



# Orange County *Football Officials Association*

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 2013

Orange County Fire Authority Offices, Irvine, CA

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m. by President Frank Werner.

### **Officials Forum –** None

### **Presidents Report** (Frank Werner)

Good situation at passing leagues. Indicated that Chairpersons are Don Douglas, Ethic committee and Greg Crook, Audit committee for annual Report. Need advise on Election committee and going to ask Armando Amaro to chair again. Need to take care of the annual awards – will select at our next meeting. Will send out criteria and previous recipients prior to next board meeting.

### **Secretary /Treasurer's Report** (Clanton)

June 2013 Board Minutes – **Motion** to approve by Vega/2<sup>nd</sup> Lambert – Approved 9-0.

Registration Update – 243 Officials as of 7/17/13 (15 New 1<sup>st</sup> year officials)  
Leave of Absence Requested and Granted for Corbett, J. Keith, Winderman

June 2013 Financial Report – **Motion** to approve by Lambert/2<sup>nd</sup> Vega – Approved 9-0

Dues Refund – Transfer and official requesting LOA declined his registration dues refund and asked for it to be donated as Hardship Monies. It was known that two individuals in the association needed funds to register (Bryan Mariscal and Mark Thomas). Discussion followed on how to handle. During the discussion, an individual that was present indicated that he would donate the difference of the remaining balance needed for registration.

**Motion** to split the \$130.00 for the two officials and remaining balance will be provided by a donor. No late fees will apply by Lambert/2<sup>nd</sup> Vega. Approved 9-0.

Al Hackney Scholarship Program - To be looked at for next year with funds left from memorial. Need to follow up with Don Ariosto as to any remaining monies coming to OCFOA from the service.

General Liability Insurance Renewal – Clanton polled to see if all board members were NASO members to save significant monies on our renewal. All indicated that they were members. Savings to OCFOA were \$590.00. Renewal was \$595.00. Without all Board members being NASO members, the renewal would have been \$1,185.00.

### **Vice-President** ( Figueroa) No Report

### **Instructional Chairman** (Wilson)

Thanked the board for guidance on the test questions. Open the testing June 16<sup>th</sup> with 99% passing rate so far. Summer Study Guide Quiz opened Monday on OCFOA central hub. Arbiter closed it as of this week and we now have to pay for the account. Indicated that he will pay for the OCFOA central hub out of his instruction budget but need to pursue why we are no longer provided this and why the short notice. Is it CFOA responsibility? Have acquired a guest speaker for the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Thanked Gary Gilman how to use Arbiter for attendance tracking. Mark Andrews has helped tremendously in technical assistance.

There is very little alignment between Study Guide and Classification exam and the instructional committee has figured out a way to help solve these differences. Vega – Approached regarding the quiz and about using the

2012 rule books. Now that 2013 book is out, we still using the 2012 books. Figueroa – the fact we are using Arbiter, we need to be more computer literate and thank its money well spent. Gilman brought up the huge amount of testing chances but Wilson indicated that his job is to improve and teach the officials. Many chances to give each official a chance to release the tension associated with test taking.

#### **Ratings Chairman (Covarrubias)**

Clarified the meeting dates with Wilson. Ratings committee discussed and came up with the following: 75% on field (goal is 3 observation for each crew), 15% Bar Exam, 5% Qualification test and 5% intangibles. Tentative appeals committee is Steve McKay, Mark Andrews, Paul Snow, Paul Peterson, Greg Locy and Greg Welty. Crew personnel will evaluate other crews. If don't participate, the penalty will be to dock 5 slots for every crew member. Came up with a penalty situation regarding 5 slots (ie, number 1, will drop to number 6). Want to create an appeal form for observation differences on their report given – a form will be put on website. No mechanic changes for this season. Playoff meeting is October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Came up with a Bar exam to separate officials – 10 questions, 5 answers. Wilson relayed he is getting 50 questions, will come up with 10 questions and then will have ratings chairman to grade the tests. Possibly Chris Coyte will write the questions. Martin feels that he should not work the playoffs as in the past as chairman. Hope everything works out this year. Vega brought up that we need to make it a minimum of three guys for observations and observe three games. The goal is to eliminate stress. Lambert indicated that we all like the changes and goals this season to make it better. Martin goal is to help and further develop the officials to be better on the field.

#### **Assignor (Caldera)**

Passing League Report – One big complaint I get is that the officials are not getting feedback from the instructors. Releasing crews assignments first go around this week. More gray hats to get games due to Corbett's LOA. Several officials will be gone for several weeks and giving more officials more games, especially the gray hats. Need to get turn backs returned before we look at observer situations and giving additional crew games out. There is an additional mixed crew game (Servite vs De La Salle). Figueroa – Passing league question – ever considered lower division game passing league? Some of the new officials seem overwhelmed. Caldera indicated that the reason we are having passing leagues is for those officials that want to get noticed to help get on a crew, etc. Wilson brought up looking at some 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year passing league setup next year at J Serra HS. Gilman – feels we need to develop a year end survey with a list of questions to see where membership is at.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Hudl – (Lambert)

Talked to our sales guy - \$800 to renew – 85% of OC is on the program. Two ways we can do it – Make all white hats to watch their film. Not in favor of giving it out to everyone. Some schools are having issues with their film access. If we sent an automatic email to the schools and send the films and that all crew chiefs can see all games sent in. Can track the officials in use of the program. Lots of videos on how to cut film, etc. Wilson indicated that we need a basic protocol – so crews do not look at future teams to predetermine what we need to do on the field. Can be a great instructional tool but only as good as officials use it. Frank Werner passed around a copy of what Mark Andrews found to put up on website.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

CFOA – (Figueroa)

More issues with them and may need to put together a committee to maybe look at getting away from them. What would be necessary to do that? Basically, need information on "what if"? Frank Werner will put together a committee and will make some calls.

Mailing Packets (Figueroa)

Ask by a member to mail packets. Clanton indicated that it would be expensive to the organization (approx. \$4.50 per packet) and that the passing leagues and will call office concept was working out very well. No change anticipated.

**NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME** – Monday, August 12, 2013, 6:30 p.m. – Orange County Fire Authority, Irvine

**ADJOURNMENT** – 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Larry Clanton  
Secretary/Treasurer