

Minutes of the February 17, 2008 ASOA meeting, Indianapolis

Meeting commenced at 9:30 am.

Committee Meetings convened.

Group re-convened into the General Meeting at 10:45 am.

Members present – 25 associations were represented.

Calumet	Central	Crossroads	Eastern
Fall Creek	Hoosier	Indiana	Lake County
Lime City	Magic City	Mid Hoosier	Mid State
Mississinewa Valley		North Central	Northeastern
Northern	Northwestern	River Valley	South Central
Southern	Southwestern	St. Joe Valley	Tri-State
Wabash Valley		Western	

We have 100% attendance for the first time in years.

Motion to accept minutes of the December 2, 2007 meeting distributed in hard copy to each member made by Stan and seconded by Lou. Passed.

Theresia stated that as of March 1, 2008, the .net site would no longer be available. All information will be available through the arbiter. At this time Theresia introduced Ed Sullivan who made a presentation on the arbiter.net. We will all have limited access for the time being to IHSAA information. You can use your password which will be your lower case last name to access official information. Use arbiter to look up officials by name, city, county, sport, etc. Please use only one E Mail account. On the arbiter you will self assign and receive your contract from the school. You may block up to three schools you do not wish to work at. You can set up distance to travel, 50 miles round trip is standard. Schools can block officials out as well. By April 1, 2008 you can re new your license on line.

Committee Reports

Awards Committee – chairman- Roger Branigan from Crossroads

Roger stated that April 15, 2008 is the deadline for nominating outstanding officials. There is a decline in the number of nominations being made. Forms used to nominate officials can be downloaded from the internet and must be signed by the secretary or president of your association.

Media Response/Testing/Licensing –chairman Don Nester from Indy

An evaluation document to help coaches vote for officials (IFOA) was passed out and discussed. A newspaper article written by a senior described bad officiating to the extent that she turned off the radio. This is the type of PR that officials don't need!

At this point Theresia stated that officials need to act as professional as possible.

We need to respond to coaches in a positive way because coaches have received technicals for their behavior in response to officials.

Manuals/Technology/Bylaws – chairman Chip Snively. No report given.

Internal – chairman Dean Martin

The committee reviewed the proposal on voting from IFOA. Discussion followed. Teachers give letter grades...why can't our vote be a letter grade as well? Observers program is 50% of our rating

Theresa's comments:

Basketball clinics are now sit down clinics, lectures, presentations, etc. What if each association with our best basketball person to chair the clinic. That person would go to IHSAA to be trained as a clinician or several associations could host a clinic together. The person should be chosen by your local board. This is for basketball only. The clinics need to be smaller and more participation oriented rather than lecture oriented.

Our handbook will no longer be available in hard copy and will be available on line only.

Bob's final comments:

Next meeting will be Sunday, May 4, 2008 at 9:30 am

Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm