

South Carolina Football Officials Association
Clinic Business Meeting
July 21, 2020
Minutes

Due to Covid 19, and in the interest of protecting the health and welfare of the membership, this meeting was held virtually. Of the 664 registered members as of July 21, 2021, 491 attended.

Agenda

Call to Order – Terry Troutt, Past President

Invocation – Todd Johnson:

Prior to the invocation the following families were remembered as having lost a member or coach since the last Clinic. Family of Joe Kelly, Family of JC Booker, Family of Dan Stacey, Family of Coach Travis Perry, and Family of Mike McCoy.

Past President Remarks – Terry Troutt:

Terry thanked the membership for allowing him to serve as President in 2019 and while there were, “some bumps in the road,” they were nothing compared to the Covid 19 situation we are facing now. Terry thanked Jeff for his leadership as President in 2020.

Presentation of Gavel to President Jeff Cockrell by Past President Terry Troutt:

Jeff thanked Terry for his leadership and support. He also thanked him for his guidance while he (Jeff) was Vice President. Jeff expressed that he was blessed to be part of SCFOA and to work with the SCHSL.

Remarks by Jerome Singleton, Commissioner SCHSL:

Mr. Singleton spoke of the unusual, unprecedented, and uncertain times we were living in caused by the virus. He advised we can only play sports if the safety of all involved could be maintained. He expressed the importance of the partnership between both groups and respects the impact officials make and looks forward to the continued cooperation (between SCHSL and SCFOA).

Recognition of State Review Board:

Todd Johnson, Jeff Nettles and John Harley were recognized as the members of the 2020 State Review Board

Recognition of Newly Elected Officials Representative to the Executive Committee of the SCHSL:

Kyle Boczkowski was elected to a four year term as the Officials Representative on the Executive Committee of the SCHSL. Jeff also thanked Sam Jones for four years of faithful service on the Executive Committee

Election of President and Vice President:

Due to the decision to meet virtually due to Covid 19, the President (Jeff Cockrell) sought nominations from the membership for 30 days prior to the elections and up to Friday, July 17, 2020 via email solicitation. There was only one candidate nominated for President and one candidate nominated for Vice President.

1. President Election: Doug Hudson was nominated by Larry Saunders and was elected by acclamation to serve a one-year term beginning January 1, 2021.

2. Vice President: Tim Cahill was nominated by Tommy Brush and was elected by acclamation to serve a one-year term beginning January 1, 2021.

Directors elected in 2019 who began their term on January 1, 2020: D3-Brad Smith; D4-Smiley Bryant (fulfill unexpired term) D6-Darryl Jackson; D9-Granderson James.

Newly Elected District Directors who will begin their term on January 1, 2021: D4-Dondi Brown, D10-Greg Hawkins, and D1-Gaines Massey.

D12-Ricky Robinson and D7-Sam Felder were re-elected to another term beginning January 1, 2021.

Recognition of Outgoing Officers and Directors:

D1 Jimmy Waldrep (2017); D2 Eric Wells (2018); D3 Chris Horton (2019); D4 Steve Wilkie (2019); D5 Sam Jones (2018); D6 Jeff Cockrell (2018); D8 John Hill (2018)

Scholarship Recipients: Selena Pons: Granddaughter of Paul Goldman and Anna Troutt: Daughter of Terry Troutt

Presentation of the 2019 Amis Trophy:

District with the highest average test score in 2019:

1st. District 13-76.5; 2nd. District 1-73; 3rd. District 3-71.61

Presentation of the 2019 and 2020 Clary Trophy:

District with the highest overall ratings increase in 2019:

1st. District 11-6.87; 2nd. District 6-6.17; 3rd. District 2-6.08

District with the highest overall ratings increase lowest overall ratings decrease in 2020:

1st. District 12-4.19; 2nd. District 9-5.58; 3rd. District 8-5.60

15-Year Service Certificates:

D8-Tim Cahill; D2-Bud Fulton; D8-Jerry Hart; D5-Terry Hill; D4-Chris Miller; D10-Lamar Hudson; D13-Ed Little; D3-John Simpson; D13-Edward Werts;

25-Year Service Plaques:

D8-Robbie Boland; D5-Danny Caulder; D10-Norman Hall; D7-John Harley; D8-David Harring; D5-DK Hughes; D10-Mike McCurry; D1-Dean Waters; D5-Ronald Parrott; D10-Dan Venet; D13-Everett Westfield

Recognition of North/South Game Officials:

Referee-Jerry Rackley; Umpire-Steve Sawyer; Linesman-Ron Bryant; Line Judge-Ed Little; Back Judge-Chris Miller; Side Judge-Frank Perri; Field Judge-Larry Roberson; ECO-Keith Merrick

Recognition of Shrine Bowl Officials:

Umpire-Mike Blanton; Linesman-Ron Bryant; Back Judge-Joe Brewer; ECO-Gaines Massey

Mechanics Changes for 2020:

Remarks by Charlie Wentzky, Associate Commissioner for Football, SCHSL:

Mr. Wentzky thanked the membership for its support and requested us to be fluid. We do not know what will happen today or tomorrow. Health concerns may prevent some from officiating and that is understood. Officials safety, if we play, will be addressed. Keep studying and learning. Mr. Wentzky also reviewed the NFHS 2020 Rules Changes PowerPoint with those attending, adding that a face shield that covers the whole helmet and clear and secure is legal.

Recognition of 2020 Hall of Fame Class:

D8-John Hill; D5-Dennis O'Keefe; D10-Steve Hughes; D12-Ricky Robinson; D1-Jerry Welmaker

Administrative Items and Closing Remarks – Jeff Cockrell:

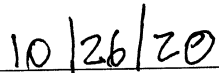
Jeff urged the membership to continue to prepare for the season and to be flexible. The Board will look out for the best interests of SCFOA. The annual Ratings test is delayed until we can feel comfortable and be safe meeting in large groups, whether the whole membership or by districts. Hopefully, we can take the test later in 2020 or early 2021.

Adjourn:

On motion of Tim Cahill, seconded by Terry Troutt the meeting was adjourned.



Paul R. Pool, Secretary SCFOA



Date