

April 27, 2023 IEFOA Board Meeting Minutes:

I. Meeting Start

A. Call to order -

1. Roll call -
2. Approval of prior meeting minutes:
3. Motions made, if any:
4. Nolan - Spokane Youth Football Client Dj has left and Nolan is in charge..

Explained how the new assignor and Ops manager roles are taking place. Explained the importance of communication. They are allowed to have 10 coaches on the field. This is a league standard. Rick commented that there was a weekly report. Prior president. The biggest thing was the mercy rule and the coaches doing things on the field has an example of the mercy rule. Coaches need to understand the etiquette.

Explained about our philosophy on the mercy rule and sportsmanship. If we are in the 4th Q and there is a non safe foul we may let it go to move it along. We asked that they let their coaching staff know how we approach this. Asking if there is a chance to be involved in a training session for the coaches.

Explained our sportsmanship program. The trophy and the sticker program. Might have a facebook post or a newsletter. Might be about to have Rick put together a 5 or 6 bullet point email once a week for notification of what happened that week.

Their question.

- Was a fee break down. For the exact fee for each week broken down..(we have a spreadsheet to share with them the shows all the fees)
- Last year we went to 4 officials and asked if this was better. At 7th grade (this was good for use) Asking if it was possible to do 6th grades
- Total number of kids was 1200 kids at \$300 per player. Looking to be 1400
- Order Rule Books: IEFOA has done this in the past and would like to do it again. Would like to reorder the same amounts
- No rule changes this year,
 - Suggestion from IEFOA would it be possible to do 8 minute quarters.for the youngest groups. This is similar to how Jr High is done.
- Horse Collar rule the question is if the tackler grabs the jersey but does not take him to the ground and allows teammates to "light him up". (Explained that it is not a Horse Collar but it could be a dead ball personal foul. We can talk to our group and make sure we are focusing on the safety of the players as well)
- Sometimes getting feedback on the coaching asking questions and requesting.(explained it needs to be one point of contact with the official..that should be the head coach only)
- Like the idea of the newsletter each week. **
- Had parents sign a contract that they understand their role. They threw out more parents from the game and season last year than the last 5 years combined..

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- They do have Colville and Chewlah and they will want some home games.

B. Director's report

- Photo program with Rick O'Connor
- Financial- Healthy
- Arbiter functionality
- Customer report out
 - NFL Flag Football
 - Wolf Pack

C. Assigner report

- Wolf Pack is the same crew for the May 7th game.
- NFL flag football officials have been sent the rules and a video
- 7v7 has been assigned and will be at Union.
- Assigning Fee will be consistent. Officials and the clients will be billed each time.

D. Trainer report

- Make progress. Steve will be helping Joel. There is a idea of a workbook that will be filled out each week
- Love.has been mining plays to have as a database. For training.
- They will be told to get their stuff on their own. If they need help getting stuff
- Research Ohio state has a training program. Watch video and take a test.

II. Unfinished Business

- Bowling Event - any loose ends? This is happening. Turn out is a little low but will be happening.
- Results of survey
- Finalize & Approve Contracts
- Summer/Fall Meeting Dates (WVHS v Prep) - decision
- Turnquist WOA HOF - due April 15
<http://www.woa-officials.com/awards/HallOfFame.aspx>
 Hall of Fame/Past Presidents Club (de facto HOF committee) - physical plaque and location and Class of '23
 This has been turned in by Dan about a week early..
- Radios and foul charting and training– This is a conversation that has been discussed and asking Steve's thoughts. Once they are ready will turn over to Rick for assignments. We can include in the training process for the new officials.

III. New business:

- Non-WIAA football clients - Nolan - Sportsmanship

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- B. Official database - Chuck Latimer This is a database for information about them, their career and be able to share as the situation warrants.
- C. New umpire mechanics (announcement to members) & training - 5v5 on May 6th.
 - a. We are waiting for State to share what they are thinking
- D. Raynor has info. Explained that he has a \$3,000 budget for all additional expenses. There is a \$500 deposit that he would like assistance with .
- E. IEFOA hall of Fame. suggestion would be to have it on the Website
- F. Mason Murphy is having a major surgery on May 9th. If we could pitch to get him something special.

IV. Announcements

- A. Next meeting date Thurs May 25th

V. Adjournment