

# Basketball Membership Meeting

MEETING DATE	MEETING LOCATION
Wednesday 01/06/2010	Spoto High School Auditorium
BOARD ATTENDEES	MEMBERS
Jeff Albers, Jim Eckler, Randy Sterns, Rick Sozzi, Rodney Dickerson, Thom Powers	60+

MEETING BUSINESS	
Meeting start 07:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chaired by Vice-President Jeff Albers</li> </ul>

<b>Paychecks and 1099 income tax forms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thom Powers distributed voucher checks to those members present.</li> <li>• Thom Powers distributed 1099 forms to those members present. He stated that these only covered voucher games and that Hillsborough County would issue a form which would be mailed to the members if they made \$600 or more working Hillsborough County schools for cash.</li> </ul>
<b>Robert Singer, WCOA accountant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robert, being very familiar with the IRS tax proceedings informed the membership of possible deductions as well as pitfalls. He stated that is possible for the IRS to investigate past years if members report losses for three consecutive years or 3 out of 5 years.</li> <li>• All travel expenses, uniform specific expenses and fees incurred while participating as an official are deductible while all income is taxable.</li> </ul>
<b>Jeff Albers on the future of Arbiter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The East/West division of Arbiter will be rescinded next year and all schools will be combined into one grouping as in years past, with the game assignments being controlled by the distance to be traveled determined by the members.</li> <li>• The inability of Arbiter to maintain visibility with both sections when grouping and viewing by the assignments committee has caused some difficulties.</li> </ul>
<b>Assignments Committee presented by Mike Hegarty</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike provided a brief outline of the duties of the committee as well as the tracking of game assignments between members.</li> <li>• The committee reviews all assignments, balances them against availability and blocked dates and attempts to assign a certain percentage to the membership across the board.</li> <li>• Arbiter rankings for the membership is created by the members' WCOA ranking, their ability to work at a specific level, test scores for Hillsborough County and the state, three crew experience and review by the basketball sports committee with the assignments committee.</li> <li>• Mike concluded by naming the committee members and outlining the hours spent with assignments.</li> </ul>
<b>Events and recruitment/retention committees; by Jeff Albers for Jerome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As Jerome Smith has a game, Jeff did a brief presentation for him.</li> <li>• Jerome Smith is the board liaison for both committees and will be soon working on the WCOA banquet at the end of the basketball</li> </ul>

<p><b>Smith</b></p>	<p>season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Recruiting &amp; Retentions committee is working on maintaining contact with officials after their first year of officiating in order to have them return the following year as well as answer any questions or concerns. The Recruitment Committee contacts potential new members who register via the web site and those who attend new official training classes in order to maintain a solid basketball relationship with those members.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Grievance and Evaluation Committees by Jim Eckler</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Grievance Committee members were stated and the following procedures should be followed for any grievance.</li> <li>• First use the web site to enter a request to meet with the basketball board (basketball sports committee) as the board meets a minimum of once each month. Present your case, ratings, games, fines, promotions, etc.</li> <li>• After you meet with the board and if your concern isn't resolved to your satisfaction, then schedule a meeting with the grievance committee.</li> <li>• The Grievance Committee will serve as an arbiter to bring the members' concern to closure between the association and the member.</li> <li>• If the member is not satisfied with the results, then the member schedules a meeting with the Executive Board for a final resolution.</li> <li>• The Evaluations Committee members, all of which had games or other engagements, were named.</li> <li>• The committee decided that all evaluations will be done by 4 and 5 ranked officials.</li> <li>• At this time, 167 evaluations have been entered for this year.</li> <li>• Due to the nature of the JV games, the committee will solicit those senior officials to attend JV games on Saturday in order to evaluate the first year officials.</li> <li>• The officials who have and have not been evaluated are being tracked, with senior officials who are following them in games being requested via email to evaluate those officials</li> <li>• Evaluations are tracked weekly in attempt to ensure that all officials are evaluated this year.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Recommendations Committee, presented by Randy Sterns</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Recommendations Committee members, all who had games or other engagements, were named.</li> <li>• The Committee received a list of people who were eligible by both WCOA and FHSAA standards. These standards are posted on the WCOA website and the FHSAA Guidelines Handbook.</li> <li>• There an unusually large number of 4s and 5s who were not eligible for one reason or another.</li> <li>• Strength of crews was the most important criteria to the committee. We wanted our tops crews to be our strongest instead of spreading the talent over several crews.</li> <li>• Since we had a limited number of people who were eligible for crews we thought it would be an opportunity to get people on a crew who might not ordinarily be on one which is why we ended up with 10 crews.</li> <li>• Girls Crews - (1) Kaminski, Queen, T. Lucas; (2) Powers, Hunter, Dickerson; (3) Jack Brown, Abbey, Mercado; (4) Fender, Jerome Brown, Kinney; (5) Russ, Curtis, McCloud; (6) Quevedo, Fiedler, Weatherspoon; (7) Rothermel, Saunders, Pressey; (8) D. Richardson, Barrios, Ron Jones; (9) Stanbro, Silas, Sorrell; (10)</li> </ul>

	<p>R. Sozzi, L. Nichols, Bimbo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boys Crews - (1) Hegarty, Kindred, Albers; (2) Quevedo, R. Sozzi, Stanbro; (3) Rodriguez, Jerome Brown, Washington; (4) Queen. Payton, Gagliotti; (5) Kaminski, Jack Brown, Mercado; (6) Hunter, Graeber, Abbey; (7) Toso, Curtis, Pressey; (8) Fiedler, Dickerson, Saunders; (9) Powers, Fender, Rothermel; (10) Kinney, McCloud, Bimbo</li> <li>The crews were presented to the membership for a vole of acceptance, the motion being made and seconded by Brian May and Robert Singer, with unanimous approval from the membership.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bookings by Rodney Dickerson</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rodney reviewed the current situation of the booking for the remainder of this season with the final booking going into place currently.</li> <li>He stated that due to the nature of games being double headers, some officials are being requested to double up, doing two varsity games per night as well as '2' ranked officials getting some varsity games on heavy nights.</li> <li>Some '3' ranked officials are being requested to do JV games due to the bulk of the games being on Saturday without sufficient JV officials to cover them.</li> <li>Rodney entertained questions from the members regarding additional games and requested that those officials make themselves available as games are constantly being turned back as well as new games added.</li> <li>He explained that if you modify your availability so that you aren't available until 6:30 PM or later, Arbiter will not assign you games based on the availability time versus the distance to be traveled to the game site plus the 45 minutes to an hour pre-time arrival time.</li> <li>At this time, the WCOA does not know the district tournament games sites.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Meeting end at 08:20 PM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next basketball meeting will be scheduled for February tentatively on a Sunday afternoon. This meeting will include nominations for 2 board positions being vacated by Jim Eckler and Randy Sterns.</li> </ul>

Jim Eckler, scribe