

**South Carolina Football Officials Association
Directors Meeting
March 21, 2016
6:00PM
South Carolina High School League Building
Columbia, South Carolina
Minutes**

Those present were:

President: Donnie Strong

Vice President: Chris Horton

Past President: Dean Waters

Secretary: Rob Davis

SCHSL: Charlie Wentzky and Bruce Hulion

Officials' Representative to the Executive Committee of the SCHSL: Absent

District 1: Jimmy Waldrep

District 2: Eric Wells

District 3: Brad Smith

District 4: Steve Wilkie

District 5: Sam Jones

District 6: Jeff Cockrell

District 7: Sam Felder

District 8: John Hill

District 9: Granderson James

District 10: Steven Hughes

District 11: Bryan Murphy

District 12: Ricky Robinson

District 13: Scott Patterson

All motions were properly seconded.

1. Call to Order: Donnie Strong
2. Invocation: Eric Wells
3. Approval of October 26, 2015 Director's Meeting Minutes.
Motion by Dean Waters to approve minutes and second by John Hill. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Administrative Items & Committee Reports:
 - a. Introduction of new Board Members: Donnie Strong
 - b. All Star Committee: Report read by Donnie Strong from Paul Poole. A motion was made by Dean Waters to provide \$2,000 from SCFOA to support the Shrine Bowl with a second by Rob Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Mullinix provided an update on the North-South game.

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- c. Mechanics Committee: Chris Horton presented the mechanic's change recommendations from the committee and the following votes took place:
- i. Page 7, under Official Uniform: Change the black and white stripped jacket to an all black officials jacket to be part of the official uniform by the 2017 season. Yes-3 & No-11 (No change)
 - ii. Page 7, under Official Uniform and Equipment: Add under Bean Bag, all crew members shall carry the same color bean bag to mark non penalty spots. Unanimously Opposed (No change)
- Eric Wells made a motion to make bean bags white with a second by Jimmy Waldrop. Unanimously Opposed (No change)
- iii. Page 7, under Official Uniform and Equipment: Add subheading, Optional Equipment and add: Wrist Bands, if worn, shall be black in color. Yes-3 & No-12 (No change)
 - iv. Page 8, 5.2 under Pre-Game Responsibilities, change the wording to hold the pre game conference after officials are dressed to allow the crew for each contest to decide if the pregame conference will be held prior to or after the crew gets dressed. Yes-15 & No-1 (Change Approved)
 - v. Page 9-10, under Pre-Game: under Line Judge, delete time the game if no clock is available. Add to Back Judge, time the game if no game clock is available. Add under Back Judge to keep the 25 second count if a 25 second clock is located on the field. Add under the Referee, keep the 25 second count if no 25 second clock is located on the field. Yes-6 & No-10 (No change)
 - vi. Page 13-14, under Free Kicks: under Referee, change to: Hold arm above your head to request the ready signal from the Back Judge and the Umpire. Under Umpire, change to: Secure the ready signs from the kicker, Line Judge and Linesman. Hold your arm above your head to indicate you, the kicker, Line Judge and Linesman are ready after the Referee points at you. (Unanimous Change Approved)
- d. Hall of Fame Committee: Chris Horton elected to HOF for 2016. Banquet 1/7/17. Changes recommended by Committee to qualifications for HOF were approved.
- e. Scholarship Committee: Steve Wilkie reported 11 applications received. Winner will be announced in July for 2 recipients each to receive \$750.
- f. Governance Committee: Rob Davis reported on uncertainty about when and who ranks other officials. After discussion, Rob Davis made a motion that the by-laws reflect that ECOs shall not rank or be ranked in the playoffs and all rankings stop after the semi-finals with a second by Sam

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Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

- g. Website Report: Eric Wells reported that the domain was renewed and he needed contact information for the former official involved with securing the host. He requested new pictures. He will provide links to local districts and an archive.

5. Officials Representative Report- no report

6. Other Business

- a. Report on Training & Recruitment: Chris Horton reported on how districts train and recruit based on input from directors. Suggestions for improvement were made.
- b. Secretary Position Term: Rob Davis reported on a question raised about whether the previous change to the secretary position term required a constitutional amendment. After discussion it was decided unanimously that the by-law change was sufficient. John Hill made a motion that the secretary position be limited to 2 consecutive terms with a second by Chris Horton. The motion passed with 13 in favor, one opposed, and one abstention.

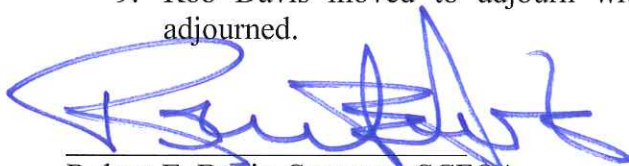
7. New Business

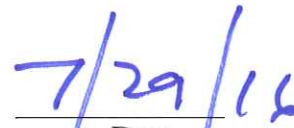
- a. A request was made by Steve Hughes and Jimmy Waldrep that blocks in Arbitrator be reset. Charlie and Bruce will work on it.
- b. Donnie Strong raised the possibility of revising the SCFOA logo. There was no support.
- c. Executive Session

8. Commissioner's Report

- a. Charlie Wentzke reported on the SCFOA account and there are 582 registered officials. He raised for future consideration the use of video as a training tool, independent evaluators, and peer reviews as part of the ranking.
- b. Bruce Hulion reported on potentially having a set fee for all playoff games, updating pictures on arbitrator, and the importance of communication.

9. Rob Davis moved to adjourn with a second from Steve Wilkie. Meeting adjourned.


Robert E. Davis, Secretary SCFOA


Date