

Minutes of the 05/04/2009 WCOA Football Board Meeting at Jefferson at 7:00 PM.

Football Membership meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Attendees: Ben Heugel, Thom Powers, Harold Greenfield, Dr. Greg Kaiser, Steve Clouse Jr. & Phil Crangi.
Booking Commissioners: Ken Calhoun (Varsity and JV) and Hank Weil (Youth).

James Orr (WCOA basketball official) addressed the membership announcing his officials supply business. Mr. Orr said that he has starter packages from \$79 and many of the latest products on the market today. He is open from 10-5 Monday thru Friday. 8602 Temple Terr. Hywy. Phone (813) 727-9998.

Ben Heugal (WCOA VP of Football):

Ben introduced the current Board members to the membership and new members.

Ben asked the new members to stand and introduce themselves. There were 10 present.

Ben stated that they needed a couple of filmers for the upcoming USA football camp May 15 & 16.

The next meeting was announced as being at Jefferson on May 18th at 7:00 pm.

Two (2) new schools this year will contract the WCOA for officials.

Attempting to contact Anclote HS to furnish officials for their program.

Ben announced changes to the **Play-Off criteria and Play-Off procedure**.

This met with some discussion and objections by the membership concerning the mile requirement.

The question was raised by a concerned member concerning the authority of the decision making by the board and membership approval on some key issues concerning the membership.

Ben, on behalf of the WCOA, has submitted us for the association of the year.

A notebook was assembled of our accomplishments, history and training. A most impressive piece of work.

Next item before the membership was the new 2009 Contest Assignment Sheet (Rankings).

It has been re-evaluated and is going through final approval by the board.

We definitely have to re-energize the membership.

We have adopted a "what's required" attitude and we have to re-energize to a "what can I do" attitude.

Crew fill-in's was another topic. Referees must take a more active role in replacing members of their crews.

Ben mentioned that he was not in favor of crews sitting at home on Friday nights.

Bye weeks are a problem and we have to find a way to keep all our crews "on the field".

The drafting of games was mentioned. This has been a popular subject for some, lately.

Another issue discussed was the subject of the evaluations and the skewing of numbers.

Several issues were brought up by members ranging from bad films and crew got 100's, officials right to appeal, officials not in the picture, not filming the signals or enforcements, etc.

The peer review was another controversial issue.

The issues raised were: referees rating other referees, subjective versus objective ratings, a clear explanation of how the rating is to be done, and how will it be used.

It was mentioned that this peer rating would be a clear opportunity to submit unfair ratings into the system.

The membership was polled as to whether to do it and if we do how to use it.

The membership voted to use it only as a pilot program and re-evaluate it after the season.

Spring scrimmages and jamborees are coming up. They are listed on the web site.

A suggestion was brought up by a member that we should book jamborees by crews with add-ons.

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Thom Powers (WCOA President):

Steve Clouse Jr. (WCOA Board Member):

Steve went over his latest email questions and answers.

Steve also mentioned the upcoming golf tournament on May 30. Check the web site for information.

Steve has assembled over 80 videos for evaluations. Every crew was evaluated at least 2 times last season.

Phil Crangi (WCOA Board Member):

Phil handed out yellow fingerprint cards and collected others with wrong dates for reprinting.

Announced that fingerprint form is on the web site. Get the process started soon as possible.

Harold Greenfield (WCOA Board Member):

Took attendance and meeting notes.

Harold met with the 10 rookies after the meeting to discuss what to do and when to do it.

Harold set up summer training dates of Mondays & Wednesdays (all said they could make it).

Doctor Greg Kaiser (WCOA Football Training Director):

Presented the NF rules changes for 2009.

Ken Calhoun (Varsity Football Booking Commissioner):

Ken told all the flag officials to go into arbiter and look at the "ready" box. Make sure it is checked.

Ken will be explaining the assignment process at a later meeting, prior to the fall season.

Hank Weil (Youth Football Booking Commissioner):

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2009, at Jefferson High School, at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.