



Orange County *Football Officials Association*

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2014

Orange County Fire Authority Offices, Irvine, CA

BOARD ATTENDEES: Mark Andrews Larry Clanton Don Douglass
 Sal Figueroa Gary Gillman Mod Vega
 Forrest Werner Frank Werner Chad Wilson

ABSENT: Kris Concepcion

NON BOARD ATTENDEES: Paul Caldera

GUESTS: Mark Graban Rik Bennett

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by President Frank Werner, after first meeting in Executive Session.

Officials Forum –

President Werner opened up welcoming our two guests, Rik Bennett and Mark Graban. Indicated that Ric Bennett was in attendance to answer questions for the Board regarding the White/Gray Hat Committees ranking and recommendation report later in Executive Session.

Mark Graban – Reported that the By-Laws Committee had met and was done with their recommended amendments and in the hands of the Chairperson. Graban wanted to thank Chad Wilson and Frank Werner for their assistance and help at By-Laws committee meeting.

Presidents Report (Frank Werner)

CFOA Executive Council Meeting 2/9/14

Reported that both Clanton and President Werner attended the meeting at Frantone's in Pico Rivera representing the OCFOA unit at the CFOA Council Winter Meeting. The following items were discussed: Instructional chairman position due to the resignation of Steve Strimling is going to be handled on an interim basis headed by Rick Sherwood. Felt it was unfair to put an interim individual in the position for one year and take over the NASO issues. Plan on units voting for the new Instructional Chairman at the June 2014 meeting; Packets have been lowered to \$31.00 from \$35.00 each for 2014; Membership booklets will be either printed in a smaller form or put on the website beginning in 2015 to lower the packet costs to the units; Emphasis that the CIF Code of Ethics needs to be signed by all officials (OCFOA is done through the registration process); Area Liaisons will have expanded responsibilities including Security issues; Risk Management of Security issues were also emphasized by CIF-SS Associate Commissioner Glenn Martinez; Martinez also reported that previous playoff assignments were based on number of officials in each unit by percentage of games and that they will not be using numbers in the future. Martinez reported that a new CIF rule will limit coach/school contact with athletes to 18 hrs per week for all sports.

Webmaster Position

Werner talked with Andrew Lambert about continuing as the webmaster for 2014. Motion to approve Lambert as the webmaster for the 2014 season with Mark Andrews as board liaison by Clanton/2nd by Figueroa. Approved 9-0. It was also felt by the Board that the website should be hosted by a 3rd party. Andrews indicated that he believes it already is but will confirm.

Secretary /Treasurer's Report (Clanton)

January 2014 Board Minutes

Motion to approve with changes on Executive Session area by Figueroa/2nd Wilson – Approved 9-0.

January 2014 Financial Report

Motion to approve by Vega/2nd Andrews – Approved 9-0.

2014 Budget and Registration Fees –

Clanton presented the draft budget with two scenarios – one with a registration fee increase and one with no changes. Clanton indicated that he was recommending the small increase to lower are projected deficit budget situation. Wilson wanted to increase the Instructional budget to allow T-shirts for the instructors at passing leagues and Polo type shirts for the Board members to wear at the Regular general meetings so the membership will know who they can talk too. Gilman indicated his concern about raising dues. Clanton indicated that it has been two years since any registration fees had been increased and that included the loss of last years actual numbers. It was also discussed that the OCFOA is still below the majority of the other units in total member costs.

Motion to approve 2014 registration fees to be \$135.00 for 3rd or more year officials and \$125.00 for 1st and 2nd year officials by Vega/2nd by Douglass – Approved 8-1 (Gillman).

Motion to approve the 2014 Budget as presented with the additional monies to the assignor, instructional and misc sections by Wilson/2nd by Gilman – Approved 9-0.

Vice-President (Figueroa)

Crews Update –

Changes to be posted on website. Approx 8-10 movement in the crews. Can only delete at this point.

By-Laws/Policy & Procedure Report

Making amendments and finalized last Monday. Darryl Jones is reviewing. Draft by-laws will be presented at next board meeting. Once board approves the changes, they will be presented to the membership for ratification.

President Werner will have a meeting in advance of the regular membership meeting for them to review, discuss etc prior to the vote at a later meeting. Plan to vote on the amendments by sections.

Instructional Chairman (Wilson)

Attended CFOA Instructional meeting –

Will not have a chairman this season. Rick Sherwood will be heading the group. Using NFHS mechanics. Our association was only the one that did the testing non randomized. Others want to do this. Couple of mechanic changes to NFHS mechanics. Philosophy changes were discussed. Wider stripes acceptable. Entire crew needs to wear the shirts. Only instance will be on fill in officials on crew. Most likely mandatory 2016.

General Instructional –

Met with the OCFOA advisory board and they have made some recommendations. Discussed instructional goals – Had only 10 non qualified officials in 2013. Participant safety, want members to be experts. Try to unify coaches and officials. Investigating having a meeting with the coaches – will try and get it mandatory through school districts. Instructional committee approx 14 members to have input and have created sub committees to focus on specific areas. Wants to build committees around himself to be stronger. Classes will be broken up between crew and non crew positions. More individualized instruction. Give them more opportunity to engage with the instruction. Five spring meetings planned. Break into groups along with speakers. New rule reviews, rule challenges, quizzes, rule enforcements, etc. Introduce what the instructors will be looking at during the passing leagues. Get instructors together for uniformity prior to the events. Will send out dates and locations. Possible Saturday meetings. Two study sessions in July and one in August. Regular meetings dates/format to follow. Will be adding back the mentor program for 1st and 2nd year officials.

Registration –

Asked Clanton to see if its possible to add an option to purchase the Redding Book at \$20.00 each through the registration fee processing. Clanton will check.

Ratings Chairman (Covarrubias)

None

Assignor (Caldera)

Passing League –

Indicated that he was contacted by Dana Hills and Edison to continue with officials for their passing tournaments. No word from Irvine. Gary Gilman asked if we could charge the schools so we could help offset dues costs. The board discussed several options. Instead of schools offering food & beverages, the school would make a donation to OCFOA. Our officials would be on their own for food & beverage. Paul would contact the schools. These would still be OCFOA sanctioned events for instruction.

Motion to charge Passing leagues an officiating fee charge of \$750 each for Edison, Dana Hills and Irvine for 2014 events by Vega/2nd by Figueroa. Approved 6-3 (Forrest Werner, Wilson, Andrews).

Registration Process –

Relayed that would like to change several items on Registration process regarding updating Arbiter and the affiliated schools section of the form. Will discuss with Clanton prior to opening the registration process.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Sharing OCFOA Documents via Google + (Andrews)

. Discussed with Board the possibility of using this application for our documents this season. He discussed with Andrew Lambert and believes it has already been set up.

OCFOA Social Media Site (Andrews)

Discussed the possible need of a social media site (ie, Facebook, Tweeter, etc). Board felt after discussion that it could create issues. What would be the benefit? Could have a forum on the website. Board feels that it needs to be exclusive to our membership only. Passive vs active site concepts. Yahoo groups might be the best for our members only. Andrews will do some further research.

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME – Monday, April 21, 2014, 6:30 p.m. – Orange County Fire Authority, Irvine

ADJOURNMENT – 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Larry Clanton
Secretary/Treasurer