

Ohio Association of Football Officials
Annual Meeting
December 7, 2003

Minutes

The annual meeting of the Ohio Association of Football Officials was held on Sunday, December 7, 2003. President Jeff Bauer called the meeting to order at 1:30 .p.m. The meeting was held at the Radisson Airport Hotel and Conference Center.

Active members of the association present were: Don Amicon (SW), Bob Arnold (SW), Don Baur (C), Jeff Baur (C), Brian Bednarczyk (NE), Bill Bowersock (NW), Fred Brentlinger (NW), Rick Bueter (C), Frank Bullock (SW), Jeff Bauer (C), Brian Carder (NW), Larry Clemmons (SW), Jim Clover (C), John Crispino (SW), Nick Define (NE), Sam Dudich (NE), Joe Duncan (SW), Steve Grove (SW), Pete Hampton (C), Lou Heger (SW), Bill Henderly (C), Dave Jones (NE), Phil Kiser (C), Dan Kleckner (NE), Steve Kleinhenz (SW), Jeff Klinger (SW), Keith Kurchev (NE), Jim Mahan (SW), Rich Mahan (SW), Jack Montoney (C), Fenton Moore (C), Denny Morris (NW), Tim Murray (SW), Scott Myers (SW), Mike Poole (NW), Dale Rumery (SW), Dan Steiner (C), Bob Stinson (C), Paul Stout (NW), Paul Winglewich (NW) and Jack Winters (NW),

Associate members present were: Chris Garner (C), Steve Gfell (NW), Mike Matoney (NE), Kevin Pierce (NE), Rudy Studd (NE), Jack Walker (SW), Mark Widman (C) and Edric Wright (C).

Some where in the room it was moved and a reluctant second was barely heard to excuse the following Active members from attending the meeting due to some type of excuse for why they could not be present. Those who could not make the meeting were: Lou Bertrand, Marlin Borsick, Don Brown, Chuck Braun, John Clay, Jack Collins, Keith Cramer, Wes Davis, Donn Don bar, Howard Eckert, Steve Furjanic, Larry Glass, Craig Griffith, Don Hannon, Art Harper, E. C. Harrell, Ted Humphrey, Kevin Katafias (Moved Most Creative Excuse), Tim Landers, Jim Lanese, Steve Rainer, Joel Riley, Lou Savage, Jim Schartman, Jim Shaw, John Vicarel, John Waibel, and Tubby Wilson.

The report on the association treasury and some member woke up to approve the report. Since the president did not hear anyone stir the report was received and put the meeting went on without any complaints.

Jack Winters reported on the Spring Clinic held at Ohio State University in April, 2003. Jack went over the financial report on the clinic. Feedback from participants was that on field experience is more important than being at Ohio State and watching a team scrimmage. Jack Winter is working with the NFL to identify young and up coming officials that could be prospects for the NFL. It was suggested that the clinic held in 2004 be held in the northeast so that it would be easier for the supervisors to see the officials working scrimmages. Suggested to start the scrimmages at 10:00 a.m.

John Crispino was prompted to make a motion for acceptance of the fifteen new members. Since John went through the effort to approve the new members Jim Clover decided to second the motion.. There were too many side meetings going on for President Bauer to call for a vote so the following were accepted into membership as Associate members: Charles Algier (NE), Paul Balthaser (C), Greg Fuller (NE), Doug Glass (NE), Jeff Huntington (NE), Kent Intagliata (NW), Wilson Lambert (NE), John Lily (NW), Brian Lowery (C), Doug Rathbone (C), Steve Schoenly (NE), Jon Stouffer (C), Kevin Szink (NE), Curtis Townsend (NE) and Maurice Wheeler (SW).

Since it was time to approve Associate members to move up to Active the members in attendance decided to take part in this part of the meeting.

It was moved by Don Amicon and seconded by Dan Kleckner to accept Fred Mamarella as an Active. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jack Winters and seconded by Brian Carder to accept Paul Stout as an Active member. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jon Shelton and seconded by Jeff Baur to accept Doug Warns into membership as an Active. Motion carried.

It was moved by Bill Henderly and seconded by Rick Bueter to approve the moving of Steve Williams from Associate to Active member in the association. Motion carried.

Don Amicon had some comment about what hazing ritual the new Associate members should have to go through but this was ignored for the time being and was referred to the Membership Committee for further study.

A report was given on behalf of the Lowell Wrigley Memorial Golf Tournament. The golf outing was held in August at the Champions Golf Club. Suggestions made for the 2004 tournament were: Have a shot gun start (everybody wanted to know who was going to shoot the shotgun so they could decide if they needed to take cover if they played golf) and mix up the foursomes to include members from different districts and have older and younger members play together.

Bill Henderly gave a written report on the Annual Banquet . There were eighty three members in attendance with thirteen guests attending. The banquet is scheduled for August 13, 2004 at the Airport Radisson Hotel. The rules interpretation meeting will be held the next morning on August 14, 2004 also at the Radisson Hotel.

Because everyone's job next year depending upon voting in favor of the following motion it did not take much prodding by President Bauer to have some offer the following motion. It as moved by everyone and seconded by everyone present at the meeting to recognize Larry Glass, Andy Pfaff, Phil Barnes, Tom Ransome, Dave Parry

and Carl Paganelli for their efforts as a league supervisor for college officials. Naturally the motion carried.

A copy of the list of members who received post season assignments is attached to these minutes. The list will also be placed upon the new association website.

President Bauer presented the following members with their awards for twenty years as an Active member of the Ohio Association of Football Officials. Those receiving plaques were: Jon Shelton, Don Heaston, Phil Gantt, Alan Pinter, Ed Spencer and Bob Telerski.

A report was given by the secretary about the Irish Krieger Scholarship Fund. Ohio University Development Office oversees the fund but not information has been received about the status of the scholarship funds even though correspondence has been sent requesting that information. A \$789.00 donation has been approved by the Executive Committee for 2003. In addition Jack Winters will have a check for the scholarship fund from profits of the sale of the Irish Krieger book on football that has been reproduced through the efforts of Jack Winters and Gary Arthur.

Many members present made the motion to approve the following members for Life Membership in the OAFO. Those members nominated were: Jack Winters, Andy Pfaff, Bob Telerski and Jim Mahan. A standing ovation was given for these four men who have done so much for the association for many years. Plaques for these men will be presented at the Annual Banquet in August, 2004.

Bob Stinson gave a report on the new website for the OAFO. Bob and Ron Whaley worked to create the website. The current website address is onour.com/OAFO but that will change to OAFO.org as soon as the site goes live for all members who have access to the web.

New Business

Frank Bullock brought up a discussion about changing the requirements for number of years of varsity experience needed to join the OAFO. At the current time the requirement is five years of experience. The proposal is to change that requirement to two years. It was moved by Don Amicon and seconded by Jim Mahan to make the change to require two years of varsity experience at the high school level to be eligible to join the OAFO. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

Frank Bullock moved and Jack Winters seconded the motion to nominate Dennis Morris to be president of the OAFO for the year of 2004. With no other nominations and no way for Denny to get out of the room he was duly elected to be President no matter how much he tried to decline.

President Morris had to hurry the meeting along as an inauguration parade was scheduled for downtown Lima later that afternoon. Before adjourning the meeting President Morris presented a gavel to Immediate Past President Jeff Bauer recognizing his year of service as the association president.

The members of the Executive Committee for 2004 were recognized. The members of the committee are: Steve Furjanic (NE), Jeff Ulery (SW), John Keener (SE) and Jon Shelton (C) and Jeff Bauer (Ex Officio), Membership chairs will be: Jeff Baur (C), Frank Bullock (SW), Kevin Schwarzel (SE), Don Brown and Sam Dudich (NE) and Brian Carder (NW).

With no other business to come before the membership and most of the members were already walking out of the door the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,