

IAABO Board #11
General Membership Minutes from September 13, 2006 Meeting

7:15PM: Mike DiMuzio opened the meeting.

I) President Update:

- Mike DiMuzio opened the meeting by offering prayers for Eric Dockins (passed away earlier in the year), Nate Beasley (recently had brain surgery), and Hiram Whatley (injured while fighting a fire).
- Mike then recognized Michael Snead for his 2 years of service as President.
- Mike talked about “REF”. Respect for the game and the importance of being professional, exhibiting Effort while out on the court, and the importance of having Fun.
- Mike mentioned the Ad Hoc Committee that has been put together by the DIAA to look at the State Tournament (both the official selection process, as well as the game assignment procedures). The Committee will be making a recommendation to DIAA on both accounts. Jim Mahoney and Karen Johnson have participated on behalf of Board #11.

II) Vice President Update:

- Kevin McGroerty discussed 2 incidents that occurred this summer at the Greenbank League. An official was assaulted (ball thrown at him) and threatening gestures were made by a player towards another official. Board #11 needs to work closely with New Castle County next season in an effort to take back this league. Our officials are not being consistent in how we are addressing the bad behavior, and the players are being allowed to get away with too much.
- Kevin emphasized the importance of Board #11 officials doing a better job in officiating these summer leagues (consistency, professionalism, appearance, etc.). He also mentioned that he needs to be made aware of issues with players and coaches in a timely fashion.
- Be sure to call Kevin promptly (within 24 hours) to notify him of any incidents this season, both school and league games. Kevin can be reached via cell phone or email. Use the same incident report as last year when reporting incidents (who was involved, a brief description of what happened, the date and location of the incident). Try to get names of impacted individuals if possible.

III) Treasurer Update:

- Larry Buonocore noted that IAABO dues and insurance have been paid for the 2006-07 season.
- Larry also mentioned that the NFHS insurance now does cover both school AND league games (only difference from IAABO insurance is NFHS doesn't pay missed game fees). We may want to look into just using the NFHS insurance.
- DIAA dues have been paid.
- A motion was made to present the budget to the General Membership at the next meeting in October. The motion passed.
- We are down to one school with an outstanding balance from last season.

IV) 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 in Arbiter. Also, begin entering your availability for the season.
- Joe mentioned that the AD's will be using League Minder this year for scheduling. There is a potential that the Board may be able to use League Minder next year. Glasgow still owes money to the Board from this past season.

V) Interpreter Update:

- Layne Drexel mentioned that he attended the IAABO Interpreter's Conference in Canada, as well as the NASO Conference. He also mentioned that NASO is putting together instructional videos/DVDs that the Board may want to purchase for training purposes. Layne mentioned that both the IAABO and NASO conferences were very informative
- Layne added that the New Person's training class is set to begin on September 19th (will meet twice per week at Christiana High School). If you are interested in assisting, contact Layne directly.
- Layne talked about rule changes for next season.
- Board11.com no longer exists. We will have a new site developed (\$500) and will be able to manage the site ourselves going forward. A motion was made and passed to allocate \$500 towards development of the new site.
- Layne also mentioned some other helpful sites (iaabo.org, nfhs.org, referee.org, diamondstateclassic.org, honigs.com).
- Layne emphasized the importance of consistency and professionalism at all times.

VI) Secretary Update:

- Paul Zoppi reminded everyone to sign in for the meeting. In addition, the meeting attendance policy was reviewed in detail
- Paul noted that Board #11 registered 118 active officials with DIAA/NFHS (\$27 per official) for the 2006-07 season.
- Paul will also rely on email for the vast majority of all communications with the General Membership.
- Signed roster forms are due from all members. No form, no games!!!
- IAABO and NFHS books will be handed out at the October meeting.
- Paul mentioned that the DIAA Rules Clinic will be held October 16th (at the DIAA offices in Dover) and October 24th (at St. Mark's High School). Both sessions will begin at 7pm. All officials must attend one of the two sessions being offered.
- The NFHS test will be given December 4th at the Polish VFW. Same open format as the past two years. Paul will ask Jack Baly to assist once again.
- The Floor Mechanics Clinic will be held November 15th at St. E's (E-Center).

8:15PM: Mike DiMuzio closed the meeting.