



Orange County *Football Officials Association*

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2013

Orange County Fire Authority Offices, Irvine, CA

BOARD ATTENDEES:	Larry Clanton Sal Figueroa Forrest Werner	Kris Concepcion Gary Gillman Frank Werner	Martin Covarrubias Mod Vega Chad Wilson
ABSENT:	Bob Hatcher	Andrew Lambert	
NON BOARD ATTENDEES:	Paul Caldera		
GUESTS:	Mark Graban		

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Frank Werner.

Officials Forum – None

Presidents Report (Frank Werner)

Year in Review – Received a letter from Vic Barruga regarding Al Hackney and that he has been diagnosed with advance lymphoma. Send out a letter to membership. Looking back on 2012, we tried to work in a positive productive manner. CFOA meeting in February, which was positive for the unit and hope we can get an all OC final next year. We hope that this year we have a smoother situation and have cleaned up some of the negative issues. Most have commented that the on field officiating was better than past years. Concerned about losing members and hopeful that this board will work together in a united front so that we can make this a positive experience, especially for the newer members. Werner needs to contact those officials that are unqualified at this point for 2013 and let the crew chiefs know those individuals. Gray/White hat committee is Brian Brennan (Chair), Doug Turner, Fran Ursini and Steve Heyman. 14 Officials have applied. Need as a board to start looking at “younger” officials into the system. Grooming them into leadership roles. Board feels that we need more involvement by the members as a whole. Major goal this year.

Secretary /Treasurer’s Report (Clanton)

- December 2012 Board Meeting Minutes – **Motion** to approve by Vega/2nd Concepcion – Passed 9-0.
 - December 2012 Financials – **Motion** to approve by Vega/2nd Concepcion – Passed 9-0.
- Presented Final 2012 Budget to Actual Comparison
Presented Statement of Receipts & Disbursements for 2012
Presented Draft 2013 Budget - To be voted on at next meeting

Vice-President (Figueroa)

Notified by several crews. 2 Ref spots open, 6 flank spots and 5 spots changed. I will give out a color coded form when finished with the different criteria’s. Might consider moving the dates up a little from the April 1st current date for crew finalization. Keep the list up to date on open crew positions on website.

Instructional Chairman (Wilson)

Two requirements – 18 hours CFOA and OCFOA requirements of making all but one meeting. Give members every opportunity to succeed in qualification. Online instruction; breaking down mechanics on website (pregame, by position and responsibilities); 2 to 4 Spring meetings. Would like to use Bill Jordan in deadball officiating protocols – quicker turn around needed since newer officials are working varsity sooner than past years. Curriculum will be used based on recommended by Strimling at CFOA. Have an Instructional committee that is looking at all of these areas along with me. Have one main meeting on Saturday and then another one on a Saturday with the same instruction and the members to make one of the two sessions. Get the important information to them. Meetings will be worked backwards so that the rating committee have a minimum of two or three weeks before deadlines. Still waiting on start and last week of season dates. Will need two meetings in October. August with 3 meetings, September 1 meeting. Possibly have makeup meetings at different sites and other week days to help the members. I want to make the 18 hours as easy as possible. Need to put missed meeting form back on website. Have asked NFHS to put parts of rulebook online.

Ratings Chairman (Covarrubias)

Brainstorming since meeting – thoughts are maybe abolish the entire program. Do not have any observers at this point. Too many hours are put into not having a solid conclusion each year. Need Instructional chairperson working close with the ratings chairperson in order for it to be effective. Need to train the newer officials in a positive way. The last season issues were tough to take and it needs to be analyzed to be more effective. Observation Program more than a Playoff ratings program. Possibly separate the two concepts. Devote more energy's at the newer officials for evaluation and improvement. Board discussed and feel we had issues but we have a quality product and need to continue and refine it. United front by the board is critical. Possibly look at crews required to go out and observe game(s). Can turn this around this season and make a positive future result after last year's negative experiences. The meetings need to be a learning time.

Assignor (Caldera)

Need to go to source first instead of going outside. The unit will be much stronger for it. Working backwards on the meetings is excellent to meet deadlines. Crew Chiefs and a problem we had last year, after the committee makes the final conclusions, need to be final. Crew amounts are fine. Gray hats available and go as deep as the assignor feels we can go. Recommend that Gray Hats have a goal to be a Crew Chief; should also be already on a crew; understand that they will not always be working with their crews; also nice to have a recommendation from the crew chief. Need to still have ability to use non Gray hats in emergency situations. Will put in written form and submit to the board.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Bolsa Grande High School (Meeting Site Potential) Chad Wilson
Will try to get a makeup meeting there to get us in to the school for future if needed.

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME - February 12, 2013 6:30 p.m.
Orange County Fire Authority Offices

ADJOURNMENT – 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Larry Clanton
Secretary/Treasurer