

NJFOA SHORE CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
May 9th, 2022

Location: Monmouth Regional High School

Present: Bill Van Schoick, Jim Foligno (via Zoom), Chris Schalnat, Andrew Rosenbloom, Bill Surdovel, Brian Fyfe, Mike Kilmurray (via Zoom), Javier Campos, Kyle Moberg (via Zoom), Steve Ramseur

Absent: Dick Amdur

Meeting called to order by President Van Schoick at 7:58 PM.

Foligno delivered Assignor's report. Varsity games have been assigned and will be released shortly. Chains will be a challenge to be covered, with only 26 of 48 chain only guys returning from last year. Members are encouraged to reach out to Jim Foligno if they know of anyone who may be interested in doing chains. Foligno mentioned sub-varsity chains may be difficult to cover.

Rosenbloom brought up a meeting he had with RefSec, an online platform for registration, dues, voting and other areas which several basketball official organizations and the NJFOA North chapter will be utilizing. Council members were interested in potentially using their services and will be inviting a rep to meet with the board at the next meeting.

Rosenbloom mentioned the possibility of sharing all Hudl game film with all members. Van Schoick and the majority of council did not feel as though we needed to change the current policy, and games will continue to be shared with the officials who officiate those games.

Schalnat reported on the CBL committee. They will be focusing on developing policies of newly carded officials joining crews, digital banking and cadets. Mike Kilmurray, John Schiess, Richie Collins and Kelly Grubb are also serving on the committee.

The board reviewed crew ratings and evaluations. Van Schoick presented a two-pronged plan of self-evaluation and outside evaluators conducting our ratings and evaluations. Van Schoick also encouraged the board to use funds from our account for evaluations. Ramseur raised the idea of using two evaluators per game for a better evaluation process. Rosenbloom had a conversation with the new state assignor Mark Bitar about potential evaluators, which will be explored further. Surdovel mentioned using officials from the chapter who are off the field or retired. The board as a whole felt a better direction would be to use outside evaluators. Barlow raised the importance of using a standardized rubric for evaluations. More discussion to follow at a future meeting.

Van Schoick discussed a memorial event at Spring Lake Manor for Nick Cuccarese which will be held on May 22nd. Van Schoick will be representing the chapter at the event.

Barlow spoke about the current cadet class. They have been meeting since March at Monmouth Regional and currently have 17 cadets. Cadet test will be in late June or early July. Discussion moved to cadet dues. The state is running a program where cadet's local chapter dues are reimbursed to the cadet and their uniforms are bought by the state. The board unanimously approved setting cadet dues at the average of the state cadet dues currently set by other chapters, motion by Surdovel, seconded by Ramseur.

Barlow recommended a second part to cadet class of 4-6 classes in the fall as a refresher. Van Schoick informed the board that Barlow has full reign for the current cadet class, however changes for newly carded first year officials would need to go through the CBL committee.

Schalnat gave an update on mechanics and the state mechanics meeting which was in late April which he and Rosenbloom attended. Several changes were voted on and agreed to at the state level. The umpire will be moving behind the kicker on free kicks, the wings will continue to switch sides at half time, one deep wing will be moved to five yards behind the punt returner, and a 4th and short mechanic's change. More details will be finalized and sent to membership when complete. Schalnat and Rosenbloom proposed several other changes to the state mechanics meeting which were voted down.

Van Schoick then discussed a plan to have a mechanics summit prior to the season for each position. Each position will meet during this time to discuss and standardize mechanics. Council agreed to schedule the mechanics summit and rules interpretation jointly on 8/10 at Brick Memorial High School. Moberg to confirm this date is available.

Discussion shifted to general membership meeting dates. Board set meeting dates at 8/31, 9/14, 9/28, 10/12, 10/26 and a tentative banquet date of 11/9. Meetings will be held at Brick Memorial. Council debated whether or not to make any meetings virtual. Campos recommended revisiting the need for virtual meetings at a later date which council agreed to do. Members will be required to make 4 out of 6 meetings. The state clinic on 8/6 at Sayreville will also count as meeting credit.

Kilmurray informed the board the next NJFOA meeting is on June 8th and a report will follow.

Fyfe delivered the treasurer's report. Starting Balance 3/1/2022 - \$20,712.61 and Ending Balance 4/30/2022 - \$19,628.38. Motion to approve by Campos, seconded by Barlow, unanimously approved.

Three crew changes were discussed, all of which were unanimously approved with one abstention.

Surdovel to run a white hat class in the near future, five members have been nominated.

Rosenbloom discussed our current insurance policy which is a D&O policy only. The board to research obtaining a general liability policy which is required for most locations to hold meetings. Kilmurray to ask the other chapters about their policy at the next NJFOA meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Surdovel, seconded by Ramseur. Meeting closed at 9:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Rosenbloom
2nd Vice President/Secretary