

NEWS – JULY 8, 2009

Executive Committee Meeting – June 7, 2009

The Executive Committee of the KVFOA met on Sunday, June 7th at 6:00 pm. Present were Mike Beller (President), John Hudson (Secretary/Treasurer), and Joey Hager (Assignment Commissioner). Dan Sizemore (Vice President), Jeff Tanner (Member at Large), Alan “Pacman” Settle (Assignment Commissioner) and Walker Pauley (Past President) were not present. John Wilson was invited to hear website issues.

President Beller discussed Rookie School and plans for instruction. The School begins June 8th.

Assignment Commissioner Hager discussed plans for the upcoming Clinic scheduled for Saturday, June 27th at Winfield High School. Registration is from 8:00 am to 8:45 am and class starting at 9:00 am

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

2009 Rookie School is Completed

Our Rookie School was conducted June 8th through June 11th and June 15th through June 16th.

The 2009 Class includes the following:

Danny Clark
Patrick Duncan
Jason Wilkinson
Tom Aluise
James Brady

It takes a lot of people to present the School and many thanks go out to those who gave their time to teach and share their officiating knowledge:

Mike Webb – WVSSAC
Bob Dickson – Retired Member of the KVFOA
Butch Hughes
Tim Thomas
Dave Perry
Derek Thomas
Marvin Smith
Bill Mangus
Herb Hively
Ron Whitten
J. R. Carney
Alan Settle
Bill Potter
Doug Spry

Steve Graley
Robert Taylor
Dan Greear
Shawn Krajeski
Dan Sizemore
Jeff Tanner
Joe Hager
Fred McPherson
Alex Perry
Tom Light
Steve Young
Greg Wyatt
Mike Beller
John Hudson
John Wilson

7-on-7's

Beginning June 20th at Roane County, we had three 7-on-7 tournaments. It is a great opportunity to get out and run some and think about mechanics. Many thanks to all officials who came out to help. I know their presence was appreciated by the coaching staffs. Below is a list of those officials who participated.

Roane County – Saturday, June 20th

Jeff Tanner, John Hudson, Joey Johnson, Danny Clark (2009 Rookie Official), Tom Light and John Wilson.

Winfield HS – Tuesday June 23rd

Ron Runnels, Jeff Tanner, Joey Johnson, Jim Shedd, Steve Robinson, John Hudson, Terry Wass, Derek Thomas, Rod Wymer, Steve Young and John Wilson.

South Charleston HS – Tuesday, June 30th

Mark Akers, Fred McPherson, Steve Graley, Terry Wass, Doug Spry, Robert Taylor, Alan Settle, Ron Whitten, Herb Hively, J. R. Carney, Bill Mangus and John Wilson.

KVFOA Meeting – June 15th

We had another great meeting turnout for our June 15th (54 members). Although slightly delayed, some important information was still passed along to members.

Mike Beller discussed new items of interest from the WVSSAC, such as the new patch.

Mike also introduced the 2009 Rookie Class.

The membership viewed the Head Contact video from the National Association of Athletic Trainers.

KVFOA Clinic – June 27th at Winfield High School

The KVFOA Clinic attracted 45 officials including representation from the New River, Black Diamond and Tug Valley Boards. While it was our first attempt at something of this magnitude, the responses were very favorable (we'll share them with you on the website in the future).

Our Clinic leaders did a great job and we are thankful for their time and for sharing their officiating insights on a Saturday. Those who helped lead our Clinic were:

Mike Webb
Butch Hughes
Joe Hager
Greg Wyatt
Dave Perry
Tim Thomas
Jeff Tanner
Dan Sizemore
Steve Graley
Neil Caruthers
Walker Pauley
Mike Beller

Thanks also to members of the KVFOA who made it out to participate. We hope it was worth your time on a Saturday. Again, thanks.

In addition, thanks to Will Isaacs, WHS Athletic Director; Willie Wilson, WHS Head Coach; Craig Snyder, WHS Assistant Coach; Greg Julian, WHS Assistant Coach and Pat Clark, WHS Assistant Coach; along with several members of the WHS Football Team who helped with demonstrations.

After lunch, we still had plenty of food leftover. All of the leftover barbecue, buns, baked beans, cole slaw, chips and cookies were immediately taken to Christ's Kitchen at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in St. Albans. Christ's Kitchen serves free lunches to anyone in need every Monday through Saturday. Our donation was greatly appreciated by Mary McCoy and her staff at Christ's Kitchen.

A great day of fellowship, we learn a few things to make us better and we helped some people in need. That's a productive day!!!

Executive Committee Meeting – July 1, 2009

Call to order by President Mike Beller at 5:45 pm.

Present were Mike Beller, Dan Sizemore, Joe Hager, Walker Pauley, Jeff Tanner and John Hudson. Alan Settle was absent.

President Beller presented a copy of the audit findings for the KVFOA submitted by John Wilson. This report included several recommendations for improvement. The

Committee accepted the report and will take recommended actions.

President Beller discussed the additional insurance coverage will address with the subject with the membership at the July business meeting. We will ask the insurer to look at the possibility of extending the date of coverage due to the new spring practice policy.

Joe Hager discussed the results of the evaluation forms from the recent Clinic at Winfield HS. This will be available on our website as soon as he finishes. Several options were discussed for improvement of the Clinic for 2010.

On the subject of the Rookie School, President Beller said he felt the format on instructors this year worked great. A concern voiced was student attendance and how to address this for next year. Recommendations will be made for next year's leadership concerning this issue.

President Beller has spoken with Herb Hively concerning the Constitution-Bylaws changes and gave notice that the Committee needs to have any recommended changes 30 days in advance of the business meeting to act on at that meeting. We have passed the deadline for the July 27th meeting. Secretary/Treasurer John Hudson will mail to the membership not in attendance at the June 15th meeting the three issues to be discussed at the July 27th meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:20 pm.

Southern WV Football Clinic – Saturday, July 25th

This Clinic will be at Independence High School (instead of Beckley Stratton).

Entry fee of \$8 includes a T-Shirt, lunch and prizes.

Registration starts at 8:00 am.

From Charleston: Take I-77 South to Exit 42. Stay to the right following 16 South toward Crab Orchard/Sophia. Follow 16 South through five stoplights into the Sophia city limits. At the sixth stoplight, make a left and follow ¼ mile making the first right turn onto Independence Road. The high school is on top of the hill – second school on the right.

Independence High School
850 Independence Rd
Sophia, WV 25921

The New River Board was well represented at our Clinic in Winfield. Let's make a special effort to return the favor. If you need a ride, or can spare a ride...email the webmaster.

Make Sure to Check the WVSSAC State Clinic Dates

As we all know, attendance at the WVSSAC State Clinic is mandatory. Check the State Clinic schedule on the homepage. And don't be late!!! The following is from the 2009-2010 WVSSAC Officials' Handbook:

“Any person arriving more than ten minutes late from the scheduled start time shall be given a card that will be stamped with “Appeal.” This person shall set forth the reasons for his/her late arrival at the clinic, and within five (5) days from the date of the clinic, a decision will be rendered by the WVSSAC as to whether this official will be given credit for the clinic. If the reason for tardiness is not accepted, then this official will be required to attend another clinic of this sport.”

Do You Have Old Uniforms, Equipment that you want rid of?

Do you have shirts and pants that you've grown out of that are taking up space in your closet or drawers that are in reasonably good condition? Rookie officials may be interested. Bring them to the Business Meeting on July 27th. Rookie Officials – Make sure to attend this meeting...you may be able to pick up some stuff for free.

Incidentally, Do You Need to Buy Some Equipment?

Terry Ringer says The Official Call will be in Charleston for the WVSSAC State Clinic at Capital HS on August 5th.

He says they will “probably” be at St. Albans HS on August 17th for our Part II test.

Now is the time to assess the condition of your equipment for 2009 and be ready if you need anything.

Remember, Terry has the new 2009 WVSSAC patches if you want some extras.

View his website at www.theofficialcall.com.

Crew Chiefs – Verify Your Open Dates for the Homepage

Please verify your Open Dates by July 15th...I want to keep this current.

We Need Middle School, Freshman and JV Schedules

We are asking members to coordinate with the Assignment Commissioners any middle school, freshman and junior varsity games they have to schedule.

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.