' camps (NFHS, IAABO, etc.) to improve your game. Email Layne or Michael Snead if you have any questions about a particular camp.
- If you work over the summer, and we strongly encourage you do, continue to work on your game and mechanics. Continue to develop good habits during summer ball (hustle and professionalism).
- The most common complaint we hear regarding officials is lack of effort. Coaches and players understand that we aren't going to get every call right, but there is no excuse for not giving 100% effort on every game. Hustle, work on positioning, and ask for feedback over the summer...especially newer officials.
- Email Layne with any suggestions for rules or mechanics changes for next year. He will bring any such suggestions to the Rules Meeting in Indianapolis.

VI) Other Items:

- Jon Rafal announced that Lou Moser was the first official inducted into the Blue/Gold Hall of Fame.
- Please return sportsmanship ballots to either Pam Cotman or Kelly Callahan.

VII) Executive Committee Elections:

- Larry Brown monitored the election process.
- The newly elected Executive Committee members will assume office beginning June 1st, 2007.
- The results for the 2007-08 season were as follows:

2006-07 Election Results:

President – Bill Steigerwald
 Vice President – Steve Meeker
 Treasurer – Larry Buonocore
 Secretary – Cynde Bimbi
 Interpreter – Layne Drexel
 School Assignor – Cliff Phipps
 League Assignor – Joe Santora
 Summer League Assignor – Fred Mason

Executive Committee Members

Paul Zoppi – 2 years
 Walt Connor – 2 years
 Shawn Baker – 2 years

Greg Collins will replace Cynde Bimbi for one year, as Cynde had to vacate her E-Board position to serve as Secretary. Please note that the following Executive Committee Members have one more year on their two-year term:

Mark Moser
 Larry Brown

8:50PM: Mike DiMuzio closed the meeting.