

**NKSOA Meeting
August 18, 2013
At Covington Catholic High School**

Meeting called to order at 1:30.

Board Members in Attendance:

President—Mark Baker Vice-President—Joe Barker Past-President—Judi Paul
Secretary—Rick Flesch Member at Large—Ja Osterhage

Total NKSOA Members in Attendance—44.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the July 14, 2013 meeting (previously distributed via email to board members) was discussed.

Motion to accept was made by J. Barker, seconded by J. Paul. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report:

President reviewed August, 2013 report, as submitted by Treasurer, noting current balance of \$9,004.85, and dues for current year having been paid by 74 members.

Motion to accept was made by C. Williams, seconded by B. Gurley. Motion approved.

President's Report:

General rules and guidelines reviewed, including having only one discussion during a meeting, remaining respectful of all in attendance. Members reminded to update all contact information on NKSOA, Arbitrator, and KHSAA sites. Correct information is useful particularly when making arrangements to travel together to distant locations where carpooling is encouraged.

Mandatory on line KHSAA rules clinic is open and remains so until September 13th. Part II test will be posted tomorrow and remain open until September 1st. All officials encouraged to participate as it demonstrates willingness to improve as individual referees, and strengthens NKSOA.

Overtime rules reviewed for district seeding games, All A tournament, and post season games.

Reminder to observe and enforce weather condition influenced games, such as extreme heat index readings and storms including lightning and/or thunder. SAFETY FIRST.

All pregame activities need to include a pregame conference, regardless of experience levels of referees or their familiarity with each other.

Larry echoed many of the President's remarks, especially the need to take part II test and improve as individuals and as an organization. He suggested that thoughts for next year's clinics should be sent to board members during the season as they are identified or thought of. He further suggested that these suggestions should be year round, as topics may be thought of during spring youth games.

The on line rules clinic takes @52 minutes. Fitness testing and one's performance should be viewed as a status report of where individuals are at the beginning of the season. Referees should have already done their preparation rather than just now beginning—the season begins tomorrow! He stated that field directions are updated and available on the NKSOA website.

Larry challenged all members to check their egos, work the schedule assigned (there are many variables involved in his decisions, some of which NKSOA members do not have access to, such as coaches scratches). Single game assignments and rural locations are likely to be made for all referees.

Next meeting: October 13, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Rick Flesch.