

## NJFOA SHORE CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

June 11, 2020

**Location:** Online via Zoom

**Present:** Bill Van Schoick, Sam Riello, Jim Foligno, Andrew Rosenbloom, Bill Surdovel, Anthony Perrelli, Brian Fyfe, Kyle Moberg, Chris Schalnat, Kevin Fleming, Mike Kilmurray

**Absent:** Dick Amdur

Meeting called to order by President Van Schoick at 7:04 PM.

Van Schoick, Riello and Surdovel recently attended a virtual meeting with Shore Conference Athletic Directors regarding game fees. With current financial situation, cuts to athletic budgets and Covid concerns the Shore Conference was initially asking for pay freezes for on field officials and a massive decrease in ECO fees. ADs also raised concerns about ECO's performance & threatened to hire their own clock operators which is allowed by the state. Ultimately negotiations resulted in a proposal that will allow for a significant increase of fees for varsity on field officials and a smaller decrease in fees for clock operators than initially presented. Overall the proposal would be a larger increase per game that schools would pay out than in years past. The current proposal still needs to be approved by the athletic directors. Council as a whole was in favor of the new fee structure. Several members stated they hope to see an increase in sub varsity pay next year or the year after. There was also discussion of the use of chain crews and the possibility of sending a single official to serve as a chain crew chief and allow schools to hire the remainder of the chain crew. This could potentially allow for a further pay increase for other officials. Foligno & Fyfe recommended a fees committee be established to work on this year long. Van Schoick and council agreed with this. Council is awaiting final word back from the Shore Conference on the fees for next year.

Council unanimously approved a crew change and discussed potential options for other crews who are missing positions.

Discussion shifted to CBL changes. The CBL committee led by Foligno presented several changes. Perrelli raised concerns with the date and lack of specificity regarding assignor fees, especially if an assignor is going to be elected. A lengthy discussion ensued on assignor compensation. Van Schoick maintained that assignor fees and compensation should not be tied into the issue of an election of assignor. Ultimately no action or decision was made regarding assignor compensation at this time. Kilmurray voiced his concerns about the election of an assignor in general.

There were multiple changes to the CBL. Council voted on all these measures to be sent to the membership in the upcoming season. There was debate as to when these measures would be voted on and when they would be enacted. Schalnat expressed disagreement and concern with not holding a vote more quickly on the CBL changes and putting off the votes specifically for the election of the assignor and why that will not result in an election of the assignor till the 2021 election. Council as a whole disagreed and felt that that CBL changes can be voted on to allow the election of an assignor this year and then during the 2021 an assignor can be elected in order to maintain consistency with the other elected positions. Several members also discussed the length of the assignor term. In consultation with Amdur it was determined that one reading may be done electronically but the second reading should be done at an in-person meeting. Full membership votes on CBL changes will be done electronically either during the season or October election period. The council voted on CBL proposals to be presented to the members, in the following:

- Change the position of assignor from an appointed position to an elected position. Motion passed 7-3. (Yes – Riello, Rosenbloom, Surdovel, Perrelli, Schalnat, Fleming, Fyfe; No – Foligno, Kilmurray, Moberg)
- Add term limits to Presidency to no more than two consecutive two-year terms. Motion Passed 8-2. (Yes – Riello, Rosenbloom, Surdovel, Perrelli, Schalnat, Fleming, Fyfe, Foligno; No – Kilmurray, Moberg)
- Allowing voting for Constitution and By-Law Amendments to be done electronically & from a 2/3 majority to a simple majority. Motion Passed (Yes – Fyfe, Riello, Fleming, Perrelli, Foligno, Rosenbloom, Surdovel, Moberg, Schalnat)
- All other CBL & policy changes – Unanimously approved.

Following CBL discussion, Moberg asked if there was any new information regarding a season. Surdovel stated that there is an NJSIAA and NJFOA meeting later in this month and hopefully there will be more information. Foligno stated that we have not received any information regarding NJSIAA registration at this time for members, Surdovel to bring this up.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Rosenbloom  
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