

Minutes of the WCOA Football Board Meeting on 8/3/2013 at Lee Roy Selmon's at 11:30 AM

Football Board Meeting called to order at 11:45 am.

Attendees: Dr. Greg Kaiser, Darrell Richardson, Phil Crangi, Gary Saliba,
Ken Calhoun and Ben Heugel

Absent: Hank Weil and Harold Greenfield

Dr. Greg Kaiser (WCOA VP of Football):

The board was presented with the varsity schedule as drafted by the Assignment Committee. Some changes were made to avoid two TV games in one line and also to even out the lines with regard to strength of schedule. The varsity schedule was accepted by the board. The referee crew chiefs will be picking their schedules via a lottery at the next football meeting scheduled for Monday August 5th. This approved schedule will be emailed to all the referee crew chiefs this afternoon for their review prior to the meeting.

The Plant vs. Godby game was moved to Saturday August 24th to be played at Raymond James Stadium and to be televised nationally on Fox Sports. The board agreed to make this a 7 man mechanics game and add a SJ and FJ to a regular varsity crew. The WCOA will contribute the game fees for the SJ and FJ to be added to the crew.

The Contest Assignment Sheet was reviewed once more by the board after it was thoroughly revised during the last board meeting. Officials who are no longer members of the WCOA were removed and new rookies were added. The numbering system of the Contest Assignment Sheet has been reversed as adopted in the Bylaws revision. A previous rank 5 official is now a rank 1 official, etc.

The pecking order was reassessed and updated by the board to remove members now on a crew and to add individuals no longer on a crew. Members no longer a part of the WCOA were also removed from the list.

The board entertained ideas to try and get more people involved with evaluating game films to provide quicker turn around and to prevent only a handful of people from doing all the evaluations. The idea of each board member doing 3 evaluations was discussed. A proposal of having each varsity crew contribute one member to the Evaluations Committee was also talked about. While there are merits to having multiple members on the Evaluations Committee, there are also downsides in that the consistency of evaluation scores is harder to maintain with multiple evaluators. There is no perfect solution. Future discussions will take place with the Evaluations Committee to determine what would serve the process and the association the best.

A discussion of how to handle nights with > 15 games was conducted. We will stick with assigning the first available person on the pecking order.

The Rookie, Referee and Back Judge Clinic on August 10th was discussed. St. Joseph's Hospital has given the WCOA 2 classrooms. Therefore, one session will be held on the St. Joseph campus in a separate location. Ben Heugel agreed to run the referee session, Claude Burg has agreed to run the back judge session and Greg Kaiser has agreed to run the rookie session. The scrimmage field work is still projected to be at Skyway, however, this is still yet to be confirmed.

The playoff weighted criteria used to determine an official's playoff ranking were reconsidered by the board. Since the football exam is online and open book, there is no merit to giving it a 2% weighting in an official's playoff ranking. Therefore, it was suggested to delete the test score as a part of the ranking and add an official's Contest Assignment Sheet rank. The final recommendation accepted was to make: Years of experience (2%): Experience will be worth 2% or a total of two points. An official with 3 to 10 years of experience will receive 1 point and an official with > 10 years of experience will receive 2 points. Contest Assignment List ranking (3%): An official's contest assignment ranking will be worth 3 points. A rank 3 official will receive 1 point, a rank 2 official will receive 2 points and a rank 1 official will receive 3 points. It was felt this would give a higher weight overall to members with more experience and better qualifications to help them be assigned to upper level playoff crews first. Officials, however, still control their own destiny since evaluation scores and meeting attendance remain the majority of the ranking.

A discussion was conducted on a past suggestion that there should be minimum criteria set to remain on a varsity crew. Previously, a playoff ranking score of 85% or less for two consecutive years was discussed as a threshold for removing an official from their crew and placing them on the pecking order. It was discussed whether it should be average evaluation scores or average playoff ranking scores. The threshold level being 85% or 80% was also debated. It was decided by the board that more information would be gathered before a decision was made regarding a formal policy.

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

The next Board meeting has not been scheduled yet.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.