

NJFOA SHORE CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
April 19, 2021

Location: Poricy Park Recreation Center (Middletown, NJ) & Online via Zoom

Present: Bill Van Schoick, Sam Riello (Zoom), Jim Foligno, Andrew Rosenbloom, Bill Surdovel (Zoom), Anthony Perrelli (Zoom), Brian Fyfe, Kyle Moberg (Zoom), Steve Ramseur, Kevin Fleming, Mike Kilmurray (Zoom)

Absent: Dick Amdur

Meeting called to order by President Van Schoick at 7:10 PM.

Committee Reports by Chairperson were done:

Foligno discussed banquet, date has been secured for Wednesday, November 10th at Spring Lake Manor. Rosenbloom to reach out to Joe Piserchia (audit co-chair) to complete audit. Meeting dates and platforms were reviewed, current plan to have six total meetings (4 in person and 2 online) remains. Council agreed to revisit potential options in the event current capacity limits are not raised by the Fall. Fyfe noted the maximum number of members in recent years at a meeting was 122 which is well above the current meeting limits. Van Schoick commended Fyfe on the work of the Wellness/Welfare committee and member outreach. No new information from Conflict Resolution, Crew Rating/Evaluation, Nominating, or Awards Committees.

Fleming spoke on cadets for the upcoming season. Currently there are over 20 potential cadets who have expressed interest. Meetings with perspective candidates will occur in early May. Ramseur discussed additional recruitment efforts and will repost and share a flyer he made with council to share with the community again.

Foligno delivered report from Fees Committee. The committee has met several times with Athletic Directors of the Shore Conference regarding fees for the upcoming season. Negotiations have been ongoing with several offers being sent back and forth. The committee recently sent a "final offer" to the ADs but have not heard back yet. The ADs continue to focus on the current fee amount for ECOs and are looking to further reduce the pay of ECOs. Council as a whole did not feel this was an option and felt strongly ECOs should remain at the current rate as they were already cut last year. It was brought up the North Jersey Chapter is now offering a Certified Clock Operator course. Council discussed at length the options we have as a chapter in the event ADs do not accept the final offer. Van Schoick advised that a work stoppage or refusal to work is not an option according to the state. The majority of council members felt the organization needed to take a stand. No final decision was made until the committee receives a response from the Athletic Directors.

Kilmurray delivered NJFOA report. The Atlantic-Cape and Myer chapters recently merged. Brief discussion ensued on the importance of keeping our membership numbers strong and continued growth.

Perrelli gave Treasurer's Report: Starting Balance on 1/21/21 - \$19,659.11, Ending Balance on 4/19/2021 - \$18,504.54. Motion to approve by Fyfe, seconded by Fleming was unanimously approved. Rosenbloom to reach out to the handful of members who still have not paid local dues to see if they wish to continue officiating.

Rosenbloom discussed NJSIAA registration for the upcoming season. Registration for the NJSIAA opened on April 15th, members can register with the state, but concussion course certificates must be completed after July 1st.

Riello discussed the newly formed Girl's Flag Football League in the Shore Conference. The league is not an official NJSIAA sport at this time, but Riello will be assigning games for it. There are 4 games at two different sites (3 officials per game), twice per week. Riello has reached out to white hats to cover the games and will fill in other spots at his discretion.

Discussion on turnback fees resumed from last meeting. Several members felt there were too many turnbacks and a harsher penalty was needed. Members debated what constitutes a turnback. It was determined the definition of a turnback was already established in the CBL and the assignor has authority to determine the turnback fee.

Surdovel spoke about White Hat Class which is scheduled for Monday, April 26th. Perspective candidates have been invited.

Surdovel discussed potentially moving the position of the umpire to the offensive backfield for the upcoming season. He is going to recommend piloting the move for pre-season games at an upcoming states mechanics meeting this year. Surdovel stressed there would be significant changes to the mechanics and it is extremely unlikely the switch would happen for regular season game at least this year.

Kilmurray recommended the chapter send a gift to Jack Dubois who is retiring in June and a card to Colleen Maguire for her recent appointment to Executive Director. Motion by Riello, seconded by Fyfe was unanimously approved. Perrelli recommended a gift for Michelle who does our non-profit work, motion by Perrelli, seconded by Fleming was unanimously approved.

Motion to adjourn by Foligno, seconded by Fyfe. Meeting closed at 9:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Rosenbloom
2nd Vice President/Secretary