

Board 6 Meeting Minutes  
November 29, 2017

President Peck called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. He welcomed the membership back to a new season and called on Pete Palermino for the Interpreter's Report.

Pete opened by touching on his learning experience as a first year football official. He commented on the book "Throw the Ball High" by Mickey Crowley and encouraged members to avoid any conflict of interest with a school. Pete next reviewed the rule changes including the new coaching box, reporting fouls with a two-handed signal and the behavioral warning. There was a review of mechanics to give the warning as well as reminders on mechanics for time outs and injured players. For Prep school games, he encouraged us to meet with the coaches before the game to establish ground rules for that game. Pete closed by asking Charlene Shepard to show some videos on block/charge and contact.

President Peck next called on Ed Lynch to provide the Commissioner's report. Ed opened by welcoming everyone back and thanking the Interpreters for their efforts. He asked all to update their Arbiter calendars and personal information. He demonstrated how to establish and delete blocks and reminded us that Sub-Varsity games in the CCC begin at 5:15pm and Varsity games begin at 6:45pm and to be careful establishing time blocks. He asked that we call him with any unusual situation including an unprofessional partner. Ed advised that we should check the Notes section of an assignment for exceptions, such as no JV game or six minute quarters. Regarding ejections, he reminded us that the game Referee must contact him that night and complete the CIAC ejection form and email it to him. In the case of an ejection we need to obtain the player's name and number or the coach's name and team. Regarding bad weather, Ed advised to check the CIAC website and not to rely on the school to contact us. At the conclusion of the report, President Peck advised the membership that Ed is going to be inducted into the Simsbury Trojan Hall of Fame on January 6.

President Peck next called on Tony Lopes for the Secretary-Treasurer report. Tony opened with the Treasurer report and advised that Chris Parker would be taking enrollments for the IAABO Insurance up front after the meeting. He advised the balance in our account as of today is about \$62,000.00 and that it would be about half of that after we enroll the new class and pay our other financial obligations. He explained that the amount is higher this year due to excess funds remaining from the IAABO Spring Seminar in CT that the State Board put them toward our insurance premium. Tony advised cancer donations are now being accepted with either cash or a check made payable to "American Cancer Society". The Secretary's report began with Tony advising that anyone that wanted to wear a black ribbon pin in memory of the loss of George McClay and Tony Scalise could obtain one from Shawn Lawton after the meeting. He next asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the March 2017 Annual Meeting. The motion was made by Tom Juknis, seconded by James Brown and passed. Next Tony solicited a motion to accept the minutes of the October 2017

Interpretation Meeting. The motion was made by Mike Fienman, seconded by Larry Nelson and also passed. Correspondence received were Thank You notes for flowers sent from the Kohs family, the Scalise and McClay families and Karen Regan. Tony introduced a new Board 6 member that transferred from another board and concluded by recognizing members with unclaimed service awards and advising they could claim their pins after the meeting.

President Peck reported on the letter sent to Athletic Directors regarding proper dressing facilities for both male and female officials. He next explained the new protocol for reporting all unsporting technical fouls on coaches at all levels. Officials are to send an email to Commissioner Lynch with details by the next day. We are keeping track of repeat offenders and a letter will be sent should a coach receive three unsporting technicals. Regarding coaches or players kneeling before the game, we were advised to not get involved and approach any circumstance professionally. President Peck thanked Joe Camposeo for handling the questions from members about Arbiter Rating fines and reminded members to rate all assignments within five days of the game.

President Peck began the Committee reports by calling on Bob Baniszewski to report for the Finance Committee. Bob advised the books are in good order. Charlene Shepard reported for the Membership Committee that 27 applicants had passed the written exam and will begin floor exams this weekend. Chris Parker reported that we are researching additional meeting sites for next season. Bill Cashman reported for the Observation Mobility Committee (OMC) and explained the new name for the former COT. He advised the functions of the committee, its past accomplishments and goals for this season. Bill read the list of OMC observers and explained the observation categories. Tony Cekovsky provided a report for the Fund Raising Committee. President Peck concluded by advising the new Banquet Deposit process and the reason for establishing it. He also advised that anyone wishing to download a W-9 form could do so from the IRS.gov website. The final item was a report by President Peck on the new State Tournament Policy, passed by the Executive Committee at its last meeting. The policy states that a member could choose to officiate in either the Boys or Girls State Tournament, should they make both lists, but is not eligible to officiate in both. Curt Vincente and Kevin Crockett expressed concerns in opposition to the new policy.

There was no Old Business or New Business and President Peck solicited a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mike Fienman, seconded by Troy Welborn and passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Minutes submitted by Tony Lopes