

NEWS – MAY 20, 2009

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the KVFOA met on Sunday, April 26th at 1:30 pm. Present were Mike Beller (President), Dan Sizemore (Vice President), John Hudson (Secretary/Treasurer), Jeff Tanner (Member at Large), Alan “Pacman” Settle (Assignment Commissioner) and Joey Hager (Assignment Commissioner). Walker Pauley (Past President) was not present. John Wilson was invited to hear website issues.

President Beller discussed the upcoming meeting at the WVSSAC office on May 17th beginning at 10:00 am. Mike Webb has invited officials charged with educating their respective Boards to attend to share methods to improve the quality of instruction at local Board meetings. It is scheduled to conclude at 2:00 pm.

President Beller led a discussion on the upcoming Clinic scheduled for Saturday, June 27th at Winfield High School. The tentative schedule is for registration from 8:00 am to 8:45am and class starting at 9:00 am. The first half will be classroom followed by lunch and then, field work. Jeff Tanner and Joey Hager are in charge of the details. This Clinic will be open to all officials and a registration fee of \$5 was discussed.

Secretary Hudson discussed a recent mailing to the membership. Each member was mailed their WVSSAC Rating Sheet, 2009 KVFOA Registration Form and the 2009 KVFOA Meeting Schedule. Also, if a member had committed to come to the Banquet, a request was made for the fee.

Secretary Hudson said no mail was returned for bad address, but members who did not get a letter should contact him.

Secretary Hudson said he has confirmed Capitol High School for meetings in 2009.

President Beller discussed the upcoming Rookie School and plans for instructors and speakers.

Assignment Commissioner Joey Hager discussed recognition for officials with 15- and 20-years of service and awarding placques. Member-at-Large Jeff Tanner suggested giving equipment bags. President Beller said he would take this before the membership.

President Beller discussed an article in the May edition of Referee magazine concerning 2009 rules changes and directed Secretary Hudson to send copies to the Interpreters so that those changes may be discussed at future meetings.

John Wilson stated he intended to begin an audit of the books within the next 30 days. Preliminarily, he said he would audit two years of transactions, if acceptable. There were no objections.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Coaches Ratings from the WVSSAC

If you requested a detail of your Coaches' Ratings from your 2008 varsity games and included a self-addressed, stamped envelope, you have already received your report from the WVSSAC.

If you want your ratings, use the form enclosed in your envelope from the WVSSAC and mail it with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the WVSSAC.

Roane County 7-on-7

Roane County HS is planning a 7-on-7 tournament on Saturday, June 20th. Lots of teams are planning to attend. A great way to get "in condition" and talk to coaches. For more information, contact Jeff Tanner. More details on the website soon.

Winfield HS 7-on-7

Winfield HS is tentatively planning a 7-on-7 for Tuesday, June 23rd starting at 4:00 pm. I shall keep everyone updated. While not much for referees and umpires, this is great for wings and backs to "tune-up" their pass coverage mechanics...reading strength of formations, position and speed. My understanding is six teams have committed to attending.

First Meeting – May 11th

A great turnout for our first meeting (44 members) listened to Mike Beller discuss plans for the new season.

Bill Crum and Greg Wyatt did a great job previewing our 2009 rules changes.

It was great to see everyone and now we will work towards preparing ourselves to have a great 2009 season.

WVSSAC Interpreters and Trainers Meeting – May 17th

A first-of-its-kind meeting was called by Mike Webb as a training and information exchange between trainers and interpreters representing all of the football boards in the WVSSAC.

Representing the Kanawha Southern Board were Walker Pauley, Greg Wyatt, John Hudson, Fred McPherson, Joe Hager and John Wilson.

Among the objectives were: methods to make training interesting and informative, how to encourage members to attend more than the minimal number of rules meetings, methods to improve rookie training, using video as an aid to training, using websites to help train and inform.

Mike shared some new items for 2009.

A new WVSSAC patch will be required on all official's shirts, above the left pocket. The WVSSAC will provide one patch, and others may be acquired from Terry Ringer at The Official Call (see his Link in our website).

In 2009, the Part I test will be administered only by computer. The WVSSAC is actively evaluating administering the Part II test by computer in the future. It could happen in 2010 or later. Mike said it will happen...it is only a question of when. Mike strongly urged leaders to help those who don't have access to computers to gain access.

In a five-man crew, Mike stated the Referee will wear a Ready-Ref and be responsible for timing the 60-second counts where field clocks are not available. More to come on this later.

We came home with some great ideas to use in our Clinic, Rookie Training and Rules Meetings. Many participants recommended this to be an annual event.

KVFOA Clinic – June 27th at Winfield High School

This is a don't miss event. Quality classroom instruction. Hear from some area coaches. Hear from Mike Webb. Do some "field work". Open to football officials from around the state. If you enjoy officiating, you won't want to miss this. More details are coming.

We Need Middle School, Freshman and JV Schedules

We are asking members to submit any middle school, freshman and junior varsity games to our Assignment Commissioners so they may be involved in the assignment of these games. We are asking this to ensure all of our younger officials are getting plenty of work and experience to best prepare them for future varsity games. The Assignment Commissioners already have two schools' schedules for 2009. Please help us to help our younger officials.

Tim Thomas – National Federation State Award Winner

Our member, Tim Thomas was recognized as National Federation State Award Winner for Girls Basketball Officiating. His name appeared in the Summer 2009 edition of NFHS Officials' Quarterly. Congratulations, Tim!!!

Local Dues Deadline is June 15th