

NEWS – FEBRUARY 10, 2009

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the KVFOA met on Sunday, February 1st at 1:30 pm. Present were Mike Beller (President), John Hudson (Secretary/Treasurer), Alan “Pacman” Settle (Assignment Commissioner), Jeff Tanner (Member at Large) and Joey Hager (Assignment Commissioner). Dan Sizemore (Vice President) was out of town. John Wilson was invited to attend to address matters concerning the website.

President Beller led a discussion on planning for future rules meetings. Discussion included the desire to integrate game film and video to aid in training and generally to make meetings more interesting to those attending. In addition, the Committee discussed meeting sites to look at a location which is more central for our membership. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

President Beller named the KVFOA Rules Interpreters for 2009:

Fred McPherson
Bill Crum
Greg Wyatt

President Beller led a discussion to begin planning for a clinic in 2009. This was a suggestion from Mike Webb that the KVFOA hold an all-day clinic. President Beller said officials from other Boards have offered their help in planning. The Committee has tentatively set Saturday, June 20th as our Clinic Date. The Committee will look at various sites to find the most suitable, including Laidley Field.

President Beller discussed the desire to have the financial records of the KVFOA audited in accordance with the By-Laws and has appointed a Committee to perform such an audit. The members are:

John Wilson – Chair
Herb Hively
Dan Greear
Bill Crum

President Beller led a discussion on the 2009 Rookie School. The Committee decided that the School would be conducted on the following days with the times and place to be named later:

Monday, June 8 through Thursday, June 11th
and
Monday, June 15th through Tuesday, June 16th

President Beller said he would invite Mike Webb to the June 15th Rookie School as well as our Rules Meeting. Member-at-Large Tanner suggested the use of area football coaches to talk to the Rookie class.

President Beller discussed a member's recommendation that the term for the Secretary/Treasurer be changed from one to three years beginning in 2009. He said proper notification to the membership, in writing, before the business meeting (in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws) would be performed.

Related to this, President Beller named a Committee to review the Constitution and By-Laws of the KVFOA to provide the membership with an updated and current document and to present amendments to the membership for approval. The members are:

Herb Hively – Chair
Doug Spry
Bill Crum
Dan Greear
Chris Mattox
Steve Allred

Present Beller discussed the 2009 Banquet and named a Committee to lead the planning. The members are:

Alan "Pacman" Settle – Chair
Mike Pickens
Ron Whitten
Roger McVicker

The Committee discussed the budget for the banquet and several options. The Committee also discussed several issues and will obtain opinions from our membership to help address these concerns. Commissioner Hager discussed different means of recognizing those who had years of service and those selected for playoffs, such as plaques. President Beller discussed the idea of presenting plaques to recipients of the Frank Curia Award which the recipient could keep.

The Committee discussed the website and about allowing the unrestricted viewing of email addresses and telephone numbers. John Wilson addressed the Committee on his concerns to protect the privacy of members by restricting this information. He also discussed automated programs which search websites for email addresses for spamming purposes. Coaches who want to know open dates or to contact an official could email the webmaster, who could contact the official to call the coach back. All emails to the webmaster are also sent to the Secretary/Treasurer. After hearing John's explanation, the Committee recommended to leave member information as it is. John also presented an annual invoice from Chris Phillips for technical service and recommended its payment. Chris also renewed our website registration (www.kvfoa.org) and registered two

additional names (www.kvfoa.com and www.kvfoa.net) and had them redirected to our original site to prevent someone else from taking them. John Hudson recommended including Years of Service in the KVFOA and a printable version of Name and Address as changes to the website which John Wilson said he would ask Chris to add.

President Beller discussed the work of the Assignment Commissioners and the need to get the Fee and Assessment Committee activated so a new list could be developed and publicized to the membership. President Beller stated along with the Commissioners, a member with close ties to the school system would be selected to work on this Committee.

President Beller discussed the Blake Wood Award and recommended Greg Wyatt to lead a committee for the setting of guidelines for selection of a winner. The Committee concurred with President Beller's recommendation.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Northern KY Spring Clinic

The Northern Kentucky Officials Association is sponsoring their 5th Annual Spring Training and Development Clinic on Saturday, March 21st at Simon Kenton HS in Independence, KY (near Cincinnati, OH).

Registration is now open. Check the following for more information.

<http://www.nkofootball.org/guests/clinic/springtandd.html>

Continue to check the site for more information, such as an agenda and special room rates on hotels.

If you want to stay connected to football rules and mechanics in the off-season and especially for who want to know what it takes to officiate in the college and pro ranks. No matter your level, there is something for everyone.

Don't forget to Renew your 2009 KVFOA Registration

If you haven't already, please make sure your website information is correct and mail John Hudson \$40.00. John Hudson's address is at the bottom of the homepage. Any questions, please call John Hudson or the webmaster.

The National Federation Website – You Are Paying for It – If you Use it, or Not

I want to point out this website once again if you have not accessed it. The website is www.nfhs.org. If you are registered with a Login, you can access a lot. If you are not, then register. It is a great way to keep up with the latest NF news. The site has online rules books and manuals. You can look at specific sports and take part in the annual rules surveys. You can also go into the Discussion Forum for officials and read comments from other officials, or even participate. A great resource and again remember....you have paid for it as a member of the WVSSAC.

What is your 2009 Officiating Resolution?

Think about what we can do....individually and collectively...to be a better football official.

Some ideas include:

- I need to get in better physical shape (since I don't officiate basketball).
- I need to schedule a physical exam since I haven't seen my doctor in a long time.
- I need to keep a journal and notes on my games...the good and the bad.
- Our crew needs to take (and receive) tapes on all our varsity games to review.
- I need to get together with others and start studying rules/mechanics in the offseason.
- Either personally or as a crew, resolve to donate a portion of your fees to charity.

Let's all think of the ways we can be the best we can be.

Please Keep Us Updated

We want to help crews fill their schedules. We want all open officials to work games.

Please.....Please.....Please

Crews: Email us your closed and open dates....immediately. It is as simple as sending the webmaster an email.

Officials: Update your calendar on the website and tell us if you are open or closed. Mark closed all days you don't want to be called.

These simple acts will save people from making unnecessary telephone calls when working to fill games.

Please help us.....help you!!!