

## Minutes of the August 26, 2007 ASOA meeting, Indianapolis

Meeting commenced at 9:35 am.

Committee Meetings convened.

Group re-convened into the General Meeting at 10:50 am.

Members present – 21 associations were represented.

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

Members absent

Lime City Mid State (2) River Valley Tri State

Motion to accept minutes of the May 6 meeting with corrections made by Kevin Moore, Second by Lou Brown. Passed. (corrections- Don Nester was spelled wrong and Bob Plummer was unopposed for president)

Della agreed to send the minutes to each secretary via email. Not sure what will happen to websight because Dave Nixon is not on the board anymore, and he set it all up.

Theresia welcomed everyone including the presidents who were invited to this meeting. She stated that the ASOA is an advisory group with 4 committees and will stay with that structure. Theresia also stated that Blake and Ed Sullivan, the new technology director, were both in attendance and would share information with our group.

Ed Sullivan gave a presentation on “Arbiter”, a web based program, showing us how to use it and how helpful it will be for schools, AD’s, assigners and officials as well as commissioners, in contracting officials for contests. Within the next few weeks a letter will be sent so accounts can be set up and schedules can be entered. In order for this to work all officials need to use it so that schools will start using it. Theresia stated that we all need to go back to our locals and meet with our executive boards and program chairs and let them know how important it is for us all to begin to use this program. Ed also stated that within the next year or two all testing, licensing, adding sports, etc, will be done on line, reducing paper, saving time, and being more efficient.

Another topic was Dartfish, which is an educational tool currently being worked on by 8 states, including Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Ohio, & Wisconsin, that will help with technical and mechanical aspects of officiating, show special situations, etc. by changing speeds, slow motion, reversing, whatever it takes for you to understand and learn proper skills.

A question was asked about accessing each others websights from the .org sight. Theresia said that the ASOA sight has that capability. The address for ASOA is as follows: [www.athleticsecretaries.net](http://www.athleticsecretaries.net) go to this sight and check out your info make sure it is correct.

Another question was “Survey Monkey”. Blake spoke on this and stated that too many other things going on to change it this year, so Survey Monkey will be used this year. Survey Monkey is used by AD’s for voting for officials for tourneys.

## **Committee Reports**

**Awards Committee** – chairman- Roger Branigan from Crossroads

Numbers are needed for the presentation of the 20 year pins, BUT this will be done on our own as the IHSAA will not help to find out who is eligible for the pins. We should have the list and numbers available and give them to Theresia at the December 2, meeting. Also each association should nominate members for official of the year. The deadline for nominations is April 15, 2008. The form is on the website. There was discussion on the winners from last year and if the information was put on the ASOA website, it was not. But, that brought up the website again and because Dave is no longer a part of ASOA we are not sure if the website will continue. That remains to be seen. IFOA clinic for football, had some problems, but the final numbers are not all counted as of yet. Uniformity in the booklets used at the clinics, was questioned and Theresia answered that there is uniformity within the sport and not across the board to all sports.

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

There seems to be a void of people at testing sights. That is not enough are testing. Theresia stated that we are doing our job as far as advertising goes, just the nature of the times. The question of combining certification clinics and rules meetings, Theresia is not in favor of this as we would still have to have rules meeting as schools are mandated to attend. In fact she would like to see more time spent on clinics. Last item brought up from Don was hand books from each of our locals, could we possibly bring enough to share with the others (25). Please bring them to the December 2, 2007 meeting.

**Manuals/Technology/Bylaws** – chairman Chip Snively absent – Jim Uhrig gave report Jim stated that in the handbook was the new criteria for professional status. Theresia asked the committee if anyone had checked the form to see if that needed changing. No one had. Also for technology, could there be a link on the .net or .org site to each of the associations websites? We all need to check to see if each has been updated.

**Internal** – chairman Dean Martin gave the report

Dean stated that they should now go back to have the meeting because the two topics they discussed was Survey Monkey and Arbiter and that was presented very well by Ed.

**Theresa's final comments:**

Our roles – she handed out folders at the beginning of this meeting, it contained the 3 person power point presentation on BB, several copies of the BB guides. She asked how we are using them. If the guides are not used and are setting at the home of the secretary, then she will use the money for something else. And please don't copy them as there are copyright laws and they are protected.

Probationary officials need to come to association, fill out paperwork, turn it in to the secretary and program chair, go to meetings, and can only officiate sub-varsity games, assign them a mentor and finally take a post test at the end of the present season.

We need to provide them with extra attention.

We all need to let our testing supervisor know that the tests need to be returned no later than the next day after the tests on Monday, mail it on Tuesday.

**Bob's final comments:**

All secretaries need to fill out your vouchers and turn them in now.

Next meeting will be Sunday, December 2, 2007 at 9:30 am

Please return your name tags to Della.

Meeting adjourn at 1:30pm