

NJFOA SHORE CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
July 11th, 2022

Location: Zoom

Present: Bill Van Schoick, Jim Foligno, Chris Schalnat, Andrew Rosenbloom, Bill Surdovel, Brian Fyfe, Mike Kilmurray, Javier Campos, Steve Ramseur, Mark Bitar (state assignor)

Absent: Dick Amdur, Kyle Moberg

Meeting called to order by President Van Schoick at 7:32 PM.

Van Schoick opened the meeting discussing meetings for the upcoming year. Meetings will be held at Brick Memorial High School on 8/10 (interpretation/mechanics), 8/31, 9/14, 9/28, 10/12, 10/26 at the banquet on 11/9. Members are required to attend four meetings. Attendance will be taken at the state clinic on 8/6, members attending will receive a general membership meeting credit and state interpretation credit. Kilmurray will be manning the attendance desk for the Shore. The 8/10 and 8/31 meetings will also serve as dual interpretation meetings and general membership meetings, with members receiving credit for both an interpretation meeting and general membership meeting on those days.

Rosenbloom brought up Refsec, an online platform which can be used for online registration and dues payment, meeting attendance, voting, concussion certificate uploading and other features. All other chapters in the state have moved to using this platform already. Cost per official is \$3 per official to be paid by the chapter, some members expressed concern with fees for dues online payment surcharge (approximately 2%). Foligno discussed online payments, members felt this was not a violation of the CBL. Motion by Rosenbloom to approve using Refsec, seconded by Campos, unanimously approved.

State assignor Mark Bitar joined the meeting. Bitar expressed a desire to create more uniformity across the chapters in the state with regard cadet applications, registration, websites, and social media. Bitar discussed changes to the playoff system which included five public group finals which will be manned by 7-man crews, in addition there will no longer be replay in playoff games. Bitar also mentioned his goal to have every chapter represented with at least one crew in these games. Van Schoick commented on the inequity in playoff assignments in the past, Bitar acknowledged this and a plan to create more equity in assignments. Campos asked about Bitar's method of evaluation. Bitar plans on evaluating crews through Hudl as well as using outside officials from college and the NFL.

Foligno delivered assignor's report. Foligno discussed the limited number of officials on certain days. Sub varsity assignments are currently being done and will be released shortly.

No new updates from banquet, audit, conflict & resolution and nominating committees.

Rosenbloom discussed info & technology committee. Hudl needs to be renewed, Schalnat asked if it's possible to receive more detailed film broken down by offense, defense, special teams. Rosenbloom to explore this and request it from teams going forward. Motion to approve Hudl at an expense of no more

than \$1000, unanimously approved. Schalnat brought up changes to website which were requested at the behest of Bitar. Schalnat to continue to update the website.

Schalnat spoke about policy changes. There were numerous changes from the CBL committee. Board to review policy and CBL changes and vote on them at the next meeting. Foligno asked about requesting changes to the CBL which can be done three ways through CBL committee, executive board or 20 member petition.

Van Schoick reviewed crew ratings and evaluations, with a goal of at least 10 crews evaluated by outside evaluators this year. Van Schoick has reached out to several outside evaluators and will be meeting with referees in the near future to discuss evaluations. Schalnat raised chairmanship of the committee, which will be chaired by Foligno.

No new updates from wellness and welfare committee. Organization will be making a donation in memory of Schalnat's father. Van Schoick and Schalnat spoke about the camaraderie of the organization.

Barlow delivered report on cadets. 14 cadets took and passed the test in late June. Cadets have been assigned a mentor crew which they will be paired with throughout the season. Rosenbloom asked if cadets can be used in varsity games this year. The board overall was not in favor using cadets on varsity games, but it is at the assignor's discretion.

Rosenbloom brought up establishing a scholarship on behalf of the organization and will explore options.

Schalnat discussed mechanics committee update. Schalnat to review and disseminate to members 3,4 and 5 man mechanics manuals.

Surdovel talked about state interpretation meeting. Greg Bailey and new state interpreter Mike Bartram expressed a desire to attend interpretation meetings, however the South also scheduled their meeting for 8/10. Board agreed to keep interpretation meeting for our chapter on 8/10 and invite Bailey and Bartram to 8/31 meeting.

Discussion moved to fees, fees are set for current year (Varsity - \$102, Sub Varsity - \$66, ECO - \$80 and Chains - \$60). Van Schoick, Foligno and Rosenbloom met with Athletic Directors in June. Van Schoick brought up security, delays in payments, and sub varsity start times. Foligno noted Middletown North, Middletown South and RBC have all moved to Zebrapay.

Surdovel and Foligno delivered NJFOA report, no major news, meeting in June centered around state clinic.

Fyfe gave Treasurer's Report. Starting Balance 4/30/2022 - \$19,628.38, Ending Balance 7/11/22 - \$23,328.38. Motion to approve by Surdovel, seconded by Barlow, unanimously approved with one abstention (Fyfe).

Rosenbloom brought up the chapter's current insurance policies. Rosenbloom to reach out to carrier regarding changes to current D&O policy as well as exploring obtaining a general liability policy.

One crew change was unanimously approved. White hat class will be run on 7/13, 8 members were invited and 6 will be attending.

State clinic will be run on 8/6, over 350 members across the state have registered. Surdovel discussed clinicians for the day including Ed Camp, Dominic Pender and Brad Allen. Surdovel also discussed the Shore Conference Media Day which will be on 8/9, several board members will attend.

Rulebooks were delivered, several rulebook distribution locations will be set up for members to pick up.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Rosenbloom
2nd Vice President/Secretary