



Ohio Association of Football Officials

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The Annual Meeting of the Ohio Association of Football Officials was held on Friday, August 5, 2016, at the Royal American Links, Galena, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by President Ken Kuhlman at 4:45 PM.

Life Members in Attendance: Crispino, Clemmons, J. George, Glass, Mahan, Mlakar, D. Nowak, Pfaff, Poole and Winters.

Active Members in Attendance: Adams, Bertrand, Bullock, Carder, Clay, Cowles, Ellis, Furjanic, Garner, C. George, Gerogolian, Gfell, C. Griffith, M. Griffith, Henderson, Ken Katafias, Kevin Katafias, Kay, Kleckner, Kowalski, Kuhlman, Mamarella, McDonald, Motter, Noggle, N. Nowak, Mike Pickarski, Pierce, Rathbone, Reinhart, Robison, Shaw III, Shelton, Spryszak, Studd. Walker, Warns, Widman, and Ziemkiewicz.

Associate Members in Attendance: R, George, Knipper, Kruzel, Lilly, Mahnke, Marotti, C. Miller, Rice, and Tomlin.

Provisional Members in Attendance: Durnwald, Horsley, Smith, Thompson, Wodzisz,

Copies of the minutes from the 2015 meeting were distributed and the members were asked to review them. Motion to accept minutes; McDonald (SW), second Crispino (SW). Motion carried.

Secretary-Treasurer Carder reviewed the Financial Report from the past year. A listing of receipts and expenses from August 2015 through July 2016 was provided. Bank accounts show \$5,603.31 in Checking, \$100.00 in Spring Clinic Account, \$416.08 in Money Market Savings and \$0.00 in PayPal. Total Cash on Hand, \$6,116.39. Motion to accept Treasurer' Report; J. George (SW), second Furjanic (NE). Motion carried.

Membership Report, Carder. Life Members, 29; Active Members, 142; Associate Members, 106; Provisional Members, 22; Special Member, 1; Total, 300.

President Kuhlman referred to the handout showing test scores, required number of signatures, and scheduling requirements for both new Associate and Active members.

He reported that the following Provisional Members have been recommended for advancement to Associate Member status. M. Blair (SW), G. Schildmeyer (SW), S. Troknya (SW), R. Warne (SW), E. Williams (SW), S. Wyckoff (SW), B. Goodchild (NE), B. Buckler (NE), B. Wodzisz (NE), D. Hazelwood (SE), W. Horsley (SE), M. Schrader (SE), S. Smith (SE), M. Thompson (SE), S. Arnett (NW), B. Durnwald (NW), B. Ruhlen (NW), B. Shinaver (NW), M. Allen (C), and T. Hessing (C).

Motion by Mlakar (NE) to accept all 20 Provisional Members listed for advancement to Associate Members. Second by Adams (SW). Motion carried.

President Kuhlman then presented the Associate Members who have been recommended by the Executive Committee for advancement to Active Membership. A discussion was held on each candidate and an individual vote was taken.

The motions and voting results are as follows:

Ken Cloud (SW): Motion by McDonald (SW) to accept, second by J. George (SW). Motion carried.

Scot Ganow (SW): Motion by McDonald (SW) to accept, second by J. George (SW). Motion carried.

Terry Killens (SW): Motion by Poole (NW) to accept, second by Mahan (SW). Motion carried.

Josh Marotti (SW): Motion by Walker (NE) to accept, second by Widman (C), Motion carried.

Michael Phillips (SW): Motion by McDonald (SW) to accept, second by Mahan (SW). Motion carried.

Billy Willis (SW): Motion by Clemmons (SW) to accept, second by Crispino (SW). Motion carried.

Mike Chandler (NW): Motion by Winters (NW) to accept, second by Reinhart (NW). Motion carried.

Mark Kruzell (NW): Motion by Ken Katafias (NW) to accept, second by D. Nowak (NW). Motion carried.

Michael Mahnke (NW): Motion by D. Nowak (NW) to accept, second by Clay (NW). Motion carried.

Gabe Tomlin (C): Motion by Widman (C) to accept, second by Clemmons (SW). Motion carried.

President Kuhlman announced that letters of recommendation were received by the Executive Committee to nominate Jim George (SW) and Monty Mlakar (NW) for Life Membership. An on-line voting of the membership took place this summer and both Mr. George and Mr. Mlakar will be inducted as Life Members of the OAF0 at tonight's Kickoff Banquet.

A list of members who are no longer officiating college football and have been active members of the OAFO for a period of ten years or more have requested that they be reclassified as Retired Officials. They maintain full privileges of Active Membership, however, annual dues are optional.

John Vicarel
Mike Susi
Fred Brentlinger
Chris Steiner
Keith Cramer
Jim Dahnke
Craig Griffith
John Keener
Gus Maragos
Aaron Schrein

Motion to accept, McDonald (SW), second by Crispino (SW). Motion carried.

Vice President Noggle (NE) was called on to read the list of playoff/post-season assignments awarded to OAFO Members for the 2015 season.

11/21/15, NCAA Div.II 1st Round, Ashland vs. Grand Valley St., Mark Valentine (U), Nick Brigati (L).

11/21/15 NCAA Div.II 1st Round, Texas A&M Commerce vs. Ferris St, Kirt Shay (S)

11/21/15 NCAA Div.II 1st Round, Slippery Rock vs. Virginia Union, Jeremy Kyanko (A)

11/21/15, NCAA Div.III 1st Round, Mount Union vs. St. Lawrence, Grant Henderson (R) , Kevin Jackson (U), Mike Sassaman (H), Kevin Szink (L), Ken Kuhlman (F), Kevin Kelly (S) and David Buchanan (B).

11/21/15, NCAA Div.III 1st Round, Albright (PA) vs. Norwich, Pat Parry (R), Todd Pcionek (H), Joe Goicochea (L), D.J. Hynes (S).

11/28/15, NCAA Div.III 2nd Round, Wabash vs. Thomas More, Kevin Pierce (R), Nolan Nowak (U), Brian Feeney (H), Chris George (L), Mark Piorkowski (F) and Mike Reinhart (S).

11/28/15, NCAA Div.III 2nd Round, Wheaton vs. UW-Whitewater, Michael O'Connor (F) and Chris Beckstedt (B).

11/28/15, NCAA Div.II 2nd Round, Grand Valley vs. Ferris State, Mark Valentine (U), Nick Brigati (L).

11/28/15, NCAA Div.II 2nd Round, Slippery Rock vs. Assumption, Kirt Shay (S)

11/28/15, NCAA FCS 1st Round, Sam Houston St. vs. Southern Utah, Frank Bullock (H) and Gary Barrett (L).

12/04/15, MAC Championship, Bowling Green vs. Northern Illinois, Doug Warns (B), Bill Alge (RO)

12/05/15, AAC Championship, Houston vs. Temple, Michael Griffith (B).

12/05/15, B1G Championship, Michigan State vs. Iowa, Ron Tipton (L).

12/19/15 New Mexico Bowl, Arizona vs. New Mexico, Jonathan Shelton (L)

12/19/15 Las Vegas Bowl, BYU vs. Utah, Tom Riepenhoff (A), Bill Alge (RO)

12/19/15 Raycom Media Camellia Bowl, Ohio vs. Appalachian St., Adam Loudin (H).

12/21/15 Miami Beach Bowl, Western Kentucky vs. South Florida, Doug Warns (B)

12/26/15 Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl, Southern Mississippi vs. Washington, Michael Griffith (B)

12/26/15 Sun Bowl, Miami (FL) vs. Washington State, Mike Pilarski (U), Dan Gallagher (L), Dave Nowak (Comm)

12/29/15 Russell Athletic Bowl, North Carolina vs. Baylor, Ron Tipton (L), Mike Elliott (B)

1/02/16 Liberty Bowl, Kansas State vs. Arkansas, Jim Shaw (U), Dennis Morris (B)

President Kuhlman acknowledged the large number of post-season assignments and thanked those members for representing the Association so well.

Vice President Noggle, on behalf of the OAFO, recognized and thanked the Supervisors of Officials from the area for staffing their leagues with OAFO members. Those recognized were: Andy Pfaff of the NCAC, Danny Kleckner of the OAC, Mark Baltz of the HCAC, Gene Steratore of the PAC and Mountain East, Mike McCann of the GLIAC and GLVC, Bill Carollo of the COC, (Big 10, MAC and Missouri Valley) and Terry McAulay of the AAC.

Doug Warns (C) and Mike Pickarski (C), Spring Clinic Chairmen for 2016, presented a report on the event held on May 13 and 14 at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus. 139 paid participants and 14 clinicians spent that Friday and Saturday reviewing rules and mechanics in both general meetings and position breakout sessions. President Kuhlman thanked the members from the Central District for their efforts in planning and hosting this year's clinic. It was noted that the NW District is in charge of the 2017 Spring Clinic.

Chad Adams (SW) reported that 56 players teed it up in the Lowell Wrigley Memorial Golf Tournament this year, held at the Royal American Links, Galena, OH. Mr. Adams will again chair the Wrigley in 2017.

The 2016 Kickoff Banquet will take place immediately after the meeting upstairs here at the Royal American. Bill LeMonnier, former Big Ten Referee, current COC trainer and a past winner of NASO's Gold Whistle Award, will be tonight's guest speaker. The program also calls for the presentation of a Life Member awards to Monty Mlakar (NE) and Jim George (SW). The new Associate Members in attendance will be introduced, as well as the new Actives. Life Member and past President Larry Glass (NE), who went Active in 1966, will be honored with his 50 Year Award tonight. Lou Bertrand (NE) will receive his 20 Year Award. The Jack McLain President's Award will be presented to outgoing President Ken Kuhlman.

Bill Ellis (SW) was called on to report on the OAFO website. He stated that we have had some issues with the website and that it was time to find another program for the OAFO. The Executive Committee has contacted ArbiterSports to get price quotes as well as other website developers to find the best solution for the Association. President Kuhlman thanked Mr. Ellis for his efforts in developing and managing the website over the years.

Secretary-Treasurer Carder was called on to give the E.C. "Irish" Krieger Scholarship report. He stated that at this time, he did not have this year's update from Ohio University. He also clarified that the scholarship was started by Mr. Krieger's family and that the original language used does not actually reference the OAFO. Over the years the Association has donated to the scholarship and our members do apply and receive scholarship assistance for their children. Carder stated that in conversations with Ohio University officials, the language cannot be changed on the application, however, the OAFO is the only source of donations at this time and only our members are applying for the scholarship. A copy of the scholarship application has been updated and can be found on the OAFO website. It was also mentioned that OAFO members who would like to donate to the scholarship, can do so by contacting Ohio University or making arrangements with their estate planning attorney.

Secretary Carder recommended that the OAFO make a donation this year to the Irish Krieger Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 plus \$234 from the sale of OAFO logo merchandise this past year. (\$2 for each item purchased).

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

President Kuhlman asked for a vote on the rotation of new officers for the upcoming year: President, Jeff Noggle (NE); Vice President, Nick Brigati (SE); and Secretary-Treasurer, Brian Carder. Motion by Bullock (SW), second by D. Nowak (NW). Motion carried.

Joining them on the Executive Committee for 2017 are Bill Ellis (SW), Doug Warns (C), Joel Clay (NW) and Ken Kuhlman, Ex-Officio.

Membership Chairmen for 2017 are: Monty Mlakar (NE); Chad Adams (SW); Mike Pickarski (C); and Ron Kay (NW). NE is open.

Carder reminded everyone that 2017 dues, now \$25, were to be paid by January 1, 2017. On February 1, 2017, there is a \$5 late fee.

With no more new business, a motion was made by Bill Ellis (SW) to adjourn, seconded by John Crispino (SW). Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Carder, Secretary-Treasurer