

I. Interpreter's Report – Layne Drexel

- A. Hand-outs were distributed and explained.*
- B. It was noted that the home team would be required to wear white jerseys this year, but this was for varsity only.*
- C. Referee can designate an umpire to toss the ball.*
- D. Board 11 and 129 will work together regarding rules that are not consistent between IAABO and Federation.*

II. President's Report – Bill Steigerwald

- A. New location for General Membership meetings will be at St. James Church Hall due to safety issues in past venue and being more conducive to an organizational meeting*
- B. All meetings will start at 7:00 p.m. with the Interpreter's Report.*
- C. Explained the importance and versatility of the Board 11 website (board11.org) i.e. calendar, meeting minutes, report of committee's, updates, forms, and policies.*

III. Secretary's Report – Cynde Bimbi

- A. Sign-in sheets will be removed from table at 7:30.*
- B. Each member must turn in a completed roster form before games will be assigned to that member.*
- C. Attendance at a DIAA Clinic is mandatory. Clinics are being offered October 15th at the Collette Education Center in Dover and November 1st at St. Mark's. Both meetings will begin at 6:30.*
- D. Patches may be ordered through Cynde.*
- E. It is important to let Cynde know if your e-mail address changes. If you do not let her know of a change, then you will not be on the e-mail distribution list. The only members on the e-mail distribution list are those who have turned in completed roster forms. This list is not created through Arbiter.*
- F. All forms, minutes, and secretary's updates will be posted on the website.*
- G. Explained how to download schedules from Arbiter to an Outlook Calendar*

IV. Treasurer's Report – Larry Buonocore

- A. *Has checks completed for summer league.*
- B. *Anyone with a negative balance will not receive assignments for the upcoming seasons.*
- C. *Budget was presented at this meeting. Will vote on the budget at the October 10th General Membership meeting.*
- D. *7% Board 11 administrative fee is withheld from league checks.*
- E. *Insurance coverage is now provided through Bollinger instead of K & K. Bollinger has better rates, better returns, and can also be supplemental or primary. A hand-out was provided and explained.*

V. Constitution - Eileen Ford

- A. *The Constitution Committee has been meeting once a week to reorganize and consolidate the constitution so it will be more concise and easier to understand*

VI. Disciplinary Committee – Paul Zoppi

- A. *The Disciplinary Committee: Paul Zoppi (chairperson), Tyrone Brown, Diane Smith, Tim Regenauer, and Mike Gioia presented a proposal to the membership for a new disciplinary process. Hand-outs explaining the proposal were distributed. Proposal will be voted on at next meeting. Proposal will be placed on the website prior to the next meeting.*

VII. Recognition/Banquet – Kelly Callahan

- A. *Members of the Recognition/Banquet committee are Kelly Callahan (chairperson), Pam Cotman, Vince Begatto, David Dill, and Cynde Bimbi (liaison to the E-Board)*
- B. *Announced and distributed the new Newsletter, "The Accolade". This Newsletter will be to identify and feature members within the organization that have done something positive within their community. The feature section will be called Stars in Stripes. Paul Zoppi is the Star in Stripes in the first edition of this newsletter. You can view the newsletter on the website.*

VIII. Public Relations committee – Jon Rafal

- A. *Goal is to increase awareness of Board 11 to as many people and entities as possible. Jon reported on various ideas.*

IX. Assignment Committee – John Carew

A. Committee is continuing to work on and with the assignment process. Will present update at the October E-board meeting and General Meeting.

X. Workshop Committee – Randy Henzes

A. Explained process and reason for workshops. There will be three workshops provided, one for each group. The workshops are designed to further train each official. The workshops are not mandatory; however, attendance is encouraged and will be kept. The dates are September 24th for Group 3; October 8th for Group 2; and October 22nd for Group 1. All workshops will be held at 7:00 p.m. at St. Edmonds old gym.

XI. Rating Committee Report – Walt Connor

A. Presented committee members: Shawn Baker, KJ Johnson, Mike Hutchinson, Mike Matweychuk, Jack Kramer, Steve Meeker, Mike Snead, Kevin McGroerty, Joe Santora, Eileen Ford, Randy Henzes, Layne Drexel, Jim Mahoney, Paul Zoppi, Jon Vascek, Kelly Callahan, and Dave Swift. Motion made and moved to accept all committee members.

B. The term godparent was changed to 'Information Advisors'

C. The Information Advisor's role is to feed information to the Rating Committee. Any official may be evaluated by any Rating Committee member. Each Information Advisor will be assigned five or six officials. Communication between the official and his/her Information Advisor must be a two-way process.

D. Group 1 will not be assigned an Information Advisor, but if they would like to have one assigned to them they should contact Walt.

E. If an Information Advisor is not doing the job properly the following procedures will be followed: 1) Walt will talk to Information Advisor and 2) Walt will have a conference with those involved. After conference, if there is no change from Information Advisor, that person will be pulled off the Rating Committee. Walt reminded everyone that there must be two-way communication.

F. A self-assessment form is being drafted. It will not be mandatory, but encouraged.

G. Everyone will be asked to complete 10 evaluation sheets by the January meeting and 20 by the March meeting. Completing evaluations sheets will not be mandatory, but will qualify you to work all play-off games.

H. The committee will be adding a category to Group 2, to be referred to as a Group 2 Umpire.

- I. *Bill asked that all members participate in the process set forth by the Rating Committee.*

XII. Assignor's Report – Cliff Phipps

- A. *Use note section in Arbiter for special request*
- B. *Request that members complete their availability in Arbiter.*
- C. *Contact Cliff if you do not have an e-mail address*

XIII. New Business

- A. *Bill explained position of board in regard to upcoming contracts.*

XIV. Adjourn