

**South Carolina Football Officials Association
Directors Meeting
July 25, 2014
6:00PM
South Carolina High School League Building
Columbia, South Carolina**

Those present were:

President: Steve Brush

Vice President: Dean Waters

Past President: Paul Pool

Secretary: Chuck Cauthen

Commissioner: Bruce Hulion

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

District 1: Bill Reid

District 2: Eric Wells

District 3: Chris Horton

District 4: Rick Hughes

District 5: Doug Drenning

District 6: Allen Lee

District 7: Sam Felder

District 8: Tommy Brush

District 9: Granderson James

District 10: Lee Blackmon

District 11: Bryan Murphy

District 12: Melvin McGrier

District 13: Bryan Murphy

Guests: Jimmy Waldrep, Steve Wilkie, Steve Hughes

All motions were properly seconded.

1. Call to Order: Steve Brush
2. Invocation: Paul Pool
3. Approval of October 28, 2013 Director's Meeting Minutes.
**Motion by Chuck Cauthen; Second by Tommy Brush to approve minutes.
Motion passed 16 yea 0 nay**
4. Administrative Items:
 - a. Clinic Items:
 - a. Elections (President, Vice-President, Secretary)
Steve gave brief review of process for elections. The known candidates are Dean Waters for President; Lee Blackmon and Donnie

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Strong for VP, and Rob Davis for Secretary.

- b. Proctors, Assignments are made and specific instructions to be given after business portion of Clinic.
- c. Clinic Excuses; these will be addressed at the October meeting. Please submit to Chuck. A list from the director with the officials name and basis for the excuse may be submitted in lieu of individual excuses.

- b. Membership Numbers:

718 officials are currently registered with 581 having certified by completing the NFHS Part I test.

- c. Week zero Game Fee Donations: Shrine Bowl/N-S and other causes

The Directors were encouraged to remind their officials to remember the support these All Star Games by donation of a game fee or other amount they can afford. The N-S Program will have a page available for officials/districts to recognize and congratulate the officials working the game. Contact Mike Mullinax to get details on how to participate.

Motion by Chuck Cauthen, second by Brian Murphy for SCFOA to continue its support for the Shrine Bowl Officials with a \$500 donation. Motion passed 16 yea 0 nay

- d. State Finals Hospitality Suite for 2014 finals:

Motion by Brian Murphy, Tommy Brush second, to authorize up to \$1,000 for the Official's Hospitality suite. Motion passed 16 yea 0 nay

- e. Fall Meeting Date:

October 27 is set for the fall 2014 meeting.

- f. Prayer request for Clinic Agenda:

The following association members were identified as having experienced sickness, surgery, death within their family, etc. and are to be remembered during the clinic's Invocation .

Robert Hellams, Harry Fay, Ken Hudson, Rodney Smith, Chris Aldrich, Jim Slatten, James Whittaker, Mike Johnson, George Mitchell, and Gary Hullinger

- 5. Officials Representative Report: Joedy Moots: None

- 6. Unfinished Business:

- a. Scholarships Awarded/Eligibility – Lee Blackmon

Recipients for 2014 are: Adam David Allen (Clarence Allen) and Matthew Scott Barnett (Mike Cohen)

Brief discussion focused on the criteria for a scholarship candidates tie to the association and if that criteria is clearly defined. All agreed that a candidate

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must be a child or guardian of an association member and that this is sufficiently addressed by the application form. All applications are to be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee and their review shall verify that all criteria are met.

- b. By-law changes (Organization of HOF Committee) – Tommy Brush
The proposed organization of the HOF Committee as distributed with the meeting agenda was briefly discussed.

Motion by Tommy Brush, second by Doug Drenning, to adopt as distributed. Motion passed 16 yea 0 nay

Copy of By-Law change is attached to these minutes.

- 7. New Business:
 - a. Standing Committee Reports

No committee reports were given.

(A list of the standing committees is attached to the minutes.)

- 8. Commissioner's Report:
 - a. Check book balance \$19,780.34 . It is noted that with the online registration this year that the fees all go to the HSL rather than SCFOA as in past years. The HSL will retain their fee and send SCFOA the balance. This will bring out account balance back to a level we normally see at this time of year.
 - b. Communications sent to the O&D's are not responded to by some. We need to provide the information requested and keep our officials informed.
 - c. We are woefully short of Referees and Back Judges. Volunteers are needed and if not enough come forward some will be drafted. This doesn't necessarily mean a position change but there is a need for a pool of volunteers large enough to meet the demand.
 - d. Our performance on the field must improve and time spent working on basics will be better spent than on outlandish plays that will not be seen on the field. We have got to get the basic fundamental things right.
 - c. Bruce notified the board that the 2015 Clinic and season will be his last as commissioner.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion by Tommy Brush; Second by Paul Pool
Motion passed 16 yea 0 nay

Adjournment

Chuck Cauthen, Secretary SCFOA

Date

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