

Minutes of the WCOA Football Board Meeting on 06/18/2013 at Germany Library at 6:00 PM

Football Board Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Attendees: Dr. Greg Kaiser, Harold Greenfield, Darrell Richardson, Gary Saliba
Ben Heugel (WCOA President), Ken Calhoun, Hank Weil

Absent: Phil Crangi (his input on topics was given prior to the meeting via email)

Dr. Greg Kaiser (WCOA VP of Football):

First order of business was a recap from the FHSAA Leadership Conference held a few weeks ago.

FHSAA dues will be going up \$3 starting soon.

FHSAA will no longer be printing the Gray FHSAA Guide Book. Instead they will provide a PDF online, available for downloading.

The Florida legislature passed HB 21 and SB 318 which changes the Jessica Lunsford Act to a state issued fingerprinting badge that is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education. The new law goes into effect July 1, 2013, but the details are limited and much is unclear on how this will be phased in.

The FHSAA is issuing a warning on **Ejection Reports:**

Be exact and accurate. Write what you saw and heard and be very specific. Profanity is handled differently depending on the context it is used (directed specifically at an official, directed at a player, not directed at any specific person, etc.). Always write out profane words in full and quote exactly what they said.

Avoid unnecessary comments and personal views. Do not make excuses or try to explain the conduct of the player or coach involved. Just report what happened.

Ejection reports are legal documents and are released exactly as written to the schools and the media with the official's name on the document. Therefore, this can cause major issues if the reports are not precise.

The FHSAA had a policy of a 7 year waiting period after an official or member of their family has graduated, worked for or coached at a school prior to an individual being able to officiate a game at that particular school. This exclusion period has been reduced to 4 years.

The Executive Board met today (6/18/13) with Mr. Lanness Robinson:

Starting with the upcoming season, all officials must have a Lawson # and supply it to the school on game day.

No Lawson number provided = No Pay for the game at the game site.

HUDL will be starting up for the entire county for all sports.

Game reports are being reviewed by Mr. Lanness Robinson when turned in and they are acted upon. When problems are reported they are addressed and corrected, so these reports are very important to his office.

When games are rained out or not able to be held on the assigned day, they are to be rescheduled on the "next available play date." This will be the very next day unless there is an obvious conflict (the field is being used for another sport, etc.) If coaches try to reschedule the game for next week or several days away, contact Lanness Robinson immediately and have him talk to the AD of the school.

It was stressed that officials can not officiate games at schools where they work, have family members working there or have children attending there.

General Membership Meeting (Football & Basketball) is tentatively set for **July 22, 2013, at Tampa Prep starting at 6:30pm.**

WCOA Varsity Crews were discussed with regards to vacancies on crews. Referees still choose their officials and most vacancies have already been filled.

WCOA 2013 Football committee members were reviewed and updated.

The Football meeting dates for the 2013 season were reviewed and approved.

The Contest Assignment List (rank based upon each official's participation, exams and evaluations) was reviewed and changes made.

The Pecking Order (the list Varsity Booking Commissioner Ken Calhoun uses to assign the next highest official to fill vacancies) was reviewed and updated. The Pecking Order is a fluid document that is amended during the season by the Board.

Rookie training dates were set:

Rookie class 1	July 18, at 6 pm	location Harold Greenfield's house in Riverview
Rookie class 2	July 25, at 6:30 pm	location Skyway fields
Rookie class 3	July 31, at 6:30 pm	location Skyway fields
Rookie class 4	August 10, at 8 am	location tentatively St. Joseph's Hospital / Ed Radice Park
Rookie class 5	August 14, at 6:30 pm	location Skyway fields

The Varsity Football fall schedule is not done. Pasco County Schools have not yet decided as to whether they will go to a global county wide contract or continue with the individual schools contracting independently with the various officials' associations. This will affect the Varsity schedule significantly.

A complaint was reviewed regarding an official in the Spring Flag Football season. A decision was made to the notify the official and ask for his input at the next board meeting regarding these comments in order to hear his side of the story prior to taking any action.

Greg Griffin submitted a suggestion for a new youth league short pants (similar in style to the varsity pants worn on Friday night with a white strip down the outside leg except these are shorts).

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Phil Crangi (WCOA Board Member)
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Darrell Richardson (WCOA Board Member)
Ken Calhoun (Varsity & JV Football Booking Commissioner)
Hank Weil (Youth Football Booking Commissioner)

The next meeting was not scheduled at the conclusion of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.