



Orange County *Football Officials Association*

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 29, 2013

Orange County Fire Authority Offices, Irvine, CA

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by President Frank Werner.

Officials Forum –

Fred Hamasaya – Had ideas that have come from another association and would like to share some thoughts. No Annual Banquet – use to have it – good camaraderie, awards, connects crews, etc. Have guest speakers from college and NFL. 1st and 2nd Year officials work the chains at higher varsity games. Bar Exam situation – Idea for ratings chairman – have 5 common questions – and then questions designed for individual positions.

Larry Branen – Hearing things concerning me about ratings and throwing out the bar exam test. Should have been evaluated. Also, crews that got rated late do not have an opportunity to appeal since some of them game to the crew chiefs not in a quick time frame. Had some individual issues with the rating system. Does not feel the spread is large enough. Evaluators need to be told what they need to be able to deduct and for how much points. Election on bylaws, need to have only top two individuals for a runoff, not the top three.

President Werner commented that possibly Larry Branen can be part of the committee in the future to help with these situations from happening, including elections and ratings.

Presidents Report (Frank Werner)

CFOA/OCFOA Meeting – Reported on Oct 19th meeting with CFOA executive board to lodge an official complaint regarding some situations with CFOA Instructional Chairman Steve Strimling. Issues regarding emails to our members including non-officials. They were planning on going to Strimling for resignation and subsequently will remove him. Chad Wilson - Ignored Points of Emphasis regarding the blocking rules.

Secretary /Treasurer's Report (Clanton)

August 2013 Board Minutes – **Motion** to approve by Lambert/2nd Concepcion – Approved 10-0
Reported that CIF State Games Eligible OCFOA Officials given to CIF Southern Section Office
Reported OCFOA Election Results confirmation for 2014 and 2015 (2 Year term):

President – Frank Werner
Secretary – Larry Clanton
At Large – Mark Andrews
Don Douglass
Mod Vega

August & September 2013 Financial Report – **Motion** to approve by Lambert/2nd Vega – Approved 10-0.
Reported that OCFOA Financials have now been put on Quick Books (New Reports distributed)

Vice-President (Figueroa)

Issue with Steve Strimling – Several other units that wanted to get in on the CFOA meeting because they had issues as well.

Instructional Chairman (Wilson)

Thanked the board for all the support throughout the year. The Board allowed the instructional team to do what we needed to do – also wanted to thank the instructors. Feel it came out very positive this year. Thanked Paul for taking most of the phone calls. As far as instruction, we have 8 non-qualified. No Crew members. Remind the board that you gave me permission to get them qualified – put in extra hours. We did get the information to the ratings committee on time. Actually looking at setting up the Wed after the season Nov 13th– reserve for the board and instructional team can have a dinner. Chad Wilson will pay for the dinner. Administration was solid on Bar Exam. Two tests. Werner will notify after Dec 9th. Board praised Chad Wilson through Andrew Lambert on the exceptional improvement of the instruction program this year.

Ratings Chairman (Covarrubias)

Thank Board for their assistance, Chad and Paul. Stressful two weeks. Taken a lot of issues.

Assignor (Caldera)

Every game assigned for balance of the season. Recognized the fact that the ratings chairman position is a think less job and no matter what goes down and that we have the best unit here. We are going to be tight on the last Friday night games which also have the 8 man playoffs. Talked to CIF and try to move the 8 man playoffs to Saturday. Will look at our association first and 8 man playoffs after that. Clarification – I adhere to the playoff list given to me by the unit. Prioritize by the Referee first and then go down regarding their crew members. Try to keep the crews together if possible as long as they are in the list order of priority.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

By Laws committee – President Werner has a group together to start their work in January. Will have the By-Laws draft ready to go by the first meeting in July.

Passing League (Gillman) – Officials promised at Dana Hills Passing league to receive a fee for working final games. Paul Caldera indicated that they should have been paid but will check into it. Needs to be handled.

Last Meeting Thoughts (Lambert) – Hudl and website increase- still not being used by all crews and having trouble getting game films. NFL and college officials – OCFOA has shunned those guys away. We cater to the members and need to stop letting officials complain and reacting to them. It's one or two that are causing the issues and we need to stop reacting to them. Board moving forward – Mark Graben attended more board meetings than some of the board members and we need to look at the ratings program that he presented to the board. Ratings and playoff lists need to be separate. It has been fun being on the board.

Mod Vega indicated that we do create a gap between our unit and the college officials. Sal Figueroa explained some of the reasons OCFOA in the past had it separated from the unit.

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME – Wednesday, January 8, 2014, 6:30 p.m. – Orange County Fire Authority, Irvine

ADJOURNMENT – 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Larry Clanton
Secretary/Treasurer