

San Angelo Football Officials' Association
Monday, September 4, 2007
Board Meeting Minutes – Draft

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

Board Members Absent: NA

Guests Present: Jason Bell, Coy Gober, Jack Leiber, Richard Mayer, Jim Monroe, and Steve Wilson.

Mr. Walker called the meeting to order at 5:34 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 stated that the minutes stand approved as written.

Financial Report – NA

Standing Committee Reports – NA

New Business:

Financial Report

- **Yearly Audit** – Mr. Walker stated that after the Board approved the proposed budget, the Audit Committee would meet and report back to the Board. The Audit Committee consists of Mr. Alan Jones (Chair) and Mr. Mike Von Willer. (OPEN)
- **Budget Workshop** – This item is tabled until the Board knows definite income from scrimmages, reinstatements, and late fees. (OPEN)

By-Laws Review

- Mr. Walker informed the Board that we should continue working on the revisions to the By-Laws. We should finalize the By-Laws revisions by the end of September. (OPEN)

Foul Reports

- Mr. Petty provided foul reports for all Board members. The Board reviewed the foul reports. Mr. Petty stated that he contacted Zebra-Ware about adding the crew members' names to the foul report. He stated that Zebra-Ware informed him that this is a special request, and they would charge \$50.00 per hour to complete the request. MR. Petty informed Zebra-Ware not to complete the request. Mr. Petty indicated that all sideline warnings should be included on the reports. It is important for the referees to complete the reports as thoroughly as possible in order for the Board to have complete reports to review. Mr. Long requested clarification regarding when team personnel should be in the coaches and team areas. Mr. Walker stated that "when the ball is in play," all team personnel should immediately move to the team area. The ball is in play

when the ready for play whistle is blown. Mr. Petty stated that it is different from when the ball is "live." The ball becomes "live" following a legal snap or free kick. Also, all 15-yard sideline interference calls should be reported to the UIL on an incident report. Mr. Walker also stated that if an administrator does not present himself during the game and is not present, that also should be reported to the UIL on an incident report. (CLOSED)

Evaluations

- Mr. Petty reported that when an official completes the evaluation of another official on Zebra-Ware, only he will be able to view the evaluation. Officials can view evaluations only from the secretary or a coach. Evaluations should be professional and constructive. It is recommended that everyone complete evaluations of other officials they call with during the year at all levels. It is not mandatory. (CLOSED)

Game Assignment Policy

- Mr. Petty submitted the following to the Board:
 - Finalize Week 1
 - Review Week 2
 - Preview Week 3

Mr. Bill Hollis' Status with SAFOA

- Mr. Hollis requested to be placed on the Board agenda in order to communicate his current charge with the Board members. Mr. Hollis did not attend the Board meeting; instead, he provided a written account of the events that lead to the charges. The Board decided that his suspension stands until the current charges are dropped, and Mr. Hollis provides documentation of the dropped charges from the court. Then, Mr. Hollis should write a letter to TASO to accompany his application explaining all necessary information TASO requests regarding his past criminal activity. Once this is completed, Mr. Petty will send this letter and application to TASO for their ruling. Following their ruling, an ethics committee will be developed to review Mr. Hollis' status with SAFOA. Until all of this has taken place, Mr. Hollis will remain on suspension and no past sanctions will begin until he becomes a member in good standing with TASO and the SAFOA. Mr. Swindle stated that just because someone has a felony, does not mean they cannot officiate. Mr. Hollis just need to declare all past criminal activity to TASO for them to rule. However, Mr. Swindle stated that Mr. Hollis violated his probation from the previous sanction and should be suspended until an ethics committee can investigate. Mr. Steve Wilson stated that from previous incidents, no conviction is needed to commit an ethics violation. Mr. Kirkham asked how many violations has Mr. Hollis committed since his previous sanction. Mr. Petty reported that he received an e-mail from Mr. Hollis at 5:02 p.m. on Wednesday stating that Mr. Griff Griffin requested timers and a chain crew for the next day's games and the weekend games at San Angelo Stadium. Mr. Griffin is in charge of all aspects of game administration for teams outside of San Angelo that use San Angelo Stadium. Mr. Petty called Mr. Griffin and asked when he notified Mr. Hollis of this situation. Mr. Griffin stated that he has left several messages everyday since Sunday, and he was worried about covering the game because he did not hear from Mr. Hollis. Mr. Hollis just called him back on Wednesday stating he would pass the message on to Mr. Petty. Mr. Long stated that this is a violation of the ethics of SAFOA. Mr. Long said that Mr. Petty sent Mr. Hollis an e-mail outlining exactly what to do if anyone contacted Mr. Hollis regarding using the SAFOA

officials for any assignments. He continues to defy the wishes of the Board. (OPEN)

New Member Update

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Additional Comments

- Mr. Petty stated that Mr. Scofield requested timers for all SAISD subvarsity games in San Angelo at San Angelo Stadium, Old Bobcat Stadium, and Lake View Stadium. (CLOSED)
- Mr. Petty finalized Week 1 schedule. (CLOSED)
- Mr. Long showed a video regarding sportsmanship. (CLOSED)

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bradley Petty
SAFOA Secretary