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September 20, 2021

Governance Committee Meeting

Zoom Meeting: 7:00pm

Ricky Robinson, Chairman	Present
Jeff Cockrell	Present
Greg Hawkins	Present
Cary Collins	Present
Paul Pool	Present

Call to Order: Ricky Robinson, Chairman

Invocation: Jeff Cockrell

Item 1: Add paragraph to allow for electronic meetings for Board and Committee meetings.

Article II – ELECTIONS AND MEETINGS

Section 1: Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the association shall be held on a Saturday in late July or early August at a place designated by the Board of Directors, at which time officers shall be elected to serve for the succeeding year, which shall begin as of January 1.

Add a new paragraph:

In the event the annual meeting cannot be held in person, the annual meeting may be held by electronic means provided that notice of the meeting is given to all members and a quorum of the membership participates in such meeting. Any member participating via remote capabilities must be deemed present in the meeting. If the meeting is held electronically, the time and date will be determined by the Board.

Rationale:

This will make it clear that the Annual Meeting may be held in person or by an electronic method if necessary

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Section 3: Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet in March, July, and October to conduct the business of the SCFOA. (Normally the meetings shall be the last Monday in March and October and Friday before the Annual Meeting). The President with the consent of the Executive Committee may take votes on issues they determine cannot wait until the next meeting by email ballots or other election means as they may deem appropriate.

Add a new paragraph:

Board meetings or any committee thereof may be held in person, by telephone or other electronic conference call or electronic on-line conference meeting, by email or in such other manner as the Board may approve, provided that notice of the meeting is given to all Board members and a quorum of the Board participates in such meeting. Any Board member or his proxy participating via remote capabilities must be deemed present in the meeting.

Rationale:

This will make it clear that Board or Committee meetings may be held in person or by an electronic method.

Motion Cockrell/Second Robinson to add new paragraph to both sections as presented. Approved 5-0.

Item 2: Constitution Change: Tabled for discussion at March, 2022 meeting.

Item 3: By law proposals

- Article I, Section 6: Commissioner of Officials

B. The Commissioner shall receive all applications for membership that have been approved by the Director of the district where the applicant resides.

Motion Cockrell/Second Pool to keep in by laws. Director sends link for Arbiter to new member. Approved 5-0.

F. An official's rating of his/her fellow officials is not to be viewed or examined by any other member of the association other than the Commissioner and his/her staff. In like manner, regular

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game assignments booked through the Commissioner's office shall not be viewed or examined prior to being published except by the Commissioner, his/her office or staff.

Motion: Pool/Second Cockrell to remove from by laws. Defeated 4-1.

Request explanation of proposed change at Board meeting.

- Article III, Section 1: Membership Policies

B. An official with three (3) years recognized experience and a rating below 75 will be placed on probation for one (1) year. An official with five (5) years recognized experience with a rating below 80 will be placed on probation for one (1) year. An official with seven (7) years recognized experience and a grade less than 85 will be placed on probation for one (1) year. If this condition should exist a second time, the official will be dropped from the association.

Motion Cockrell/Second Hawkins to remove this section from by laws. Approved 5-0.

C. All officials must have a yearly physical. Prior to working any scrimmages or games each official must provide their District Director with a statement from the official's physician declaring the official is physically fit to officiate. The District Director shall be responsible for maintaining these statements. No game or scrimmage assignments will be made before this statement is received by the respective District Director.

Motion Pool/Second Robinson to keep this section in by laws. Approved 4-0.

E. Annual membership dues shall be required for membership. The deadline for submitting renewal applications shall be established by the SCHSL. Renewal applications received after the deadline shall be considered late. A late fee specified by the Board of Directors shall be charged. ~~Renewal applications postmarked after the deadline set by the High School League will also be assessed a one (1) point deduction from their rating under cooperation. A member in good standing who left the association and was not registered in the preceding year shall be considered a new applicant. Any member, new or old, who issues payment of dues, and such payment is not honored by his/her financial institution, shall make the payment good with a certified check or money order. If the certified check or money order is received by the Commissioner's office after the deadline, such member shall pay the additional fee for late registration. In addition, the official shall pay an amount specified by the Board of Directors when his/her payment is not honored because of no funds, insufficient funds, or no account.~~ Payment of dues shall include membership in the National Federation of Interscholastic Officials Association and liability insurance, the South Carolina High School League (Arbiter) certification fee, a rule book, and a casebook. A late fee is not applicable to new official's application.

Motion Robinson/Second Hawkins to delete as noted above and add last sentence. Approved 4-0.

G. The District Director shall be empowered to assign new officials to the position in which they will officiate. The Commissioner or District Director may reassign any official to a position if it would be for the betterment of the association.

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Motion Hawkins/Second Cockrell to approve changes; the Director assigns new officials and the Commissioner or Director may reassign any official. Approved 4-0.

Section 2: Examinations

- A. To be certified, each official must take an online certification examination on the rules and mechanics of football. ~~This examination shall be the National Federation exam.~~ Members of the SCFOA must make a grade of 70 or above to be certified for officiating varsity games. Members will have five (5) opportunities to make a 70 or above before the deadline set by the Commissioner of Officials.

Motion Pool/Second Hawkins to approved insertion of “online certification” and delete reference to National Federation exam. Approved 4-0.

- SCFOA Membership Dues Classification:

Members who register after the deadline set by SCHSL (Also loss of (1) cooperation)

Motion Cockrell/Second Robinson to remove loss of cooperation point. Approved 4-0.

Make-up Clinic Fee (\$10.00 for SCFOA, \$10.00 to SCHSL)

It was explained that the portion of the money going to SCHSL is used to help offset the rental of the high school used for the annual Clinic meeting. Motion Robinson/Second Cockrell to take no action on this item. Approved 4-0.

Motion to Adjourn: Cockrell, second by Robinson. Passed 4 yes – 0 no.

Adjournment

Submitted by Ricky Robinson
Chairman, SCFOA Governance Committee
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