

## Minutes of the December 2, 2007 ASOA meeting, Indianapolis

Meeting commenced at 9:30 am.

Committee Meetings convened.

Group re-convened into the General Meeting at 10:35 am.

Members present – 20 associations were represented.

Calumet	Central	Eastern	Fall Creek
Hoosier	Indiana	Lime City	Mid Hoosier
Mid State	Mississinewa Valley	North Central	Northern
Northwestern	River Valley	South Central	Southern
Southwestern	St. Joe Valley	Wabash Valley	Western

Members absent

Crossroads Lake County Magic City North Eastern Tri State- 2<sup>nd</sup> absence

### Committee Reports

**Awards Committee** – chairman- Jerry Middleton gave the report in Roger Branigan's absence. Jerry and Theresia asked everyone to E Mail seven more with the number of pins needed for twenty year members. (At this time we are not sure how to handle dual membership).

Nominations for outstanding officials has drastically fallen in number of nominated officials. Discussion on nominating officials who have done state finals while not eliminating those who have worked in the past. We must make sure they are active in a local association. This discussion was tabled and will be brought up again at the Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. meeting.

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

Don discussed patches for state finals. What is the protocol for where they should be sewn on the uniform? They should only be worn for the sports for which the patch was designated and no other, and placed under the regular patch. Don asked the question "How much money would we save if we were not to wear patches"? Illinois has no patches. Theresia stated the savings would be significant, but these patches show that state dues is paid and their licenses are current. The arbiter should be able to cross reference to make sure everyone is licensed. When scheduling on the arbiter, can football officials still schedule out six to eight years? Blake does not approve of scheduling this far out but it is still done.

Our dues next year will be \$5.00 more because of the arbiter. About 1500 out of 7000 officials have reviewed arbiter. About 20% of those officials do not do high school games any more and will not use arbiter. Assigners will be charged \$25.00, schools will not be charged.

Starting Jan. 1, 2008 we will not have the dot net site so we will have to access our information from the arbuter

**Manuals/Technology/Bylaws – chairman Chip Snively No Report**

**Internal – chairman Dean Martin.**

Observers will still be functioning. Theresia has them observe as many new officials as possible (25 observers). So as not to compromise anyone, observers, make sure new officials are ready to move forward and that they do all the things they need to do.

The I.F.O.A. Clinic will be used for certification. Any official who was NOT certified in 2007/2008 can be in 2008/2009. AND will have to be certified again in 2009/2010, the regular rotation.

The question was asked if the rules meetings could be held the same day as certification. The answer is NO!

**Theresia's comments:**

In basketball, Theresia distributed a hand out about inforing quarters. Please refer to the hand out.

The United States flag may be worn on the right shoulder of official uniforms.

There was a law passed that Vets/Officials can salute the flag when the national anthem is played or sung at the beginning of the game.

It is mandatory that officials turn in ejection reports at the end of the game they are officiating. Blake will contact schools where ejections become a problem.

Jerry Middleton commented about the overlap of girls basketball and football third round, and the scheduling conflicts that occur because of that condition.

The arbuter can not send E Mails back to officials for contracts

Hopefully by mid March, 2008, we can renew our licenses on line.

Ed Sullivan and Theresia are in the process of setting up a system to use an average voting for officials for tournament play.

Our next meeting will be February 17, 2008, 9:30AM Indianapolis time

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55AM