

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2009

Present: Danny Vargas, Richard Hanna, Jeff Appelbaum, Craig Becker, Joe Baldino Jr., Fred Turner, Steve Strimling, Kirk West, and Larry Obar.

I. President Danny Vargas called meeting to order @ 6:36 pm.

II. Secretary-Treasurer Obar presented the financial report. He stated that an expected increase in the cost of the instructional materials and the CFOA enrollment in the USA Football program will include a fee of \$5.00 per member, might produce a need to increase the registration fees. He recommended a \$5.00 dues increase, but the matter was tabled at this time.

III. Instructional Chairman Strimling explained the benefits of the USA Football program and what it has and will provide to the units instruction.

IV. Assigner Kirk West was asked how the past season had gone and if any problems or situations had occurred and he mentioned the following:

- An official who asked to work as an addition to the regular crew at a big game. This was refused and then he stood on the sideline in his uniform during the game.
- The Burbank schools are “thinking” of going to 3man crews for lower division games.
- Kirk also discussed a crew “going beyond purview” by substituting a man without checking with him first.
- He reported only one no show.

Kirk wanted more communication about the above types of situations instead of learning after the fact. It was suggested that he be more proactive in expressing his need for communication.

V. The Arbiter Program was discussed. The major point being, access to the program by unit officers for some of the following reasons;

- Instructional purposes and the relaying of information to the membership.
- Evaluations and feedback for use in ratings.
- Observers use in knowing where to find officials working at specific locations.

The discussion included the proposal of the unit owning the program versus the assigner owning it at present. Kirk stated that he would give access to the unit, but did not agree that the unit should own it. Further discussion tabled without a final decision.

VI. Kirk West next gave information on the situation in which David Musso was replaced on the Div. IV, Southern Section Final.

Kirk then had to leave for another meeting.

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VII. Instructional Chairman Steve Strimling discussed the following:

- Meeting Location – Board Member Craig Becker has confirmed that Kennedy will again be home for our meetings.
- Pre-season Coaches Meeting – Steve reiterated the goal was to engage the coaches in conversations of mechanics, new rules, and officiating philosophies. Ideas were invited to improve the turnout of coaches, including having a couple meetings based geographically. Steve asked for feedback sent to him.
- Calendar – Specific dates are still pending but it was agreed that the July meeting should still be held as last season later in the month. V.P. Richard Hanna stated he was in favor of our meetings spread as far into the season as possible. There was also discussion on the need for a playoff meeting.
- Instructional Staff – The staff assignments would basically remain the same only two instructors would not be invited back for next season. Steve also stated that he invited Rolf Rahl back to become an instructor even though he has announced his retirement. Rahl declined the invitation.

VIII. Southern Section Playoffs & Finals - This topic led to discussion of the Musso incident and Strimling being asked to explain to board members what occurred. Discussions led to a general agreement that there should be a more hands on over the playoff assignments.

IX. Observation Program - I.C.- Strimling stated the desire to have a paid observer program sometime in the future and be made up of veterans coming off the field. This led to a conversation on funding this program.

X. Playoff Assignment Fees – Obar shared information on the fees incurred to unit for playoff assignments. After discussion a motion was made by Fred Turner and seconded by Craig Becker that read as follows:
“Playoff assignment fee shall be paid by that individual official for his or assignment” The motion was passed by acclimation.

XI. Executive Council Meeting –

- President Danny Vargas announced that Steve Strimling has been elected the President Elect of the CFOA.
- The CFOA agreed not to have anymore discussions re: NASO Memberships.
- Recruiting programs could be successful due to the economic conditions. Board Members Baldino and Becker both presented ideas for recruiting would assist those efforts where needed.

President Vargas adjourned the meeting @ 8:39 pm.

