

**Ohio Association of Football Officials  
Annual Meeting  
December 4, 2005**

**Minutes**

The Annual Meeting of the Ohio Association of Football Officials took place on Sunday, December 4, 2005. President Jeff Ulery called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Life Members present at the meeting were: Don Baur, Jim Cameron, John Crispino, Donn Dunbar, Jim Mahan, Jack Montoney and Gordon Schutt.

Active Members present at the meeting were: Jim George, Aaron Schrein, Frank Bullock, Don Amicon, Chris Steiner, Richard Mahan, Bill Alge, Maurice Wheeler, Bob Arnold, Scott Myers, Steve Grove, Dale Rumery, Sam Dudich, Bill Henderly, Jeff Baur, Steve Rainer, Lou Heger, Wilson Lambert, Pete Hampton, Joel Clay, Bill Bowersock, Karl Lowell, Paul Winglewich, Denny Morris, Monty Mlakar and Phil Kiser.

Associate Members present at the meeting were: Chris Garner, Paul Balthaser and Doug Glass

The minutes of the December 5, 2004 Annual Meeting were approved as distributed.

The report on the association treasury was distributed and after discussion the report was accepted as distributed.

#### Membership Report

##### New Associate Members:

It was moved by Jim George and seconded by Don Amicon to waive the requirement for schedule points in 2005 for Jeff Cooper due to moving into Ohio from out of state and not receiving a complete schedule of games in 2005. The 2004 schedule had sufficient points to qualify for membership consideration. Motion carried and Jeff Cooper was accepted into membership as an associate member.

It was moved by Jim Cameron and seconded by Don Amicon to accept into membership as associate members the following: Steve Bozeka, Mike Brenner, James Brown, Meddie Kalegi, Ernest Klechka, Kevin Nau, Todd Pcionek, Jim Sima, Greg Strickland and Mark Valentine. Motion carried and all were accepted into membership as associate members.

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### New Active Members

It was moved by Jim George and seconded by Don Amicon to approve Jim Johnson as an Active Member. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brian Carder and seconded by Frank Bullock to approve Wilson Lambert as an Active Member. Motion carried.

It was moved by Monty Mlakar and seconded by Sam Dudich to approve Kevin Pierce as an Active Member. Motion carried.

It was moved by John Crispino and seconded by Scott Myers to approve Maurice Wheeler as an Active Member. Motion carried.

### Committee Reports

Golf Committee – Jack Winters submitted a written report on the Lowell Wrigley Memorial Golf Tournament. There were fifty nine (59) golfers in the 2005 tournament. A shot gun start was used. The committee took in \$376.00 in excess income after all expenses were paid. A similar format will be used for the 2006 tournament which will be played on August 11, 2006.

Annual Banquet – Bill Henderly reported on the Annual Banquet that was held on August 12, 2005. The attendance was rather low and the cost of the banquet may be leading to the lower attendance. Bill will be looking into ways to bring the cost down for members for the 2006 banquet. The 2006 banquet will again be at the Airport Marriott on August 11, 2006.

Spring Clinic – Steve Furjanic submitted a written report on the 2005 Spring Clinic. The clinic training sessions were held in Akron, Ohio. On Saturday the clinic attendees were divided up and went to six different sites to work spring scrimmages. The committee had an income of \$5,570.00 and expenses of \$4,155.76 thus realizing a profit from the clinic of \$1,414.24. It was recommended that the profit left over from the 2005 clinic be used for the 2007 clinic to cover start up costs for the committee doing the planning for the 2007 clinic.

### Recognitions

The following supervisor of officials was recognized for their use of OAFO members during the 2005 season. Those recognized were:

Andy Pfaff – Intercollegiate Officiating Association  
Larry Glass – Ohio Athletic Conference  
Phil Barnes – Great Lakes Intercollegiate Officiating Conference  
Larry Snyder – Heartland Athletic Conference  
Carl Paganelli – Mid American Conference  
Dave Parry – Big Ten Conference

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A list of OAFO members receiving post season assignments is located on the association website. The list continues to be revised as additional assignments are announced.

### Irish Krieger Scholarship Fund

Twelve members had children who received scholarship funds from the Irish Krieger Scholarship Fund administered through the Development Office of the Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

Bill Henderly has contacted the Development Office of Ohio University to seek additional information on the status of the Irish Krieger Scholarship Fund.. A letter was received from the Development Office in response to Bill Henderly's inquiries. Bill gave further explanation to the response received.

### New Business

It was moved by Jim George and seconded by Don Amicon to amend the by-laws of the association to have the Annual Meeting be held on the same day as the Annual Banquet and Lowell Wrigley Memorial Golf Tournament. The reasons for this proposed change are: 1. the high cost of transportation which members must assume if they wish to attend both the Annual Banquet and the Annual Meeting. 2. The ability of the association to be able to communicate with members by using the website and emails. 3. The cost to the association of holding an Annual Meeting and Annual Banquet when both could be held on the same day thus cutting down on cost of meetings. After discussion by those members present the motion was approved. The Annual Meeting in 2006 will be held on August 11, 2006 starting at 5:30 p.m. prior to the start of the Annual Banquet which will begin at 7:00 p.m. The 2006 year will be a short year for incoming President Steve Furjanic. There will not be any new members to vote into membership nor will there be members being advanced to Active status at this next annual meeting. There will be other matters that will have to be dealt with during this transition year.

Discussion took place on the need to hold a rules interpretation meeting. The IOA and the OAC officiating staff members hold separate meeting for members of their staff. Members of the OAFO are welcome to attend the first part of the meeting conducted by Larry Glass with the Ohio Athletic Conference staff. During that part of the meeting Larry Glass will cover the rule changes.

Jim Cameron suggested that the OAFO put together a position paper on reasons to join the OAFO. In this position paper things like the website of the association, the annual spring clinic, the mentoring provided to new members, the access to league supervisors, local rule study groups and contacts available to members are just some of the position reasons to join the Ohio Association of Football Officials.

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Gordon Schutt suggested that the OAFO offer a discount to members who attend the Spring Clinic as an encouragement for members to attend the clinic and as an encouragement for new members.

Gordon also suggested that the association talk with Larry Glass and Andy Pfaff to encourage them to use OAFO members when they add officials to their staff.

Bob Stinson discussed the association website. The website is used but since it is not interactive it is not able to be used as well as it could. It was suggested that the association talk with possible website developers to see what the cost may be to take the OAFO website to be interactive. Bob Stinson and Phil Kiser will meet to talk about the possibilities and to secure a cost to make this change.

The following members were appointed to a committee to review the Constitution and By-Laws of the association. Those members appointed to this committee were: Bill Alge, Fred Brentlinger, Phil Kiser, Aaron Schrein, Chris Steiner and Don Baur. This committee is to report at the next Annual Meeting on their recommendations.

Life Members – No nominations for Life Membership were submitted for this year. Nominees for 2006 would have to be approved at the 2006 Annual Meeting with induction that would take place at the 2007 Annual Banquet.

Spring Clinic – In 2007 a spring clinic should be held. In 2006 it will be difficult to hold a clinic due to the date of Easter, the dates of the Honig clinic and the lack of scrimmages that will be held the last weekend in April.

It was suggested that the clinic in 2007 be held in the northeast part of Ohio but that another district be responsible for the clinic since the northeast conducted the clinic in 2005. The clinic planning committee should find out the dates of the Honig clinic and then schedule away from that weekend as well as the weekend of Easter (April 8, 2007).

In place of Steve Furjanic, incoming president, Jon Shelton presented the President's gavel to Jeff Ulery as he leaves office as President of the Ohio Association of Football Officials.

The changes in office for the 2006 year will be:

President Steve Furjanic (NE), Vice President John Keener (SE), Secretary Phil Kiser, Executive Committee Members Jon Shelton (C), Brian Carder (NW) and Ken Myers (SW). The membership representatives will be: Jeff Baur (C), Sam Dudich and Don Brown (NE), Lou Savage (NW), Kevin Schwarzel (SE) and Ron Whaley (SW).

With no other business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,