

San Angelo Football Officials' Association
Monday, March 5, 2007
Board Meeting Minutes – Approved 4/2/07

Board Members Present: Doug Kirkham, Oscar Martinez, Bradley Petty, Miller Walker, and Scott Westmoreland.

Board Members Absent: Greg Swindle

Guests Present: Danny Byrd, Eddie Long, Randy Minton, Dan Robertson, and Cary Tomerlin.

Mr. Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the ASU Center for Human Performance Conference Room.

The agenda was distributed and reviewed.

Mr. Walker welcomed members and guests to the first board meeting.

New Business:

Membership Meeting Updates

- There will be no monthly membership meetings scheduled for March, April, and May 2007. However, there will be board meetings scheduled for these months that will be open to the membership. The board meetings are scheduled for March 5, April 2, and May 7, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at the ASU Center for Human Performance Conference Room.
- The first monthly membership meeting is scheduled to begin on June 4, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at the ASU Center for Human Performance, Room 205. Then, weekly meetings will begin on July 2, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at the ASU Center for Human Performance, Room 205.

Review of District Meetings

- Mr. Walker informed the board that Mr. Petty and he attended the District 3-5A meeting on February 15, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in Big Spring. This district includes Abilene, Abilene Cooper, Midland, Midland Lee, Odessa, and Odessa Permian. The Permian Basin and Abilene officials' chapters were also represented. Mr. Petty distributed a letter prepared by Mr. Walker indicating the secretary changed for the San Angelo Football Officials' Association. After the coaches scheduled their games, they informed the officials' chapters and selected crew chiefs. The San Angelo officials' chapter received no games from this district.
- Mr. Walker informed the board that District 4-4A requested a list of crew chiefs for their district meeting. Mr. Walker and Mr. Petty did not attend this meeting. This district includes Big Spring, Lubbock Estacado, Plainview, Lake View, and Frenship. The crew chiefs submitted were Mr. Miller Walker, Mr. Randy Minton, Mr. Alan Jones, Mr. Bill Hollis, and Mr. Bradley Petty.

Secretary Change Notification Sent to Coaches and Administrators

- Mr. Walker informed the board that he prepared a letter indicating the recent secretary change and sent it to schools that have traditionally used our chapter in past play-off games. These schools include Brownwood (Mr. Freeman), Everman (Mr. Keeling), and Frenship (Mr. Davis).

Game Contracts Sent to Schools

- Mr. Petty reviewed the game contract that was sent to the coaches and administrators last year. He will work with Mr. Swindle to update the contract with new rules or policies and send them to the coaches and administrators again soon (OPEN).
- Mr. Kirkham notified the board of the fact that at San Angelo Independent School District games in the past, they paid the time keeper the same amount as the officials. He indicated that, in the beginning, the time keeper was not paid the same; however, the board addressed this concern with the school district who then changed the fee to reflect the officials' fee. He was concerned that we should ask the school district to pay the timer the same fee as the officials. He stated that the timer is there just as long as the officials and deserve the same pay. Mr. Petty indicated that the school should indicate on the contract any deviation to the UIL pay scale so members of the officials' association could be informed.

Nonpayment by Schools

- Mr. Walker informed the board that members of the association have approached him regarding nonpayment of games officiated. Some members, Mr. David Conde, Mr. Jose Greene, and Mr. Robert Emerson, have indicated that they have not received fees for games they officiated at the beginning of the season. Mr. Walker informed the board that if an official does not receive payment within a month or so, they should notify Mr. Swindle immediately and not wait until the end of the season. The schools are not required to pay this fee if it is not addressed in a timely manner.

By-Laws Review

- Mr. Walker informed the board that the by-laws should be reviewed, revised, and submitted to the membership for a vote this year. Several areas of the by-laws are outdated and should reflect current practices. Mr. Long indicated that the nominations and election process needs to be reviewed. Mr. Petty asked if an electronic copy of the by-laws were available. Mr. Minton and Mr. Byrd suggested that we contact Mr. Richard Mayer or Mr. Swindle for electronic copies (OPEN).

Game Assignment Policy Review

- Mr. Petty distributed a list of all 2007 paid members to the board. He requested that the board indicate, on the sheet provided, the highest level game each member should be assigned. He will then tabulate the results and have them available at the next board meeting. Mr. Petty stated that he will make an effort to schedule every member to their appropriate level (OPEN).
- Mr. Petty informed the board that Mr. Heryford (Central's Varsity coach) has submitted a scratch list for the 2007 season. Mr. Tracy Braziel, Mr. Charles Hudson, and Mr. Justin Morales were included on the scratch list. Mr. Petty indicated to the board that he requested the coaches submit a reason for the scratches. Members of the association should know the reason they were scratched. However, they will not be scheduled if the coach scratches the official.

- Mr. Petty provided a list of crew chiefs to Mr. Reid (Lake View Varsity coach) and Central coaches. Mr. Miller Walker, Mr. Randy Minton, Mr. Alan Jones, Mr. Bill Hollis, and Mr. Bradley Petty were listed as crew chiefs for Lake View and Central home games.
- Mr. Petty indicated that he would ask each official in the chapter to provide a preferred list of officials that he would use when scheduling. He would make an effort to use the preferred list but it is not guaranteed. Dr. Westmoreland suggested that we use a scratch list instead. Mr. Petty indicated that the basketball chapter used a scratch list but it caused controversy when scheduling, so a preferred list would be utilized.
- Mr. Petty indicated that he would ask each official to rate their proficiency for each position. He would try not to schedule officials for positions they do not like to work or positions they do not feel comfortable working.

Current Game Assignment

- Mr. Petty distributed an excel spreadsheet indicating game assignments he has received.
- Mr. Petty requested input from the board regarding crew chief selection. Mr. Petty suggested that the games should be equally divided among the top crew chiefs. Mr. Walker suggested that Mr. Petty submit a schedule to the coaches indicating the crew chiefs for each game. The board approved this recommendation.
- Mr. Petty indicated that he submitted a list of crew chiefs for District 16-4A. This district includes Brownwood, Copperas Cove, Killeen, Waco, Waco Midway, and Waco University. The crew chiefs submitted were Mr. Miller Walker, Mr. Randy Minton, and Mr. Alan Jones. Mr. George Willey, District 16-4A representative, responded that Mr. Miller Walker was selected to be the crew chief for the Friday, October 19 game between Midway and Waco.

Iraan School Interested in moving to San Angelo Officials' Chapter

- Mr. Petty informed the board that he was notified that the Iraan Football Program might be interested in utilizing the San Angelo Football Officials' Association for all levels of their program. The board agreed to send Iraan a letter indicating the recent secretary change, which would provide them an opportunity to contact the chapter if our services were requested.

Board, President's, and Secretary's Meeting – March 31 (Austin)

- Mr. Walker informed the board that Mr. Petty and he would be attending the President's and Secretary's meeting in Austin on March 31, 2007. Mr. Long indicated that Mr. Swindle and he attended this meeting last year, and it was very beneficial to the development of our chapter.

State Meeting – July 13 and 14 (College Station)

- Mr. Walker informed the board that the Football State Meeting was scheduled for July 13-14, 2007, at College Station. Members of the board and general membership are encouraged to attend.

Website Update

- Mr. Petty informed the board that the website is current and up-to-date.

New Member Update

- Mr. Petty reported the current status of the following new members:

- Tom Ralston – A Division 2 official from Permian Basin Chapter, lives in Big Spring
- Wesley Mahan – Current member of Ft. Worth Chapter, in military and moved to San Angelo until first of September, requesting permission to attend meetings and officiate scrimmages. Mr. Petty requested that the Fr. Worth Secretary contact him regarding this situation.
- Charles Colston - Officiated in the Wichita Fall Chapter three years ago, then moved to New Mexico, now in San Angelo
- James Franklin – New member recommended by Mr. Nick Katchur.

Letter from TASO

- The Texas Association of Sports Officials sent a letter to Mr. Miller Walker and Mr. Bill Hollis thanking the chapter for their organization and timely response of the 2007 membership dues and forms. The chapter submitted 52 renewals to TASO. Mr. Walker thanked the board for their hard work and dedication.

Additional Comments

- Mr. Walker informed the board that we need to begin the process of filling the Vice President's vacancy on the board. Since this is an officer's position, he cannot appoint and that a special election would have to be utilized. After discussion, Mr. Walker decided to appoint a Nomination Committee in May, announce the nomination(s) in June and open the floor for nominations, and vote for the Vice President on the first weekly meeting in July. This would allow us to have a full board by the state meeting.
- Mr. Petty asked the board about the policy regarding local member dues. After discussion, it was determined that all members will be required to pay local dues unless they are a new football official who has never officiated before.
- Mr. Eddie Long asked if board members had to pay state and local dues or just local dues to serve. It was decided that local dues were only required to serve as a board member. Mr. Danny Byrd recommended that retired members or inactive members that served the association well be given life-time memberships. The board was going to investigate this situation (OPEN).
- Mr. Eddie Long informed the board that the banquet was a tremendous success. We need to continue this recognition dinner. Dr. Westmoreland agreed and stated it was nice to have the spouses in attendance.
- Mr. Petty would like to continue to offer the on-the-field clinic. It can be enhanced, but it was a good activity to offer our chapter.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bradley Petty
SAFOA Secretary