

South Carolina Football Officials Association  
March 28, 2022 Board Meeting  
SCHSL Office  
6:00 PM

Minutes

**Those present were:**

President: Tim Cahill  
Vice President: Jeff Nettles  
Past President: Doug Hudson  
Secretary: Paul Pool  
Deputy Commissioner: Charlie Wentzky  
Officials Representative to the Executive Committee of SCHSL: Kyle Boczkowski

District 1: Gaines Massey  
District 2: Brian Parker  
District 3: Brad Smith  
District 4: Smiley Bryant\*  
District 5: Garrick Messer  
District 6: Darryl Jackson  
District 7: Sam Felder  
District 8: Kyle Bockowski\*  
District 9: Charles Drake\*  
District 10: Greg Hawkins  
District 11: Keith Hajnal  
District 12: Ricky Robinson  
District 13: Todd Johnson

\*Reference emails/texts to President, advising of proxy for Districts 4, 8 and 9..

1. Call to Order: Tim Cahill
2. Invocation: Doug Hudson
3. Approval of Minutes: October 2021: Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Motion by Darryl Jackson, Second by Garrick Messer: to approve October 25, 2021 Board minutes. Approved 16 yea – 0 nay.**

4. Committee Reports:

- a. Budget Committee: Tim Cahill  
-Surplus discussion (Garrick Messer)

Tim advised he is formulating the budget for 2022 and will have it available for review in 30-45 days.

Garrick discussed some ideas to use some of the surplus to fund football camp attendance (registration only), a scholarship for a member attending a college or university or some other institution. Garrick asked if it was possible in Arbiter to ask for All-star game donations when registering (similar to how it is when paying taxes).

Taken under advisement with the Budget and Mechanics Committees. No vote taken.

b. Governance Committee: Ricky Robinson

Ricky presented the recommended changes to the By-laws:

1. Provide a 3-year certificate to those members who have completed 3 years of service to SCFOA. Member will be recognized at the Clinic, but certificate to be given by the District Director.

**Motion by Ricky Robinson, Second by Charles Drake: to provide 3-year certificate. Approved 16 yea – 0 nay.**

2. Add a Board meeting to be held in January, beginning 2023.

**Motion by Ricky Robinson, Second by Brad Smith: to add January meeting beginning in 2023. Approved 16 yea – 0 nay.**

3. Support a Constitutional Change to revise the Districts membership requirements.

**Motion by Ricky Robinson, Second by Darryl Jackson: to support the Constitutional Change. Approved 15 yea – 0 nay.**

c. Mechanics Committee: Jeff Nettles

Jeff presented the proposals from the Mechanics Committee.

**Motion by Darryl Jackson, Second by Brad Smith motion to accept the proposals as presented with the addition in Section 8.3, page 27 to have the Back Judge start on the goal line or end line but never in between. Approved 16 yea – 0 nay.**

d. Scholarship: Keith Hajnal

Keith announced the winners of the two scholarships for 2022 are Taylor Moore (daughter of Todd Moore, D10) and Grace Wiggins (daughter of Matt Wiggins, D13). Keith encouraged Board members to tell their district members who have family members that meet the scholarship requirements to apply.

e. Hall of Fame: Tim Cahill

Tim reported 220 attended the Induction Ceremony with 17 new members being inducted.

f. All-Star Games Committee: Garrick Messer

Garrick advised the Shrine Bowl and North/South All star games are scheduled to be played.

h. Review Board: John Harley (absent)

No report

## 5. Commissioner's Report: Charlie Wentzky

Charlie reported: -registration is open, rules books are expected to ship May 31, while waiting for the books, focus on mechanics, -encourage recently retired officials to get back in, -SCHSL games come before SCISA acceptance of games if you are a member of SCFOA, -identify 1-3 year officials for potential games, -help officials understand the rules rather than just memorizing them, -invite coaches to meetings to encourage communication and cooperation, -there are seven rule changes for 2022, -first scrimmages are scheduled to begin the first Thursday in August.

## 6. Old Business:

### a. Recruiting & Retention Initiatives: Tim Cahill

Tim advised approximately 300 showed interest in officiating from the advertisement done by SCFOA. Requested Directors continue to promote recruitment.

### b. Core Concepts Framework Status: Garrick Messer

Garrick presented the framework on how D5 teaches the rules to the less experienced officials and the veteran officials. Without objection Garrick will add his teaching aids to the SCFOA website.

## 7. New Business/Proposals:

### a. Statewide team(s) to train mechanics to districts: Jeff Nettles

Jeff presented a proposal to encourage officials to use SCFOA mechanics in a uniform way throughout the state. Currently many officials pick and choose what mechanics they want to use and deviate from the mechanics when they want.

**Motion by Jeff Nettles, Second by Charles Drake: to support Mechanics Training Proposal. Approved 16 yea – 0 nay.**

### b. Limit Debate on Agenda Items: Darryl Jackson

Darryl requested Board members be cognizant of agenda items and time restrictions according to RRoO and to limit debate to the topic being discussed.

### c. Other new business

Clinic preparations were discussed and directors were asked to review rosters for those that would be getting awards.

Charlie was asked about the possibility of an increase in the mileage fee due to the higher gas prices. He advised it was under consideration but no action has been taken.

## 8. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Issues

**Motion by Tim Cahill, Second by Paul Pool to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Approved 15 yea – 0 nay.**

**Executive session entered at 8:39PM and ended 9:50PM.**

**Motion by Darryl Jackson, Second by Doug Hudson to accept Reading Room recommendations as presented in Executive Session. Approved 15 yea – 0 nay.**

**Motion by Keith Hajnal, Second by Garrick Messer to vote by ballot on the issue at hand. Approved 12 yea – 0 nay.**

**Motion by Jeff Nettles, Second by Garrick Messer to proceed to trial regarding member who sent text message requesting information on upcoming Clinic exam (July 2021). Approved 9 yea – 3 nay and 3 abstentions.**

**Motion by Paul Pool to vote by ballot on the issue at hand. Lack of second. Motion not approved.**

**Motion by Jeff Nettles, Second by Paul Pool to proceed to trial on members involved in Reading Room issue. Not Approved 2 yea – 10 nay.**

9. Paul Pool announced his resignation from SCFOA and as Secretary of the Board of Directors effective immediately.

10. Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn by Darryl Jackson, Second by Keith Hajnal. Approved 15 yea – 0 nay.**

Adjournment

*Jeff Cockrell*

*May 2, 2022*

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**Jeff Cockrell, SCFOA Interim Secretary**

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**Date**