

January 28, 2008

Program:

Training on points of emphasis as determined by the Iowa High School Association was ably led by Craig Nelson.

The Jan 28th, 2008 meeting called to order at 8:10pm by VP Rich Voyek.

The previous meeting minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report was presented by Steve Kopf. The largest expense was a payment to NISOA for our member dues. The report was accepted by the membership

Committee reports:

Ethics: Jeff Jeffries –no report

Assessment: Phil Sinnwell- All requests for assessment must go to the new State Director of Assessment Jim Albertson, who can be reached at jim.albertson@cipco.net. Phil also reported that a competitive high school game could be used for upgrade from 8 to 7.

Assignments: Lou Agocs –schedules are coming in and being placed in Arbiter, but we have a large number of schools yet to respond to our request for schedules.

Director's Reports:

Youth: Bonnie Larson: Games start March 29th

NISOA: Jim Elmer is the new NISOA president.

Scholastic: Rod Dougherty – We now have a new uniform available. Anyone needing new uniforms should get the new style. These can be worn with others on a crew who are wearing the old style.

Rod was asked about an issue at Bondurant where one of our members, Charlie Ramsay, who is an assignor for northern schools, was asked to consider assigning for the Bondurant Girls team. Charlie told the AD he was not interested and informed the AD that he'd have the same pool of officials so there would be no advantage to using him.

Rod also brought to the membership a request from Creston asking us to referee their games. After discussion Rod suggested we offer to assign half of the games. That suggestion was approved without vote or any dissent.

Training: Phil Sinnwell brought up the training opportunity of the Academy in Cedar Rapids. Jim Elmer showed on the big screen how to register for the event on our Iowa Referee committee website. Phil reported that anyone wanting to upgrade this year has to attend this clinic. Bonnie then moved that MISOA support the Academy with a \$751 donation. It was seconded by Tony Schneider and was unanimously passed. Phil agreed to coordinate rooms for all MISOA members.

Old Business: Greg Annexstad reported he and George Clavenna are still working on a way the MISOA board could recognize long time officials with an Emeritus designation. They are suggesting officials receiving two recommendations from current members would be eligible to receive the designation.

New Business: Phil Sinnwell reported those wishing to do PDL games this year need to attend the fitness test and complete the training, which will be held after the fitness test. In Cedar Rapids on April 6, 10AM, Hoover on April 13, 10AM, Council Bluffs April 19, 10AM. There is no Sioux Falls team this year so there are only 8 home games to be assigned. The Menace may be moving to Valley Stadium.

Phil also reported that Doug Jotzke, Landis Wiley and Dan Cataldi all passed at National camp. Hidajet Tica and Terry Vaughn are to attend the next camp.

He also reported the clinicians for the Academy will be Chuck Lock, Peter Skillings, and possibly Brian Hall.

Rich Voyek introduced the Iowa Boys youth referee of the year in attendance from the Cedar Falls area-Mark Jackson to rousing applause.

Greg Annexstad spoke of recent changes at the Iowa Referee Committee. Phil Sinnwell is the new State Referee Administrator, Jim Albertson is the new State Director of Assessment; Jim Elmer is the High School Liaison, Steve Kopf is the Secretary, Dick Chavannes is treasurer. He also made note of the one week extension for referee registration through the website, which is possible with the \$20 late fee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

As reported to the best of my ability by designated Secretary for the day, Rod Dougherty