

Board Meeting, February 23, 2003 at NKU Albright Center Room 308

Minutes NKSOA Board Meeting 2/23/03

6:01pm Meeting Called to Order by L Brown

In Attendance: Board members L Brown, M Winkler, T. Preishoff, B. Sebree, R. Flesch, T. Cline. Also present were Dick Marable, John Dietz, Bill Swisher, Richard Henson, & Phil Rolf arrived a few minutes late.

Rex Culp, Secretary was absent & had notified Larry Brown prior to meeting.

Agenda

Approval of meeting (2/23/03) minutes was postponed due to unavailability of minutes being present. There were several possible changes being requested.

Treasurer Report:

Discussion of new software program & cost.

Motion to accept made by T Cline, 2nd by B Sebree, approved by unanimous vote.

Continued discussion of software program called Alpha 5 for scheduling games. The purchase has been approved by previous board. Current board ask the bill be sent to Treasurer. The software is being tested and should be available in near future.(P Rolf).

1) Referee Pay Scale review for assigning secretary meeting in April;

L Brown will secure pay scale of other HS sports in N. KY & forward to J Dietz.

D Marable will secure Ohio scale.

J Dietz will contact 2 officials from Indiana to secure their pay rates.

2) Minimum age requirements for Ball people.

Discussed rudeness of fans, possible injury & safety.

Also discussed & would like answer as to liability of referees of injury of ball persons.

We meet & instruct them prior to game per KHSAA & rules book. They are referred to as part of our team/crew.

We believe for varsity matches it be recommended that ball person be at least of age to participate in a high school sport (7th grade). John Dietz will bring up at his meeting.

3) Creation of Assessment committee discussion:

L Brown : Our ultimate goal (NKSOA) is to improve all referees at all ability levels.

We will like to incorporate assessor 1st hand comments & coach's comments from games. Much discussion on what and how useful coach's form is today. It is more for ranking referees than assessing. Coach's comments area can be used for constructive ideas and reviewed by assessor prior to field/ game evaluations.

Committee will need to examine coach's desires to assess AR's.

Committee will be Matt Winkler, Larry Brown, John Dietz & coach(S) for input.

(the committee will not be doing any assessing, only organizational structure)

Further discussion centered on payment of assessors & getting more assessments done each year. Ideas included a fee per game, extra fee for so many games, setting goal orientation to get done... find someone to run it.

Board's goal is to return to getting 25 to 40 referees done per year. Special attention to new(er) referees but still getting experienced centers assessed every 3 years.

R. Flesch noted that experienced referees can and should assist less experienced ones by mentoring via constructive comments. Post game honest assessments can benefit both newer and experienced referees. No one should be offended by questions, suggestions, and alternate ways to view a play/situation. Feed back should be positive and taken as such.

Committee decided to meet with assessors to see availability, willingness to engage in reviewing coaches comments and incorporating all into a more useful tool for referee's improvement. Larry Brown & Matt Winkler will head up a committee to look into a revised, more active assessment program for 2003 season. Board needs an estimate of minimum cost to maximum cost if association is to bare the entire expense..

4) Clinics