

SMOA GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, March 18, 2007

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by President Rick Ryno. Those in attendance were Jim Foster (VP), John Ignacio (Secretary), Dennis Ostyn (Treasurer) and members Ken Baratta, Kevin Boyle, Larry Brewer, Dick Cox, Bryan Henry, Tom Hewitt, Roger Hostetler, Randy Melvin, Mike Nate, Jerry Nitz, Amelio Rodriguez, Tom Russom, Michael Sites, Marty Smallbone, Mike Snyder, Gerald Stewart, James Stine, Tom Underwood, Matthew Whitman, Bryan Wild, Scott Wiltse.

John Ignacio handed out the minutes from the last meeting and there was motion from Ken Baratta to accept the minutes as presented. Randy Melvin seconded the motion and the motion carried. John also gave the breakdown of the sports that the 64 paid members of SMOA officiate. Of the 64 members; 42 are registered for football, 28 for basketball, 6 for wrestling, 18 for volleyball, 27 for baseball and 21 for softball.

Denny Ostyn presented the treasurer's report and there was a motion to approve the report as presented was made by Bryan Wild and seconded by Jerry Nitz. The motion carried.

One new member was introduced, Hiawatha Francisco. He told a little about himself and he was voted into SMOA by the members present.

It was announced that Randy Melvin has been selected to work the MHSAA State Finals in Boy's Basketball and we are all very proud of Randy for that honor. Let's hope he doesn't screw it up (JUST KIDDING RANDY). This is an honor that is long overdue....CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Jerry Nitz, Bryan Wild and Rick Ryno spoke about their duties as assignors and stressed the importance for ALL members to keep their availability calendars updated. The only way games will be assigned is through the website....so all officials had better get used to using it if they want games.

The need for SMOA members to act as trainers was discussed. SMOA currently does not have a trainer for softball and needs another trainer to help Marty Smallbone in football. Ken Baratta volunteered to become a football trainer and SMOA will send him to the MHSAA Train the Trainers session this summer.

It was also brought up that we should have some football rules/mechanics/training meeting BEFORE the season starts. It was agreed that three of the six football rules/mechanics/training meetings will be held before the season starts and three will be held after the season starts.

A discussion ensued about the need for more attendance at meetings and various things were brought up and discussed. One of the ideas was to publish the names of those not attending meetings as they should to the various schools that we officiate for. After further discussion it was decided that we would try to get a list on the website of attendance at various meetings in each sport and also on the website officials would be able to include any clinics or officiating schools they have attended.

A discussion concerning the election of officers for the coming year was discussed and the current officers were asked to continue in their duties. Jim Foster, John Ignacio and Denny Ostyn agreed to stay on in their capacities, but Rick Ryno declined to stay as President citing too much stuff on his plate right now. Rick is also the volleyball assignor and has done a great job as SMOA President. Following discussion Larry Brewer was nominated by Jerry Nitz and seconded by Dick Cox. The motion carried and Randy Melvin moved that nominations be closed. Dick Cox seconded and the officers were elected by vote. Roger Hostetler and Dick Cox moved that the meeting be adjourned and Scott Wiltse seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.