

WCOA Football Board Meeting Minutes on 5/06/2015 at the Germany Library at 6:30 PM

Football Board Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm.

Dr. Greg Kaiser (WCOA VP of Football) Presiding:

- 1) **WCOA Football Clinic May 16th Jefferson Gymnasium, 8:00am:**
 - a. The Board constructed a clinic agenda with a list of clinicians, subjects and topics.
 - b. The theme of the clinic will be professionalism and communication.
 - c. A guest speaker was entertained, NFL Umpire Roy Ellison and SEC Referee Ken Williamson will be contacted.
 - d. Break Out Session Leaders:
 - i. Referees – Reed William
 - ii. Umpires – Al Cammisa
 - iii. Linesmen and Line Judges – Curtis Jackson
 - iv. Back Judges – Carlos Nieves
 - v. Rookies – Mike Wheeler, Kenny Calhoun and Hank Weil
 - e. We have to bring our own projection screen.
 - f. Clinic Duties By The Board:
 - i. OJ – Jerome Ford
 - ii. Coffee – Ken Calhoun
 - iii. Donuts – Marty Palenik
 - iv. Cups/Plates/Napkins – Richard Birdsong
- 2) **The Board reviewed the WCOA Varsity Crews roster.**
 - a. Known changes were recorded.
 - b. Gary Mays, John Torres and Gary Saliba have retired.
 - c. Brett Nehrt is back from medical leave and John Richardson is back from a leave of absence.
 - d. Mike Moten has been assigned a full schedule by Conference USA and is also on the NFL fast track. Therefore, he will be removed from the Crew List and the CAL.
 - e. Others were pending or not decided upon yet (still some vacancies).
- 3) **Preliminary Tackle Football Contest Assignment List (CAL) Update**
 - a. This process was reviewed again.
 - b. Jim Gottas is going to return to be an on field official this year, so he will be returned to the CAL list and will be added to the Alternates List.
 - c. Also, some official's future status is still unknown at this time.
- 4) **The Alternates List was also addressed and updated.**
 - a. Taking into consideration the newly updated CAL, all 3 rated officials need to be on the Alternate List.
 - b. Harold Greenfield will review the CAL and update it again along with the Alternate List.
- 5) **Committees**
 - a. Committee chairmen will decide their own members from the list of volunteers.
 - b. These must be reported to the FHSAA in July.
 - c. No member can serve on more than one committee.
- 6) **Scrimmages**
 - a. An email was sent to Lanness Robinson and forwarded to all Hillsborough County Public School coaches informing them that officials will join them at practices if they request. It is hoped this proactive approach will create more scrimmage opportunities since many new coaches may not know that the WCOA offers this service.
 - b. There are 17 scheduled scrimmages so far this spring which are loaded onto the WCOA website.
 - c. We need at least 5 officials at every scrimmage listed on the WCOA website.
 - d. If attendance is poor at the scrimmages, the board will take over assigning the scrimmages to officials as if they were games.

- e. The board asked a mass email be sent out encouraging officials to sign up and warning of future consequences if attendance was poor this year.
 - f. The senior official must take attendance and report it back to Harold Greenfield promptly.
 - g. Once the scrimmages and clinic attendance are recorded Harold will notify the Board and the Booking Commissioner.
- 7) **New WCOA Contracts should be presented to the WCOA Board for review, discussion and acceptance.**
- a. No singular negotiations are to be held or allowed by just one person.
 - b. The board should be made away of all contract negotiations, proper channels should always be used for business decisions and projects.
- 8) **Members Requesting Specific Jamboree Sites.**
- a. The board did not feel that taking special requests for jamboree sites was something reasonable to do since it is not possible to honor all requests.
 - b. Some officials have submitted requests, but those officials will be told that their requests will not necessarily be honored.
 - c. Officials should update their Arbiter availability and the Booking Commissioner will do his best to assign crews together as each official's availability permits.
- 9) **New Evaluations Committee chairman is Richard Birdsong.**
- a. Richard stated that the evaluation "process" will change.
 - b. Richard produced some new guidelines, ratings, criteria and points with the Board.
 - c. The "process" was discussed and the how's, when's and what's were presented and discussed.
 - d. Much work and discussion has already been done in preparation for the new fall season, but the final details need to be worked out. The Evaluations Committee is continuing to meet and fine tune things.
 - e. It is felt that what progress has been made needs to be presented to the membership at the clinic in May, then the general membership meeting in July and ultimately the final product in August.
- 10) **The Board discussed and approved a new policy (rule) concerning Arbiter pictures.**
- a. No picture = No game assignments for officials.
 - b. No group pictures. No sun glasses. No distant shots.
 - c. What we want is a **straight frontal face picture** so those who look up officials will know who they are.
 - d. Basketball has 100% of their officials with pictures on Arbiter and set the policy two years ago that an official much have a picture in Arbiter to be assigned games. With football also adopting this policy, it is now uniform throughout the association that officials are expected to have a picture in Arbiter to receive game assignments.
- 11) **Florida Senate Bill 948**
- a. The bill has been retained on the docket for the special session. However, given the need to pass a state budget and the need to expand Medicaid to comply with federal mandates, this bill will likely have a low priority.
 - b. Once the special session begins, we may need to send out a mass email with a form letter which members can forward on to our senators and the governor.
- 12) **WCOA Gold Whistle Awards** will be awarded this year to **John Torres** and **Gary Saliba**.

Rodney Dickerson	(WCOA President)	Present
Dr. Greg Kaiser	(WCOA Football Vice President)	Present
Richard Birdsong	(WCOA Board Member)	Present
Harold Greenfield	(WCOA Board Member)	Present
Marty Palenik	(WCOA Board Member)	Present
Jerome Ford	(WCOA Board Member)	Present
Ken Calhoun	(Varsity/JV Booking Commissioner)	Present
Hank Weil	(Youth Booking Commissioner)	Absent

The next Board Meeting date will be announced at a later date.
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

