

# South Carolina Football Officials Association

## Board of Directors Meeting

April 20,2020

(Held in lieu of March meeting due to Covid 19 Virus)

### Those present were:

President: Jeff Cockrell

Vice President: Doug Hudson

Past President: Terry Troutt

Secretary: Paul Pool

Commissioner: Charlie Wentzky

Officials Representative to the Executive Committee of SCHSL: absent

District 1: Jeff Thomas

District 2: Mike Cohen

District 3: Brad Smith

District 4: Smiley Bryant

District 5: Larry Saunders

District 6: Darryl Jackson

District 7: Sam Felder

District 8: Tim Cahill

District 9: Granderson James

District 10: Lee Blackmon

District 11: Keith Hajnal

District 12: Ricky Robinson

District 13: Brian Shealy

Guest: Ryan Smith

All motions were properly seconded.

1. Call to Order: Jeff Cockrell

2. Invocation: Jeff Cockrell

3. Approval of July 26, 2019 Director's meeting minutes, July 27, 2019 Clinic Business meeting minutes and October 28, 2019 Director's meeting minutes.

**Motion by Darryl Jackson, Second by Brian Shealy: All Minutes approved 16 yea – 0 nay.**

#### 4. Old Business:

##### a) Jeff Cockrell: Website Management (Ryan Smith has agreed to manage it)

Jeff introduced Ryan Smith who has agreed to take over management of the SCFOA website. Ryan has received handover from Eric Wells. Website fee paid for another year (fee is approximately \$25). Ryan suggested to update the format to make management of updates easier. Please sent any content for the website to Ryan.

Charlie Wentzky asked if an App could be created to mirror the website. Ryan suggested he create a website to look like an App. That would be less expensive but would take some time and he would begin to work on it.

#### 5. Committee Reports

##### a) Governance Committee (proposal to reinstate Roberts Rules of Order for our meetings): Brian Shealy

Brian proposed to reinstate Roberts Rules of Order to govern the meeting of SCFOA.

Proposed:

The meetings of the Association shall be conducted under Roberts' Rules of Order or the abbreviated version of Roberts' Rules of Order and the President may appoint a Parliamentarian.

Delete:

The meetings of the association, votes and elections shall be conducted based on the decision of a majority of the Executive Committee.

**Motion by Brian Shealy, Second by Ricky Robinson: Motion to reinstate Roberts Rules of Order approved 16 yea – 0 nay.**

Brian proposed to reduce paid travel reimbursement to attend Board meetings to \$50 or actual mileage, whichever is less.

Proposed:

Members of the Board or their alternate shall receive mileage for attendance to meetings attended. The amount shall be no more than \$50.00 or the actual mileage, whichever is the lesser amount. Members of the Board shall be reimbursed for expenses related to SCFOA provided proper documentation is provided and the expenses are approved by the President or Vice President.

Delete: No deletion.

Insert: Add the following sentence:

The amount shall be no more than \$50.00 or the actual mileage, whichever is the lesser amount.

**Motion by Ricky Robinson, Second by Smiley Bryant: Motion to accept the paid travel reimbursement approved 16 yea – 0 nay.**

##### b) Hall of Fame Committee: Doug Hudson

Hall of Fame Committee met on February and elected the following individuals to the SCFOA Hall of Fame Class of 2020: John Hill, Dennis O'Keefe, Steven Hughes, Ricky Robinson, and Jerry Welmaker. One applicant was tabled pending review of their leadership role in the district.

The Committee agreed that an applicant for the Hall of Fame could have only one State Championship as a SCHSL assigned ECO or Play Clock operator count towards the Active and Retired State Championship requirements.

Bryan Fink was elected to serve another 5-year term on the Committee.

Doug presented budget and expenditures of most recent banquet. The Hall of Fame Committee returned \$2618.00 to SCFOA.

Doug reminded the Board, at the March 28, 2005, Board of Directors meeting the Board voted (12-0-3) to increase the allocation of dues for the Hall of Fame from \$2.00 to \$5.00 for each registered official.

The Committee authorized the creation of a Hall of Fame ring for members of the Hall of Fame.

c) Mechanics Committee: Doug Hudson

Doug presented the three mechanics proposals that were approved by the Commissioner responsible for the sport of football. They are: additional of female grooming standards, Play Clock responsibilities-adding 40 second reset and the Linesman not counting the receiving team on a free kick.

**Motion by Mike Cohen, Second by Darryl Jackson: Motion to accept Mechanics changes approved 16 yea – 0 nay.**

Additional discussion was held regarding the work of the Committee and mechanics that were approved and then denied by the Commissioner. In the past, the Chair of the Mechanics Committee would reach out to said Commissioner and present proposals before the meeting of the Mechanics Committee. That was not the protocol followed this year.

d) Scholarship Committee: Lee Blackmon

Lee thanked the Committee for their hard work and support. There were nine applicants and two scholarships were awarded. The recipients are Anna Troutt (Terry Troutt) and Selena Pons (Paul Goldman).

e) All Star Committee: Brian Shealy

Brain encouraged member districts to have 1-2 or more crews and work a game, preferably Week 0 and donate the money to support the North/South All Star game and the Shrine Bowl.

6. New Business/Proposals

a) Cockrell: Officials Rep to the Executive Committee Election

Jeff advised the newly elected Officials Representative to the Executive Committee is Kyle Boczkowski. He will succeed Sam Jones when his term ends. The term is for four years.

b) Jeff Cockrell and Tim Cahill: Plans for virtual classroom rules meetings

Jeff advised the Board as an alternative to meeting in person due to the Covid 19 virus there is a plan to hold Virtual Classroom training via ZOOM, for football officials to be led by Tim Cahill (D8 Director). Tim explained the idea behind the classes and how they could be used to train the membership. Tentative plans are to have weekly sessions starting in May and ending in July. Meetings can be tracked for attendance and can be taped for viewing for those that cannot attend the original meeting. ZOOM training will be made available to the Directors prior to the start of the classes and support is expected of the Officers and Directors to lead modules of training. Additional discussion to be held in May to set up rules for attendance, number of classroom meetings that are required and if allowed to, in person meetings at the district level and concerns of meeting in groups without social distancing.

c) Jeff Cockrell: SCFOA Exam

Jeff informed the Board he had received, via email, fifteen responses to his question on having one of our own members write the Ratings Exam for 2020, assuming the SCFOA Clinic will be held in July. Jeff asked for a motion to accept approval to be able to select someone to write the exam.

**Motion by Larry Saunders, Second by Smiley Bryant: Motion approved 16 yea – 0 nay.**

Contingency plans for the Ratings Exam will be discussed in May. The Board should have a clearer idea of being able to have the Clinic in light of the Covid 19 virus.

The Commissioner responsible for the sport of football told the Board, "If it doesn't go well, don't come back to me." He let the Board know he had the support of the Commissioner the SCHSL.

d.) Jeff Cockrell: 2020 Budget

Jeff reviewed the budget sent to the Officers and Directors on April 2020. A question was raised on having the respective district pay for the Director's room at the annual Clinic and also having to pay for an Officer from that same district. After a brief discussion a motion was presented to amend the budget that SCFOA would be responsible to pay for the Officers rooms at the annual Clinic.

**Motion by Darryl Jackson, Second by Brian Shealy: Motion to have SCFOA pay for Officers rooms at the annual Clinic approved 16 yea – 0 nay.**

Jeff will send the revised and corrected budget by email to the Board on April 21, 2020.

7. Commissioner's Report

Arbiter issues causing delay with registration. Hope to have fixed as soon as this week. Registering after May 10 will incur a late fee. 312 officials had registered before the Arbiter issues.

New rules for 2020 sent to officers and directors. Rules Books expected end of May/First of June. Would like to get NFHS PowerPoint with voiceover to directors by early June for use in study sessions.

Commissioner supports Virtual Classroom. Urged officers and directors to prepare for the season like it's going to happen, whether it does or does not. August-Week 0 kickoff still planned. Be prepared and have patience and understanding with members as the Covid 19 virus runs its course. 3+

Plans are to have Clinic at Spring Valley the last Saturday in July. The date is July 25, 2020. The make up exam is on the following Monday at the League office. At the office the following two weeks with arrangements.

Ratings to be sent to Ryan for posting after corrections.

Directors can advise schools in their area on the number of scrimmages each district can effectively cover per day. Directors can also advise schools regarding the time of scrimmages (i.e. difficult to cover weekday scrimmages in the morning).

The Commissioner advised that he may choose one or both officials in case of a tie in the ratings. Commissioner was advised historically both officials were chosen for state championships. If only one was to be selected the official who had seniority was the first tiebreaker.

There was a brief review of the championship games played at Benedict College. After the first game, the officials were dropped off in an alley and given directions on walking back to the place they dressed. Cars were allowed to park on the practice field while teams were warming up. The 1A and 2A classifications chose to play at Benedict.

8. Next Meeting - Conference call on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm

9. Adjourn

**Motion by Darryl Jackson, Second by Brian Shealy: Motion to adjourn passed 16 yea – 0 nay.**

Adjournment

  
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Paul Pool, Secretary SCFOA

6-9-2020  
Date