

## Minutes of May 6, 2007 ASOA meeting, Indianapolis

Meeting commenced: 9:37 a.m.

Committee Meetings convened.

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

Members present – 21 associations were represented.

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

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| Motion to accept the <b>Minutes of February 18, 2007 meeting.</b> |                               |                    |
| Motion – Lou Brown  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Mike Albert | Passed unanimously |

### Committee Reports

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| <b><i>Awards / Sports Chairperson / Clinician Training Program</i></b>   |
| <i>Members present:</i> Crossroads, Eastern, Lime City, Mid-Hoosier, Northwest, Southern, Southwestern   |
| Kevin Moore – Mid-Hoosier - reporting  |
| This committee is working with Theresia to find a company that will design a lapel pin (shaped like the state of Indiana) that will be presented to Indiana-licensed officials who have 20 consecutive years of licensure in a respective sport. IHSAA will assist the committee in contracting a source (used by the IHSAA) in purchasing the pins. |
| Kevin distributed several graphics depicting the lapel pin. Theresia had officials whistle added to the design to signify the pin is being awarded to an Official. The design (See attached graphic, Pin.jpg) was agreed upon by the membership. The 20 years do NOT have to be consecutive.   |
| Each association must submit a listing of 20-year officials that Theresia can know of the number of pins to order.   |
| The committee also evaluated the <b>nominees for Official of the Year</b> and they were submitted to Theresia for consideration by the IHSAA.  |

***By-Laws / Manual / Technology***

*Members:* Calumet, Fall Creek, Hoosier, Mid-State, Northern, Western

Della Sutton – Hoosier Assoc., reporting

The requirements for attaining Professional status were analyzed and it was suggested that the existing first three requirements be kept in place. The committee recommended that items 3 and 4 be amended.

1. A certified official;
2. Assigned to work 3 or more tournaments in that IHSAA sport;
3. Is an active, participating member in one of the 26 IHSAA recognized officials associations and is recommended for this classification in that sport by the local association in which he/she participates.
4. To be recommended, the official must also meet **three** (instead of two) of the following guidelines:
  - a. Be an Officer in the association
  - b. IHSAA-approved rules interpreter
  - c. IHSAA-approved clinician
  - d. Be a sports chairperson and conduct association meetings in that sport
  - e. Regularly and actively mentor younger or new officials
  - f. Regular and consistent attendance at meetings for that sport

Much discussion also revolved around maintaining the Professional status. It was suggested that the President and Sports Chair monitor the attendance of a Professional for compliance. If the Professional patch is worn on a shirt that is used for two sports (baseball/softball) then the patch can only be displayed on the shirt for which the official is truly licensed as a Professional.

This committee must submit the finished text to Theresia Wynns to include the requirements in the soon-to-be-published Officials Handbook at the earliest.

***Testing and Licensing Program / Media Response***

*Members:* Indiana, Mid-State, Northeastern, South Central, Tri-State, Wabash Valley

Don Nestor – Indiana - reporting

The committee would like to get more high school students in learning sports officiating in an effort to get more licensed officials. An official only has to be NOT in high school in order to officiate. Currently, some high schools offer a program where students can learn and take the IHSAA test but they don't follow thru and become actively involved in officiating after graduation. Perhaps there needs to be more follow-up on the part of the officials associations.

Also there is a valid concern about coaches that belittle, in the media, any official after a game. How is this problem to be addressed?

**Internal Evaluation**

*Members present:* Central, North Central, Lake County, Magic City, St. Joe Valley, Mississinewa Valley, River Valley

Bob Plummer, Chairman – Mississinewa – reporting

The committee discussed the “issues” concerning the mis-use of SurveyMonkey. It is hoped that the IHSAA will not have to use the service in the future and Theresia feels that the IHSAA may be able to include surveying in-house.

Coaches can NOT “scratch” officials from a tournament...only if there happens to be a school employee or school relative who may be a relative of a perspective, assigned official.....anybody with a conflict of interest.

Also, it was asked of Theresia if an official could have the vote from specific schools voided based on years of tournament experience. For instance, an official with 1 to 5 years experience could scratch three school votes; 6 or more years would allow 5 scratch votes. These “scratches” would be submitted when the official applies for a tourney. Kevin Moore felt the low-end (3 scratches) was too high and should be lowered since it was unfair to the referee who might have many years of experience.

Also, it appears there is still some confusion regarding the terminology used in the Evaluation system; Superior, Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor. The committee did not offer any suggestion only that the voting terminology be considered by all.

Further, the intention is to count only the votes from coaches that have seen an official work during the previous three years. Perhaps the new IT can implement a tally of coaches votes from the last years.

It was suggested that the basketball Observers Program be either used or discarded. Specifically, the committee wondered if the Observer’s evaluation was actually being used in the process of evaluating a referee for advancement. Theresia assured us that she uses the report from each Observer, especially if there is supporting evidence from other Observers. Theresia also feels that Ray Craft may be using the reports in a similar manner.

The committee also asked why observers were only evaluating the #1 and #2 when it would be quite easy for the observer to include other members of the officiating group at any specific site. Theresia reiterated that there is still a significant need for qualified observers to staff all sites/games.

**Comments by Theresia Wynns**

Schools can be fined (\$50) if coaches do NOT attend Rules Interpretation meetings and/or no voting. Tournament officials are not listed on ihsaa.net (after the tourney is finished). That will be corrected. A note of “Thanks” to Mid-Hoosier Association for picking up the slack from the area that was covered by the Southeastern Association.

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| IFOA (Indiana Football Officials Association) has asked if attendees to their clinics can get credit for being IHSAA-Certified. Theresia feels that the IHSAA should maintain control over Certification using IHSAA-trained clinicians but maybe the IFOA could be used for the "off" years since the IFOA is given yearly. |                               |                    |
| Motion to permit the IFOA Clinic to be used as an IHSAA Certification Clinic (with the IHSAA having input as to the curricula presented).  |                               |                    |
| Motion – Craig Johnson   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Dean Martin | Passed unanimously |

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| <b>Elections</b>  |                                 |  |
| <b>For President.</b> By voice vote, Stan Foreman was unopposed.                                  |                                 |  |
| <b>For Secretary.</b> Della Sutton  |                                 |  |
| Nominated by – Lou Brown  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Steve Morris  |  |
| Nominations be closed – Kevin Moore   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Don Nester    |  |
| Voice vote – unanimously passed   |                                 |  |
| <b>For Vice President.</b> Kevin Moore, Nominated by – Bob Plummer. 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Mike Albert |                                 |  |
| <b>For Vice President.</b> Lou Brown, Nominated by – Della Sutton. 2 <sup>nd</sup> – John Goss    |                                 |  |
| Nominations be closed – Mike Albert   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Craig Johnson |  |
| Winner by ballot – Kevin Moore  |                                 |  |

**Next years' meeting dates (all Sunday) – Mark your calendars**

August 26, 2007    December 2, 2007    February 17, 2008    May 4, 2008

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| Motion to adjourn at 12:35 am. |                                  |                    |
| Motion – Della Sutton          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Cheryl Johnson | Passed unanimously |

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Nixon – Lake County  
ASOA Secretary