

South Carolina Football Officials Association
October 25, 2021 Board Meeting
SCHSL Office
6:00 PM

Minutes **DRAFT**

Those present were:

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

District 1: Gaines Massey
District 2: Mike Cohen
District 3: Brad Smith
District 4: Dondi Brown
District 5: Garrick Messer
District 6: Darryl Jackson
District 7: Bryant Williams proxy for Sam Felder*
District 8: Cary Collins
District 9: Absent
District 10: Greg Hawkins
District 11: Keith Hajnal
District 12: Ricky Robinson
District 13: Scott Patterson proxy for Brian Shealy*

*Reference emails to President on October 25, 2021, advising of proxy from Sam Felder and proxy from Brian Shealy.

1. Call to Order: Doug Hudson
2. Invocation: Doug Hudson
3. Approval of Minutes: July 2021: Board of Directors & Clinic Business Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mike Cohen, Second by Jeff Cockrell: to approve July 30, 2021 Board minutes and July 31, 2021, SCFOA Clinic Business Meeting Minutes. Approved 15 yea – 0 nay.

4. Committee Reports:

- a. Budget Committee: Doug Hudson

Doug reported the budget currently is \$38,615.81.

b. Governance Committee: Ricky Robinson

By-laws change recommendations: Proposals to change the By-laws were presented by Rick Robinson. Copy attached to the minutes.

Motion by Tim Cahill, second by Garrick Messer to adopt all changes. Approved 15 yea and 0 nay.

c. Mechanics Committee: Tim Cahill

There is one update to the 7-man mechanics that was approved in July and Tim will update the manual.

d. Scholarship: Keith Hajnal

Applications must be postmarked by January 15th to be considered. The application is online.

e. Hall of Fame: Brian Shealy: No report

f. All-Star Games Committee: Brian Shealy

Shrine Bowl: Paul Pool explained why the game was not being played this year.

North/South: Discussion was held on the 2021 game regarding payment of expenses if the game is canceled.

Motion by Jeff Cockrell, second by Brad Smith that SCFOA pays for expenses if the North/South game is canceled. Approved 15 yea and 0 nay.

Discussion was held regarding carrying over the current officials selected to 2022 if the North/South game was canceled.

Motion by Mike Cohen, second by Cary Collins officials will not carryover to 2022 if the 2021 game is canceled, but selected officials will receive gifts that have been ordered for the 2021 game. Approved 15 yea and 0 nay.

h. Review Board: Jeff Nettles: No report

5. New Business/Proposals:

a. Rankings Exam: Tim Cahill

Tim presented a proposal, "Rookie Exam" outlining a broader version of the Ratings Exams to be taken by the first- and second-year officials. Included in the presentation was the Executive Committee will write the exam. The proposal is attached and included as part of the minutes.

Motion by Cary Collins, second by Keith Hajnal to allow first- and second-year officials to take the "Rookie Exam" if they choose. Approved 15 yea and 0 nay.

Tim presented a framework outlining the Ratings Exam that has been taken by the association. The points included, what was learned from the exam last year and how we would move forward for the 2022 exam. Included in the presentation was the Executive Committee will write the exam and the members of the Executive Committee will retain their 2022 rating and be ineligible for a state final. The framework is attached and included as part of the minutes.

Motion by Garrick Messer, second by Mike Cohen to have the Executive Committee write the 2022 Ratings Exam and retain their 2021 rating for 2022. Executive Committee members are ineligible for a championship game assignment. Approved 15 yea and 0 nay.

b. Core Concepts Framework: Garrick Messer

Garrick explained the concepts used in District 5, focusing on what is expected or may be seen during a game, definitions, fundamentals, communications, rules differences between different levels and understanding "horses versus unicorns" fouls. Garrick volunteered to work with other directors to fine tune the concepts and develop lesson plans for districts to use if they chose. Board members were asked to contact Garrick if they were interested in helping.

c. Recruiting & Retention Initiatives: Tim Cahill

Tim offered suggestions on recruiting they have used in District 8, including participating in sports talk shows and recruiting high school seniors that may have an interest in staying involved, but not playing in college. Tim will be sending a list of names received from the recruiting announcement used during the season.

d. New Website: Ryan Smith/Paul Pool

Paul advised Ryan has the new website up and running and would like to have some new photos to use as background for the website. Suggestions for the website improvements are encouraged.

e. Waive minimum games required for play-off assignments: Doug Hudson

Due to early season Covid issues and games being canceled it was suggested the minimum number of games be changed for 2021.

Motion by Mike Cohen, second by Darryl Jackson to reduce the number of games worked on field (excluding ECO assignments) from seven to five to qualify for play-off assignments. Approved 15 yea and 0 nay.

f. Review Board appointment: Jeff Nettles

Jeff appointed Gary Lukridge of District 6 as his appointment to the Review Board.

f. Other new business:

Garrick asked for volunteers to be members of the chain crews for state finals. Crews consist of six members. Contact Garrick or Rick Dolan if interested. Garrick will also send a sign-up document via Sign Up Genius.

Discussion was held on providing caps to those who volunteered their services.

Motion by Brad Smith, second by Tim Cahill to spend up to \$600.00 for caps for chain crew volunteers. Approved 14 yea and 1 nay.

6. Old Business: None

7. Commissioner's Report: Charlie Wentzky

Charlie requested: Directors send list of their officials who are not playoff capable and ECO recommendations to him no later than Thursday, October 28 by 9:00am.

IWs and major rule gaffes/rule interpretation errors will end an officials playoff eligibility.

If you block an assignment, you may not get another assignment for the remainder of the playoffs

Championship games are at Benedict College on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

From round 3 (quarterfinals) crews will be 7-man. If you have an official that is not capable of working let Charlie know.

Round 1 assignments are auto-assigned then reviewed. Due to the number of games in an area an official may be an ECO in round 1 and on the field in later rounds.

Kayla Kinsey is a SCHSL new staff member

Reach out to the new recruits

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn Darryl Jackson, second by Tim Cahill. Approved 15 yea – 0 nay.

Adjournment

Paul R. Pool, SCFOA Secretary

Date