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**South Carolina Football Officials Association
Fall Directors Meeting
October 3, 2011
6:00PM
South Carolina High School League Building
Columbia, South Carolina**

Minutes

Those present were:

President: Smiley Bryant

Vice President: Bryan Fink

Secretary: Paul Pool

Commissioner: Bruce Hulion

Past President: John Peek

Officials' Representative to the Executive Committee of the SCHSL: Ken Hudson

District 1: Bill Reid (for Jerry Welmaker)

District 2: Eric Wells

District 3: Chris Horton

District 4: Rick Hughes

District 5: Absent

District 6: Joe Eason

District 7: Sam Felder

District 8: Steve Brush

District 9: William James (for Granderson James)

District 10: Lee Blackmon

District 11: Represented by Mike Millinix (votes not recorded)

District 12: Ron Paul

District 13: Al Webb (for Brian Shealy)

Guests: Chuck Cauthen, Melvin McGrier, Byran Murphy

All motions were properly seconded.

6. Officials Representative Report- Ken Hudson

No report from Mr. Hudson. "All appears to be well."

7. Unfinished Business

a. Clemson Hospitality Committee Report: Lee Blackmon

Lee was making arrangements. SCFOA will have the same room as last time, the Tiger Den.

Motion by Bryan Fink to authorize expenditure of up to \$1500 for by Clemson Hospitality Committee.

Motion passed: 14 yea 0 nay

b. Membership Committee Report: The committee suggested:

The membership level be kept at 5% to maintain district status and that the date be changed from May 1 to August 1. Should a district fail to have enough members it would be placed on probation for one (1) year and while represented at Board meetings, they would not have a vote.

If the district after that year failed to have enough members to meet the 5% qualification on August 1 of the following year, the Board of Directors may extend the probation for up to, but no more than another 1 year period; if the said District was still below the required minimum then it would be dissolved according to the SCFOA By-Laws.

After much discussion the President referred any action back to the committee for additional study and review.

The Committee requested Board members send them their comments and options prior to the next meeting.

c. Clinic Excuses: Paul Pool

Motion by Paul Pool to accept the Clinic excuses received by the Secretary.

Motion passed: 14 yea 0 nay

d. Hall of Fame Banquet update: Bryan Fink/Paul Pool.

Tentative speaker to be confirmed in November is Dick Sheridan, former Furman and North Carolina State Head Coach. Bill Spillane will be selling tickets. Date is Saturday, January 7, 2011, at Seawell's Restaurant in Columbia, SC. Social hour is 6:00 pm and Dinner starts at 7:00 pm. Members are encouraged to support the inductees.

e. D11 Issues

Executive Session: President called for Executive Session to discuss pending legal action against SCFOA.

Went into executive session.

After 20 minutes of discussion the Board returned from Executive session.

No action was taken.

8. New Business/Proposals

a. Meeting Dates- Smiley confirmed 2012 dates as follows:

-March Board of Directors meeting date: Monday, March 26, 2012, 6:00 pm.

-July Board of Directors Meeting date: Friday, July 20, 2012, 6:00 pm.

-SCFOA Clinic date: Saturday, July 21, 2012, Registration starts at 8:30 am and Clinic starts promptly at 9:00 am.

b. 2011 State Board Review Board Members

1. JJ Eigner- Term Expires 12-31-2011 (rotating off)

2. Wilson Hunter- Term expires 12-31-2012

3. Mike Mullinix- Term expires 12-31-2013

3. Vice President-elect Pool appointment- Term expires 12-31-2014
Pool to advise nominee to replace JJ. Eigner.

Paul advised Board that Jerry Welmaker was his appointee.

9. Commissioner's Report

-Account had balance of \$14,047.96. Funds for Hall of Fame and Hospitality Suite have not deducted from this amount.

-Once the Clinic scores are compiled on the day of the Clinic, test scores will not be changed.

-Region play has started. "Officials must step up and do what they are paid to do. We are not officiating to SCFOA standards, we are missing obvious calls, misapplying rules, not listening to fellow officials, not seeing the whole play, etc. Know the rules! There is no excuse for misapplying or mis-interpretation of a rule.

It appears that officials are not studying the Rulebook once the Clinic is over. If trend continues there may be a mid-season test next year."

-Have pride in your appearance, dirty hats and uniforms. Look professional.

-Ejections Reports must be sent using the proper form. Just the facts,

your opinion is not needed. Do not send an email as a substitute for the Report.

- Do not push, pull, or grab players. Officials must stay in control. Do not get caught up in the emotions of the game.
- Get ratings in and rate accordingly
- No more crew requests to be honored for this year.
- No crew requests will be honored unless approved by the Directors before submitting to SCHSL. There are too many crews that are not qualified to travel.
- Do not call about playoffs you will be assigned accordingly. The ratings on the website may have changed. Officials positions may have changed and you may be rated higher or lower. You are encouraged to accept your assignment.
- The SCHSL selects ECOs as needed. Travel restrictions play a role in their assignment.
- ECOs for playoffs and finals are selected by SCHSL at our discretion.
- It is important that districts elect members to leadership positions that have integrity, honest and are trustworthy.

10. President's Report/Comments: Smiley Bryant

Smiley provided out-going Past President, John Peek an opportunity to speak. John thanked the Board and SCFOA members for being allowed to participate in the leadership of SCFOA and he wished the Board and membership well.

Smiley thanked the Board for their help and support as he turns over the leadership to Bryan starting January 1, 2012.

Smiley encouraged all officials to be professional and to be aware that the game you are working on any given night is the most important one. He reminded us to be thankful for being allowed to participate in the games as an official.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Bryan Fink.

Motion Passed **14 yea**

0 nay.

Adjournment

Paul R. Pool, Secretary SCFOA

Date