

South Carolina Football Officials Association
Directors Meeting
July 26, 2013
6:00PM
South Carolina High School League Building
Columbia, South Carolina
Minutes

Those present were:

President: Paul Pool

Vice President: Steve Brush

Past President: Bryan Fink

Secretary: Chuck Cauthen

Commissioner: Bruce Hulion

Officials' Representative to the Executive Committee of the SCHSL: Joedy Moots

District 1: Bill Reid

District 2: Eric Wells

District 3: Chris Horton

District 4: Rick Hughes

District 5: Homer Edwards (designee)

District 6: Joe Eason

District 7: Sam Felder

District 8: Tommy Brush

District 9: Granderson James

District 10: Lee Blackmon

District 11: Bryan Murphy

District 12: Melvin McGrier

District 13: Mike Mullinix (designee)

All motions were properly seconded.

1. Call to Order- Paul Pool

2. Invocation – Chris Horton

3. Approval of March 26, 2013 Director's meeting minutes.

Motion by Tommy Brush; Second by Bryan Fink to approve minutes.

Motion passed 16 yea 0 nay

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4. Administrative Items

- a. Paul briefly reviewed the elections to take place during the annual association meeting on July 27. Offices to fill are: President, Vice-President, and Secretary.
- b. Constitutional change approved by the Board in March is to be voted on during the annual meeting July 27. Proper notice of the change was sent to all members in accordance with the Constitution.
- c. Clinic proctors have been identified for the exam to be given on July 27 and assignments will be made following the morning meeting.
- d. Clinic excuses will be addressed at the October Director's meeting.
- e. Membership numbers: As of July 26 the association has 665 registered members.
- f. Week zero game fee donations: Paul noted that if 2 crews from each district were to donate game fees to the Association; the funds necessary to support the North-South, Shrine Bowl, and the Association's hospitality at the state finals would be available. These games do not necessarily have to be week zero, but could be any regular season game.
- g. State Finals/Hospitality Suite – 2013 Finals
- h. The fall Director's meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2013.
- i. Prayer request for clinic. Paul asked the Director's for names of officials who need to be remembered in prayer during the Clinic. The following names were offered: Al Webb, Rick Hughes, Will Alexander, Livingston Scott, Fred Mercer, Lee Blackmon, Ken Hudson, Sam Jones, Greg Shelly, Cotrez Gilchrest, and Terry Walters.

5. Officials Representative Report- Joedy Moots

Joedy had nothing to report.

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6. Unfinished Business

a. Scholarship Awards – Lee Blackmon

The committee selected Ben Jones, son of Chris Jones, and Eric Wells, son of Eric Wells, as the scholarship recipients for 2013.

Lee also asked on behalf of the committee that Directors help ensure that applications are complete prior to submittal. Applications which have to be returned for missing information delays the review process.

b. By law changes.

Tommy Brush presented the changes that were first given the Directors at the March 2013 meeting. With no additional changes having been submitted a motion was made to accept as presented. (Changes attached)

Motion by Tommy Brush, Second by Eric Wells, vote was unanimous in favor of the changes.

c. State Finals (hospitality)

By consent of the board, decisions about the level of hospitality is postponed until the October meeting.

d. Mechanics Manual Changes

Steve Brush reported that there are no changes to the ACFOA mechanics for 2013. The manual has had minor editorial and formatting changes made to improve consistency throughout the document.

Motion by Steve Brush to accept the manual as updated; Second by Bill Reid. Vote was unanimous to approve.

Note: Recognition and thanks was given to Rick Ladner's effort in reformatting the manual.

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7. New Business/Proposals

- a. Proposal to revise the Recommendations to SCHSL for State Finals (3&1 guideline) Proposal attached.

Motion by Sam Felder to not consider the proposal, second by Lee Blackmon. Vote Yes 12, No 4, Motion passed.

- b. District 11 representative, Mike Mullinix, requested the floor to address the Board concerning an issue related to an ongoing legal issue. It was noted that the issue is one that no longer involves the Association and would be inappropriate to discuss. Mr. Mullinix stated that the district merely wanted the Board be made aware of developments. The district's intent was recognized, however no discussion of the issue was conducted.

9. Commissioner's Report

Bruce advised there was \$51,405.55 in our account with estimated \$25,000 for the 2013 SCHSL Booking fee to be invoiced.

We need experienced and qualified Referees. Anyone willing to work at the referee position is asked please contact Bruce through their Director. This will not necessarily be a change to a volunteer's position but will form a pool of officials who are qualified and willing to help relieve the shortage of referees.

There are 51-52 week zero games this season which includes a few Saturday games. Officials assigned week zero games will not get a Friday and a Saturday assignment.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Joe Eason. Motion Passed 16 yea 0 nay.

Adjournment

Chuck Cauthen, Secretary SCFOA

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By- Laws

Article I: Officers, Committees and Directors

Section 1: President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the association and the board of directors. He may vote if he is a district director or to break a tie vote. He shall conduct all business on behalf of the association and shall make every effort to further the policy adopted by the association. The meetings of the association shall be conducted under Roberts' Rules of Order or the abbreviated version of Robert's Rules of Order *and the President may appoint a Parliamentarian.*

Section 9: Executive Committee: The Executive Committee is composed of the President, Vice President and Secretary of the Association and shall have such additional duties as assigned in these By-Laws or other matters that maybe referred to them by the President or Board of Directors.

Section 10: Additional Committees, Special and Standing

Preliminary work in preparation of matters for action by the SCFOA Board is often done by means of committee. The committee may be either a "standing committee", appointed for a definite time, or a "special committee", appointed for a special purpose.

The President may create one or more committees of the board and appoint members of the board to serve on them. Each committee shall have two or more directors, one of which shall be designated as chairman, who serve at the pleasure of the President. Appointment of non-board members who possess a special knowledge/experience to assist the committee is allowed.

The creation of a committee and appointment of members must be approved by majority of the Officers and Directors.

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Article II: Elections and Meetings

Section 3: Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet in March, July and October to conduct the business of SCFOA. (Normally the meetings shall be the last Monday in March and October and Friday before The Annual Meetings.) *The President with the consent of the Executive Committee may take votes on issues they determine cannot wait until the next meeting by email ballots or other election means as they may deem appropriate.*

Article V: Amendments to the By Laws

These By-Laws may be amended by an affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Directors, provided:

- A. The vote is held at a regularly scheduled Board of Directors' meeting, and;
- B. Notice of the amendment to be voted upon shall have been provided to each member of the Board of Directors no less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting at which the Board vote is to be taken, and;
- C. The amendment is not related to dues required for membership, and;
- D. The membership of SCFOA may overturn any such amendment passed by the Board of Directors at any annual meeting by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the votes cast, provided that copies of the proposed resolution to overturn the amendment shall have been published by the SCFOA Secretary (mailed or emailed) to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting at which the vote is to be taken. Any such proposed resolution shall be submitted to the Secretary of SCFOA no later than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting, so that the Secretary may properly and timely publish it to the membership;
- E. *Any matter brought before the Board and voted on may not be brought before the Board for a period of two years from the effective date or date of implementation, the later of which, without the consent of the Board of Directors by a three fourths vote.*

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Article XVIII - DISCIPLINE OF OFFICIALS

The authority of discipline for football game officials shall be the Commissioner of Officials as properly appointed in Article V and in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of SCFOA. The Executive Committee through its' Commissioner has the right of review of any and all disciplinary actions taken by the Commissioner of Officials against any of its members

Warning: this is an official notice that an inexcusable, unethical or unsportsmanlike action is a matter of record and that such must not happen again.

Probation: this is a more severe type of warning. An official on probation may be assigned to regularly scheduled games, but he will not be assigned to a play-off game for a conference championship, a playoff game toward the state championship or a tournament of any type.

Suspension: a suspended official may not work an interscholastic athletic contest of any kind for a member of the South Carolina High School League or a school that is a member of another league coming under the jurisdiction of the South Carolina High League.

Fine: a fine may be levied separately or in addition to a warning, probation, or a suspension. It will be levied against the individual official and may range from the fee received for working the game up to a maximum of \$100

Appeals: Appeals to action taken by the Commissioner are to be made in writing within 30 days of notification of disciplinary action; Appeals of Probation will be made to the Executive Committee of the SCFOA. Any Appeals for Suspension shall be made to the Board of Directors of SCFOA.

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To: Paul Pool-President SCFOA

From: Bryan P. Fink- Past President-SCFOA

Subject: Proposal to Change Recommendation to SCHSL

Date: March 26, 2013

CC: Chuck Cauthen-Secretary-SCFOA

Paul,

I would like to submit the following proposal for consideration at our next Board of Director's meeting to be held on July 26, 2013. This recommendation deals with the section of our by-laws that is titled; Recommendations to SCHSL:

Section B. Consecutive championship games allowed to officiate:

Current wording: Starting with the 2010 South Carolina Football State Championship games no official may work more than three consecutive state championship games, regardless of the classification or their position.

Proposed wording: Starting with the 2010 South Carolina Football State Championship games no official that has meet the minimum qualifications as outlined by the SCFOA Hall of Fame for state championship games officiated; may work more than three consecutive state championship games, regardless of the classification or their position. Any official that has not meet the Hall of Fame minimum qualification for state championship games officiated may work more than three consecutive years or until the minimum qualification has been met.

Rational for Change: Requirements for induction into the SCFOA Hall of Fame are difficult to achieve. With the way the current suggestion is worded, it is possible that an official may have to qualify for as many as nine state championship games before meeting the current requirement of seven state finals officiated. It is also possible that an official that has not met the minimum requirement for state championship games is left out of one or more state finals because of this current suggestion and then never meets the requirement for induction into the Hall of Fame.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.