

San Angelo Football Officials' Association
Monday, July 16, 2007
Board Meeting Minutes – Approved 7/23/2007

Board Members Present: Doug Kirkham, Eddie Long, Bradley Petty, Miller Walker, and Scott Westmoreland.

Board Members Absent: Oscar Martinez and Greg Swindle

Guests Present: Coy Gober, Nicholas Katchur, Richard Mayer, Jim Monroe, Dan Robertson, and Steve Wilson.

Mr. Walker called the meeting to order at 5:33 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 reviewed. There were no revisions. Mr. Walker indicated that the minutes stand approved as written.

Financial Report – NA

Standing Committee Reports – NA

New Business:

Financial Report

- **Yearly Audit** – Mr. Walker stated that an audit committee would be appointed following the budget workshop. (OPEN)
- **Budget Workshop** – Mr. Walker stated that the budget workshop would be held at the next Board meeting on Monday, July 23, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. if Mr. Swindle is present. If he is not present, it would be rescheduled. (OPEN)

By-Laws Review

- Mr. Walker informed the Board that we should continue working on the revisions to the By-Laws. Mr. Petty stated that Mr. Swindle has an electronic copy of the By-Laws. Mr. Petty will place them on the website for the members to review once he receives a copy. (OPEN).

On-the-Field Clinic Instructor Selection and Agenda Review

- Mr. Petty stated that he received confirmation from Mr. Walker, Mr. Petty, Mr. Dan Robertson, and Mr. Long that they would be able to assist with the On-the-Field Clinic. Mr. Alan Jones indicated that he might not be able to assist and would let Mr. Petty know by the end of July. Mr. Walker stated that he would like to meet with all instructors on Monday, August 6 after the membership meeting to review the training agenda. (OPEN)

State Meeting Update

- Mr. Walker indicated that the state meeting was well attended. Over 1,300 officials registered for the meeting. San Angelo had 14 members present. Mr. Walker stated that the major point of emphasis was sideline control and reporting procedures. Mr. Walker reviewed the rule changes and sideline emphasis. Dr. Westmoreland stated that the Board should create a pre-game sheet for the Referees and mandate that the sideline management procedure be emphasized at the coaches meeting before each game for all levels. Mr. Walker stated that UIL would emphasize this point at the Coaches Clinic this month. Mr. Long suggested that the Board create a letter indicating this point and send it to the coaches for them to sign before the season begins. The Board agreed. Mr. Walker stated that it is the responsibility of every crew member, not just the wings. Mr. Long questioned what we would do to members of the chapter who do not follow the procedure. Mr. Petty stated that he would receive feedback on ZebraWare regarding this issue if the officials complete the evaluations of each crew member after the games. Mr. Walker stated with that information, we would call members to report to the Board if the sidelines are not controlled. Dr. Westmoreland questioned how strict would the chapter be with this issue. Mr. Petty stated that at the State Meeting, the clinicians indicated that this is a "big apple and we should take bites of it until the problem is resolved." Mr. Petty stated that after scores and changes of possession, the clinicians indicated that we will allow coaches and player to gather outside the team area. However, when the RFP is blown, all members should be in the team area. Mr. Petty stated that Dr. Tony Dutton would like the Board members to indicate the importance of this rule to the membership. Mr. Walker stated that TASO requested that all events that "disrupt the normal flow of the game" need to be reported to the UIL through their website. Mr. Petty stated that the individual officials should complete the form directly. (OPEN)

Membership Forms

- Mr. Petty stated that the TASO membership application and chapter policies would be distributed at the membership meeting and completed tonight. Mr. Long questioned if we had a receipt book to use when collecting dues. Mr. Petty stated he did not have a receipt book. Mr. Petty stated that there is a sheet indicating who has paid their 2007 dues as of now. Mr. Long stated that he could keep track of who paid on that sheet. (CLOSED)

Rulebooks for Members

- Mr. Petty stated that he received the rulebooks at the State Meeting and would distribute the books to the members tonight. (CLOSED)

Game Assignment Policy

- Mr. Petty stated that scrimmages would begin August 18, 2007.
- Mr. Petty indicated that Veribest has obtained a new coach. He has been in contact with him regarding their schedule.
- Mr. Petty stated that he would contact any team who has not submitted their schedule and would try to have those schedules by the end of July.

New Member Update

- Mr. Petty reported the current status of the following members:
 - Mr. Justin Esquell – New Official

- Mr. Joel Perritte – New Official
- Mr. Jared Dunn – Interested new official
- Mr. Jack Shely – New Official
- Mr. Chris Moody – Reinstatement

Additional Comments

- Mr. Petty inquired about the direction the Board would like to take regarding testing procedures. Mr. Petty stated that the test would be on Zebra-Ware on July 24, 2007. Mr. Long stated that he would like to continue have the group meetings with all members present to review the test, but he liked the idea of taking the test on-line. Mr. Long indicated that the members should take the test on-line then review the test as a group at a later date. Mr. Dan Robertson stated that we should review the test later in the season due to the fact that the students would not be back to school until the end of August. Mr. Walker stated that we could review the test on Monday, August 27, 2007. The Board agreed. (CLOSED)
- Mr. Petty inquired about the new member meeting. Mr. Long stated that Mr. Dan Robertson was interested in conducting the meeting again. Mr. Dan Robertson stated that he would begin the new member meeting next week, and he would contact the new members to let them know about the meeting. (CLOSED)
- Mr. Petty inquired about the membership viewing the COPE video. Mr. Long stated he would review the schedule and get back to Mr. Petty. Mr. Petty has the video. (OPEN)
- Mr. Petty inquired about the possibility of a recruiting effort by the chapter. Mr. Long stated that we could use scrimmage money to recruit members to the chapter. Mr. Dan Robertson stated that we should target specific groups and not use blanket advertising tactics. He suggested we target the police departments, military base, and the University to recruit members who would be a good fit for our chapter. Mr. Long suggested that we plan for this type of advertisement at the budget meeting. (OPEN)
- Mr. Petty inquired about the District Director positions within TASO. Mr. Walker stated that in the past, the District Director would rotate between the four chapters in District II, and the San Angelo Chapter is due for a District Director. Mr. Walker stated that he would talk to TASO regarding this process. Mr. Walker expressed interest in the position. (OPEN)
- Dr. Westmoreland asked if we have the patches to distribute at the membership meeting. Mr. Petty stated that he found five patches in his office. Mr. Swindle has not given the additional patches to Mr. Petty yet. (OPEN)
- Mr. Walker indicated that the Abilene Chapter is considering moving their membership meetings to Tuesday nights in the future. If that is the case, next year's District Meeting would remain on Monday night for our chapter. (OPEN)
- Dr. Dutton reviewed new rules and points of emphasis during the general membership meeting. (CLOSED)
- Mr. Walker collected membership paperwork, dues, and distributed rulebooks. Mr. Dan Robertson assisted. (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. Long moved to adjourn. Mr. Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bradley Petty
SAFOA Secretary