

San Angelo Football Officials' Association
Monday, June 11, 2007
Board Meeting Minutes – Approved June 25, 2007

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

Board Members Absent: NA

Guests Present: Eddie Long, Randy Minton, Dan Robertson, and Toot 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.

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed and review. There were no revisions. Mr. Walker indicated that the minutes stand approved as written.

No Financial Report was introduced. Mr. Swindle stated that the Financial Report would be distributed by the end of July.

No Standing Committee Reports were introduced.

New Business:

By-Laws Review

- Mr. Walker informed the Board that this is a working document, which is an on-going process. Mr. Walker's concern was that he felt the purpose of the Nominating Committee is to seek out all qualified candidates for the position, inform potential candidates of the time commitment and duties of the position, then select one candidate which they feel would be the best qualified individual for the position. Mr. Long expressed that the Nominating process should give more people an opportunity to stand for office. Also, once the Nominating Committee is formed, it is the responsibility of interested individuals to notify the committee that they would like to stand for office. Mr. Swindle stated that he feels the Nominating Committee should not be utilized in the future and that all nominations should come from the floor, or there should be an extra week between when the Nominating Committee reports its recommendation and when the floor is open for nominations. This would allow time for individuals to think about running and to "rally troops" for their campaign. Dr. Westmoreland inquired about the process followed by other chapters. It was decided that most Boards follow the same process we use. Mr. Swindle indicated that the SAFOA reviewed other Chapter's By-Laws when creating our own. Mr. Walker indicated that the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer's positions should not be taken lightly. These are demanding positions that require large time commitments. Mr. Petty stated that the purpose of the committee is to inform potential candidates of the responsibilities so they know what is expected by the Board. Mr. Swindle stated that proposed changes should be brought to the membership by mid September with the vote to revise the By-Laws around mid

October. Mr. Walker stated he would like the membership to review the current By-Laws and provide proposed changes to the Board (OPEN).

School Contracts Sent to Coaches

- Mr. Petty reported that all contracts were sent to the schools for their review. Mr. Swindle reported that he has already received several contracts via fax. Mr. Petty stated that there are several coaching changes within the schools we serve so it might take a little longer to get all of the contracts back (CLOSED).

State Meeting Registration Fees

- Mr. Walker indicated that since TASO requires the President and Secretary to attend the State Meeting and to encourage the Board to attend, he suggested that the Chapter reimburse the State Meeting registration fee for all Board members that attend. Mr. Swindle indicated that the Chapter should also reimburse the President and Secretary for mileage to the State Meeting. He indicated he has secured six rooms in the past for all members; however, some people drop at the last minute. Therefore, he has only secured four rooms at this time. He indicated that there are additional rooms reserved for TASO Chapters if we need more. Mr. Petty stated that TASO will also give 30 education points for all members who attend. He informed the Board that it is the responsibility of each member to register for the State Meeting on the TASO website. Mr. Swindle moved to reimburse all Board members for the State Meeting registration fees and to reimburse the President and Secretary for mileage to the State Meeting. Mr. Martinez seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (CLOSED)

15 Year Plaque for Mr. Mike Smith

- Mr. Mike Smith informed Mr. Petty that he did not receive his 15 year plaque at the awards dinner. He indicated that Mr. Bill Hollis told him that we did not have a plaque for him, but we would make one and send it to him. Mr. Bill Hollis never told anyone about this situation. Mr. Petty inquired about this issue. Mr. Swindle stated that several people did not pick-up their awards at the dinner, so he would give those to Mr. Petty to distribute at the membership meeting. Mr. Swindle knew nothing about the plaque for Mr. Mike Smith, but he indicated he would check into the situation. (OPEN)

Officials' Scheduling Software

- Mr. Petty informed the Board that he has worked closely with Mr. Tom Kotara, ZebraWare Support, in developing the chapter's scheduling software. He stated that Mr. Kotara was extremely helpful in all aspects and complied with all requests. The only item that Mr. Kotara was unable to complete was the printable paysheets for the coaches. Mr. Petty requested that the coaches be able to print paysheets for their games which would include mileage for the drivers. Mr. Kotara informed Mr. Petty that he would not be able to include that on the paysheet. Mr. Swindle said that he would continue to print the paysheets and fax those to the payroll office at the beginning of each week. Also, coaches could use the printable paysheet for backup only if the original was lost. (CLOSED)

On-the-Field Clinic

- Mr. Petty requested from Mr. Scofield the use of San Angelo Stadium from for the SAFOA On-the-Field Clinic on Saturday, August 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mr. Scofield agreed to allow the chapter to use the stadium on that date. Mr. Petty

indicated that the new Vice President would take the lead on the agenda for the clinic. Also, this clinic is not a registered clinic with TASO so members will not receive educational points for attending. (CLOSED)

Nominations and Elections for Vice President's Position

- Mr. Walker informed the Board that he has selected individuals to serve on the Elections Committee for the Vice President's search. Mr. Coy Gober, Mr. Oscar Martinez, and Mr. Tim Miller were recommended. The Board unanimously approved the individuals. Mr. Walker indicated that the Nominating Committee will recommend nominees at the membership meeting tonight. Then, the floor will be open for nominations. NOTE: Mr. Steve Wilson was nominated from the floor at the membership meeting. The membership will meet on Monday, June 25, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at the ASU Center for Human Performance, Room 205 for candidate to give speeches and answer questions of the membership. Then, the membership will vote for the Vice President's position on Monday, July 2, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at the ASU Center for Human Performance, Room 205. (OPEN)

Rules Meeting with District Director

- Mr. Petty reported that he discussed the possibility of several dates for the District Meeting with Mr. McGlasson, District II Director, and the Abilene Chapter. It was decided that the San Angelo Chapter's District Meeting would be on Monday August 6, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. and the Abilene Chapter's District Meeting would be on Tuesday, August 7, 2007. Next year, San Angelo's District Meeting would be on Tuesday, and Abilene's District Meeting would be on Monday. (CLOSED)

Game Assignment Policy

- Mr. Petty presented the Board with the Central and Lake View Officials' Lottery. He explained he would contact each Crew Chief for the lottery drawing within the next two weeks. (OPEN)

New Member Update

- Mr. Petty reported the current status of the following members:
 - Mr. Wes Mahon – Ft. Worth Chapter Secretary verified Wes did pay state dues
 - Mr. Jason Funkhauser – Interested New Member
 - Mr. Alvino Candelaria Jr. – Interested New Member
 - Mr. Charles Colston – Interested New Member

Additional Comments

- It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of Mr. William "Dub" Izzard on Monday, May 28, 2007. Dub was a Founding Father of the San Angelo Football Officials' Association and was instrumental in developing it into the tremendous Association we benefit from today. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.
- The Board was extremely satisfied with the turnout at the awards dinner at the conclusion of the 2006 season. Some stated that they like the dinner because some members do not like to golf and spouses were invited to attend. The Board unanimously agreed to continue with this ceremony. (CLOSED)

- Mr. Walker would like to move the Board Meetings to 5:30 p.m. in order to give more time to discuss chapter issues. (CLOSED)
- Mr. Petty outlined the functions of Zebra-Ware for the general membership. Photographs were also taken to be placed on Zebra-Ware for member identification. (CLOSED)
- Mr. Walker sent Mr. Bill Hollis a certified letter informing him of the sanctions imposed by the Board regarding his conviction of ethics violations. Mr. Hollis did not accept the certified letter, did not provide a written appeal to the Board before the June 11, 2007, Board Meeting, and did not appear before the Board to appeal. Therefore, Mr. Bill Hollis forfeits his right to appeal the decision of the Board. The ruling of the Board stands, which includes: (1) Mr. Hollis will be prohibited from holding any Board position for five consecutive years, (2) He will be ineligible to officiate during the 2007 football play-offs, and (3) He will be prohibited from officiating 4A-5A level games during the 2007 season. These sanctions will begin when Mr. Hollis is a member of good standing in the SAFOA. (CLOSED)

Mr. Martinez moved to adjourn. Mr. Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bradley Petty
SAFOA Secretary