

## IEFOA 4th Meeting 2022 (4/21/22)

**Attendees:** Ron Schafer, Dan Barker, Jeremy Rash, Chuck Latimer and Steve Felker

Tyler Joined Via Zoom for youth discussion

Bobby Robertson and Tyler Zyph missed general meeting.

### Old Business

**Crew Cards** – Retained for further discussion, discussed adding alternate with consideration so size of card

**Attendance Policy** – Retained for further discussion

**Observation program**- Retained for further discussion

- a. Tyler brought up the idea of having the alternate as a penalty recorder instead of the box man.
- b. Discussion amongst the group of when and where to use observers, and potentially asking higher rated membership to give up a game to observe newer officials for a small “observation” fee.

**Mike Strobeck Golf** event for IEFOA weekend of July First weekend of August. Felker has taken the lead on this

**Hall of Fame inductees** this year. What is our Candence for inducting?

- a. Will discuss with Joel with regards to wanting to still be involved and investigate making it every other year program.
- b. Felker agreed to investigate State level awards as it pertains to our membership

**Staff Compensation** now that we have the new Game Fee Schedule

Discussion regarding how game fee increase may or may not affect comp. agreements with paid staff positions

March Board meeting minutes were approved by all in attendance

### New Business

- a. Date of next board meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 1830
- b. Steve Felker requested and was unanimously approved reimbursement for Tuesday night's (4/19) training session food and drinks.
- c. General and new official meeting dates were discussed
  1. Proposing new official first meeting 8/8, ensuing training meetings 8/15, 8/22, 8/29, 9/11
  2. Proposing General membership first meeting 8/15. Ensuing meetings 8/22, 8/29, 9/11, 9/25, 10/9 and 10/23
- i. Discussed having breakout sessions per rating groups or other criteria

### Tabling business

- a. Chuck's spreadsheet regarding new pay raise and effects on assigner's salary
- b. Progress on Crew Cards, adding/retaining alternate
- c. Proposal on middle schools

- i. They provide an official to the site of their game, school gets time and game site priority.

Meeting adjourned unanimously by those in attendance at 817 pm.

Special Guests: Youth Football Representatives; DJ President of League, Bill-Northside (Mead) President and Nolan

Round Table Notes:

Dan introduced our concerns relating to officiating youth sports games

- a. Field monitors seemed to help immensely; YMCA provided those
  - a. Crowd seemed more hostile after field monitor left
- b. Cones stopped at the 20s, maybe extend to endzone
- c. We need to do a better job with how we prepare our officials

Ron explained how we assigned the youth games, with newest officials and try to have elder officials on the games.

DJ agrees that if they lose officials, they'll probably lose the league.

- A. Main issue is that they work on volunteer basis, all associations which vary in number of volunteers.
- B. Goal is to "set standards" and may need to set early examples by ejection
- C. Potentially have league representatives wear orange vest
- D. Have referees check in at official table before game?
- E. 3 rules differences 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up: 2 pt PAT, 35 pt mercy rule, running clock at half
- F. 4<sup>th</sup> grades have alignment and blitzing rules, league will work to have monitor on field for these games

Bill states that we are not utilizing their level of football to its best potential

Steve proposed mutual golf tournament. July 30<sup>th</sup> at Downriver.

DJ final points

- a. Help with promotion for new officials through their means, website etc.
- b. Code of conduct addendum from our association speaking to how we assign the games. i.e., first year new officials
- c. Membership meetings per association, to talk about league including a representative from our officials (5 associations)