

WEST MICHIGAN OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

Sunnybrook Country Club
March 13, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

President Lynn Benedict called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT: President, Lynn Benedict; President Elect, Rick Hert; Secretary, Robert Atkinson, (on video feed); Treasurer, Pete VanGessel; Football Registrar, Brad Brunet; Football Program Chairman, Ray Thomas; and Basketball Registrar, Chad Bocian.

Absent: Vice President, Doug Kaptein; Basketball Program Chair, Mark Lundvick and Brian Vogel, Counselor.

Also present Bob Wojcik, Community Relations Committee

Secretaries Minutes: Robert Atkinson indicated the minutes were published on the website. Motion by Ray Thomas to approve minutes as published, Second by Chad Bocian. Approved.

Treasurer Report: Pete VanGessel reported Huntington Bank balance of \$10,412.28 and PayPal: \$117.00. Moved by Brad Brunet, Chad Bocian 2nd. Approved.

Old Business

Banquet Report Lynn Benedict

Date: March 31, 2014

Emcee- Mark Lundvick

Greeters / Money Collectors- Rick Hert will be on and will ask George Watterson to assist.

50/50 Raffle - Brad Brunet and TJ Resteau (Bob Wojcik will supply raffle tickets) 3 winners on the members side of the 50/50.

Currently 75 registered to attend. Pete VanGessel will send more email reminders. There is a deadline that will be enforced.

Pete VanGessel moved to spend \$200 on gift cards for door prizes, Ray Thomas 2nd. Approved.

Award recipient's not yet determined. Voting closes Monday night.

Current expenditure doesn't include dessert and it will cost \$500. Do we want it?
There was no interest in it.

Election of Officers – Voting is still ongoing and the electronic vote will close at start of the membership meeting. Paper ballots will be available at the meeting.
Basketball members 50% have voted and 40% of entire membership has voted.
Football 31% have voted.

Awards Up Date – Voting still ongoing

Membership Meeting –

Agenda – Rick discussed possible agenda

Bob Wojcik - Polish Falcons hall reserved for the Annual Membership Meeting. He has ordered the subs and the beer and he is working on the history of the WMOA.

Food – Pete Cool

Beer – Keg to be donated according to Bob Wojcik

Rick Hert thought it would be nice if Lynn Benedict recapped his year and some association history.

No information on Board Position changes in reimbursement.to board positions.

New Business

Wes Leonard Foundation - Brad Brunet– Suggested contributions to the Wes Leonard Foundation. They place AEDs in schools. A new AED costs \$1,350.00
<http://www.wesleonardheartteam.org/>

Brad Brunet asked that at the annual membership meeting and the awards meeting we ask that the Association proceeds from the 50/50 Raffle go to the foundation; and that the Association match up to \$1,350.00 dollars of member's donations for that cause. Motion by Brad Brunet, 2nd by Chad Bocian. Approved.

Champions of Courage

Champions of Courage – Lynn Benedict, Rick Hert and Bob Wojcik met with them as they sought us to provide officials for their college games this month, (first game March 27, 2014, to attach it to March madness), and their high school games

are this summer; and to support the program financially. It is run by Cornerstone and Davenport. It goes hand in hand with Champions of Character. Bob Wojcik said it would be nice if our name could be included into it because of the sportsmanship end of it.

Financial Contribution Request - They have asked for a donation of between \$300-\$800. Rick Hert thinks we can give them officials without giving them money. We would also get an advertisement in their literature. Ray Thomas suggested that football has no involvement and the football members should not have their money used if there was no football component.

Motion for \$300 to be provided to the Champions program by Chad Bocian died for lack of a 2nd.

Rick Hert moved that we support the program by trying to provide officials without cost. Brad Brunet 2nd. Approved.

OK Conference Observers

President Benedict posed the following questions:

Are the OK Conference Observers Registered by the MHSAA? Have they received any formal training on how to observe and how to write a written report? Who are they? What is their responsibility? Who do they report to? Do the officials being observed receive a written copy of the report? Do the officials being observed have the right to refuse entry of an observer into a locker room with suffering a bad rating? If permission is given to enter a locker room is the observer trained in how to give a verbal analysis of their observation in a constructive and non-threatening manner? (Start with a positive, then talk about the areas that may need work, and end on a positive)

(Tommy Chambers is not helpful, positive or constructive in his contacts with the officials during or after the game, but none of the observers give feedback or reports to anyone in the basketball program).

Robert Atkinson suggested that a letter is written asking these questions and sent to the OK regarding their observation program. Moved Brad Brunet, and 2nd by Rick Hert. Approved.

Lynne Benedict noted an OK Conference Coach used the WMOA patch or lack thereof as a means of intimidation. Jim Haskins has been notified of this issue.

Lynn Benedict also suggested that perhaps we change some of the dates (days) for basketball meetings to allow membership different days to attend other than Mondays. He said USA does it on Sunday and they fill the house. Tabled to the new board.

List of waivers that were given out to WMOA members

Robert Atkinson reported there are very few.

OK Conference Non-Conference Scheduling

The OK schedule says they aren't scheduling non-conference varsity officials for any sports other than football and basketball. Why then are they doing football and basketball? Let's add that question to the letter to the OK.

Chad Bocian brought up an email that he got from Jim Haskins asking us to discuss putting on a training/evaluation camp. Discussion followed on why we should be training and evaluating members of other associations. Robert Atkinson suggested that this is exactly what we have been seeking; input into official's ratings and consequently (indirectly) game assignments. No decision was made.

Meeting adjourned 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Atkinson
Secretary