



Ohio Association of Football Officials

Organized December 5, 1923

August 9, 2013

The Annual Meeting of the Ohio Association of Football Officials was held on Friday, August 10, 2013, at the Royal American Links, Galena, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by President Ken Myers at 5:30 PM.

Life Members in Attendance: Clemmons, Crispino, Glass, Montoney, Murray, Pfaff, Winters.

Active Members in Attendance: Adams, Allion, Amicon, Bowersock, Brigati, Brown, Bullock, Carder, Clay, Davis, Ellis, Foltz, Garner, J. George, Gfell, Hampton, Henderson, Keener, Kleckner, Kozma, Kuhlman, Mamarella, Mangas, McDonald, Kn Myers, Kr Myers, Nelson, Niemi, John Pickarski, Pierce, Robison, Shaw, Sima, Stinson, Stout, J. Szink, Torres, Widman.

Associate Members in Attendance: Evans, Feeney, Ganow, Gerogosian, Hofstetter, Nowak, Valentine.

Provisional Members in Attendance: Kelly, Mahnke, Myricks.

Copies of the minutes from the 2012 meeting were distributed and the members were asked to review them. Motion to accept minutes; Shaw (NW), second Kuhlman (NW). Motion carried.

Secretary-Treasurer Carder reviewed the Financial Report from the past year. Financial records have now been computerized and are maintained on QuickBooks software. A listing of receipts and expenses from August 2012 to August 2013 was provided. Bank accounts show \$3,327.34 in Checking and \$8,960.99 in Money Market Savings. Total Cash On Hand, \$12,288.33. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report; McDonald (SW), second Crispino (SW). Motion carried.

Membership Report, Carder. Life Members, 21; Active Members, 112; Associate Members, 84; Provisional Members, 12, Special Member, 1; Total, 230. We still have approx. 30 men who have not registered with the new website and are now considered inactive.

The following Provisional Members have been recommended for advancement to Associate Member status. B. Kramer (NW), B. Roberson (NW), M. Mahnke (NW), J. D. Bailey (NW), J. Schneider (NE), S. Kielar (NE), E. Kincaid (NE), G. Tomlin (C), M. Kelly (C), G. Maragos (C), D. Myricks (C), J. Kroeger (SW). Motion by Crispino (SW) to accept all 12 Provisional Members listed for advancement to Associate Members. Second by Amicon (SW). Motion carried.

One Associate Member, B. Feeney (NW) was recommended by the Membership Committee for Advancement to Active Membership. Motion by Shaw (NW) to accept, second by Stout (NW). Motion carried.

Four Active Members were recommended for Life Membership. Don Brown (NE), received recommendation letters from G. Ittu, S. Furjanic and M. Mlakar. Mr. Mlakar spoke on behalf of Mr. Brown's long time membership and service to the OAFO dating back to the 1960's. For many years, Mr. Brown was a Referee in the OAC/NCAC and hosted the weekly study group in the Cleveland area. As a crew chief, he mentored many younger officials and helped them advance in officiating. Other members who worked with Mr. Brown throughout his career spoke very highly of his leadership in the NE. Motion by Mlakar (NE) to accept, seconded by Kleckner (NE). Motion carried.

Nick Define (NE) received recommendation letters from M. Pilarski, C. Griffith, R. Studd, and J. Szink. Mr. Szink mentioned that Mr. Define started in Division III, was a long time Referee in the MAC, is now serving as a Replay Official and currently runs the Akron-Canton study group. He also assigns officials for many scrimmages and non-varsity games in the NE and attends and observes many of those games. Several members mentioned that they got into college officiating with the help of Nick Define. Mr. Szink said that Mr. Define wanted to attend this weekend's meeting and banquet, but he needed to attend his Replay Official's clinic in Chicago. Motion by Kleckner (NE), second, Pierce (NE). Motion carried.

Mike Poole (NW) received letters of recommendation from B. Waggoner, J. Shaw, D. Nowak and R. Tipton. Several members spoke of Mr. Poole's involvement in the NW study groups and clinics, his involvement as both an instructor and mentor of younger officials, his twenty plus years as an Umpire in the OAC, and now, an observer in the OAC. Motion by Shaw (NW), second by Henderson (NW), motion carried.

Letters of Recommendation for Life Membership were also provided to the Exec. Committee for Don Amicon (SW) by D. Rinker, F. Bullock and S. Evans. Mr. Bullock and Mr. Evans spoke on behalf of Mr. Amicon, mentioned his career as a Referee in the IOA and eventually the MAC. They spoke of his superior rules knowledge, his understanding of mechanics, his willingness to mentor young officials and his participation in the SW at study groups and clinics. There would be a more lengthy and detailed history of Mr. Amicon's officiating career given at the Kickoff Banquet. Motion by Ellis (SW) second by McDonald (SW). Motion carried.

Executive Committee Member Nick Brigati (SE) announced those members working post-season assignments for the 2012 college season. They were: Poinsetta Bowl; J. Visingardi (Alt), S. Dudich (Replay) and S. Evans (Booth). Music City Bowl; D. Warns (B) and B. Waggoner (Booth). Sun Bowl, S. Buchanan (B) and D. Nowak (Comm). Chick-Fil-A Bowl; M. Pilarski (U) and R. Tipton (L). Sugar Bowl; J. Clay (F) and B. Waggoner (Booth). Military Bowl; T. Krispinsky (L), K. Schwarzel (B) and B. Alge (Booth). Meineke Car Care Bowl; N. Define (Comm). GoDaddy.com Bowl; J. Shaw (U) and J. Szink (L). MAC Championship; J. Baur (L), C. Garner (H) and M. Elliott (B). Division 1-AA 2nd Round; F. Bullock, (L). Division II 1st Round; G. Shildmeyer (L). Division II 1st Round, Quarterfinal and Semi-Final, Paul Stout (F). Division III 1st Round; S. Robison (U), J. Vicarel (H), B. Motter (L) and M. Reinhart (F). Division III 1st Round; B. Brown (L), D. Smith (H), G. Ittu (F) and M. Matoney (B). Division III Quarterfinal; J. Vicarel (H), B. Motter (L) and J. Schartman (F). Division III Quarterfinal; C. Steiner (R), Bueter (H), J. Harting (L), K. Kelly (F) and J. Wenglikowski (B).

The OAFO recognized and thanked the Supervisors of Officials from the area for staffing their leagues with OAFO members. Those recognized were: Life Member Andy Pfaff of the IOA, Special Member Steve Furniss of the OAC, Member Mike McCann of the GLIAC and GLVC, Larry Snyder of the HCAC, and Bill Carollo of the COC, (Big 10, MAC and Missouri Valley) along with members of his staff, Member Bob Waggoner (NW) and Member Gary Arthur (NW). It was noted that Danny Kleckner (NE) has been hired as the new Coordinator of Officials for the OAC.

President Ken Myers gave a report on the 2013 Spring Clinic that was held in Perrysburg in May, 2013. He thanked Co-Chairmen Jim Shaw, Joel Clay and Ron Tipton and the members of the NW District for their efforts on providing a first class educational clinic for all members of the OAFO. Rogers Redding, the National Coordinator was the featured presenter along with clinicians Bill LeMonnier, Dick Honig, Dave Nowak, Bill Carollo, Bob Waggoner, Gary Arthur, Bill Schuster, Dino Paganelli, and Tom Fincken. There were 173 officials in attendance. The OAFO made a profit of \$790. Also, a special website was created to sell OAFO Logo merchandise, with \$2 for each item to be donated to the Irish Krieger Memorial Scholarship. A \$200 check will be mailed back to the OAFO.

Bob McDonald and Wes Davis reported on the 2013 Lowell Wrigley Memorial Golf Tournament. There were 41 players this year, considerably down from previous years. Rain led to a lengthy delay but the round was completed and prizes awarded.

Bill Ellis coordinated the Kickoff Banquet this year, pinch hitting for Bill Henderly, who had a prior commitment this weekend and couldn't attend. The program calls for the presentation of Life Member awards, as well as new Active and new Associate Member Awards. There will also be four 20 Year Awards presented to: J. Keener (SE), D. Torres (SE), Ken Kuhlman (NW) and Jeff Szink (NE). And the Jack McLain Award will be presented to outgoing President Ken Myers. 55 dinners will be served.

Mr. Ellis, the OAFO's website administrator, was also called on to report on the OAFO website that has been up and running for two+ years. He stated (as he did last year!) that we still need 30+ members to register on the site and how important it was for future communications of OAFO business that everyone be registered and complete their User Profiles. He stated that he has increased the content to over 100 pages of information, including videos, and he would continue to add and update the site. He will be working with the newly created IT Committee to further expand the site. Those members now on the IT Committee are Mike Pickarski (C), Anthony Tarone (NE), Ron Kay (NW), Dave Warren (SE), Chad Adams (SW) and Gary Arthur (At Large). One disappointing stat was mentioned that only around 50% of members have visited the site since registering.

Secretary Carder listed the 2012-2013 E.C. "Irish" Krieger Scholarship Recipients. They are: Rachel Bednarczyk, Akron; Todd Henderly, Ohio State; James Shaw IV, Lake Erie; Samantha Smith, Ohio; Lauren Bednarczyk, Akron; Brigette Shaw, Cincinnati; and Sarah Zaborniak, Findlay. Carder stated that there were donations of \$546 made specifically for the Krieger Scholarship during the year, plus suggested that the profit of \$790 be added. An amount of \$3,546 was offered. A motion by Amicon (SW) that the OAFO donate \$3,546 to the E.C."Irish" Krieger Memorial Scholarship in 2013 was made, a second by Crispino (SW). Motion carried. A check will be sent to Ohio University.

Unfinished Business—Changes to the Bylaws. Past President Bob Stinson opened a discussion regarding the voting procedures of the Association and how we now have the capability with our website to allow members to vote electronically for matters that the Executive Committee deem in the best interests of the OAFO. He stated that our most urgent issue is to get the bylaws changed to allow us to vote other than in person at the Annual Meeting.

He makes a motion to add an Article XII—Amendment to Voting, as follows:

Article XII - AMENDMENT TO VOTING

Section 1: Any reference to voting, an oral vote, voting in person, voting at a special meeting, and/or voting at the annual meeting shall also mean, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, that an electronic vote or other vote can take place at any time during the year.

Section 2: If the Executive Committee exercises its authority under Section 1 of this Article to take an electronic or other vote at any time other than during the Annual Meeting, then any reference in these Bylaws to members present or members present at the annual meeting shall mean members voting in the electronic or other vote.

[Annotation to Proposed Amendment: The purposes of the proposed amendment are to (1) allow voting by electronic or other means, (2) allow voting at times during the year other than at the Annual Meeting, and (3) to make clear that if a vote is not taken in person then the total number of votes needed is relative to the total number of voters participating--since no one is "present" during an electronic vote.]

After some discussion by various members and further explanation by Dr. Stinson, the motion was brought back up by Stinson (SW) and a second was made by Bullock (SW). The motion carried.

New Officers for the upcoming year: President, Frank Bullock (SW); Vice President, Chris Garner (C), and Secretary-Treasurer, Brian Carder (NW). Motion by Glass (NE). second by Robison (C). Motion carried.

Carder reminded everyone that 2014 dues were to be paid by January 1, 2014.

With no more new business, a motion was made by many to adjourn, seconded by most in attendance. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Carder, Secretary-Treasurer