**BCAASO General Meeting MINUTES**

**Monday, August 15, 2022; 7 PM; Cooper City High School (cafeteria)**

(Focus on registration/orientation/training)

1. Board members; Booking Commissioner; website manager; and new BCAASO members were introduced.
2. **Neil Bardach**, website manager, provided a brief introduction to the BCAASO website **(bcaa-so.org**) , and encourage all members to sign on (**please provide FULL information** when joining), where much useful information is, and will be, posted.
3. **Secretary John David McGee** announced that “minutes” will be posted there, including the AGM minutes (4/11/22); Board meeting minutes (April 11, 2022; 8/10/22); and minutes for all meetings, including this one (8/15).
4. **Announcements/Presentations:**
5. President **Daniel Va** welcomed members, and encouraged attendance at this season’s training meetings (**Monday, August 29th; Monday, October 3rd; Monday, January 10, 2023; Monday, February 27, 2023—the AGM).**

**(PLEASE NOTE: A record is kept of attendance at meetings—which is required and reported to FHSAA. Furthermore, in the interest of “fairness” for members who are punctual, and stay for the entire meeting, the Board has decided that members will NOT be marked “present,” who are MORE THAN ONE-HALF HOUR LATE, or who LEAVE EARLY.)**

He announced that for the upcoming **FHSAA “test” (Oct 17th to Nov 21st),** members MUST score at least “80” to do FHSAA State Series games (District; Regional; Final); and at least “75” to do “varsity-level” games. Members scoring less than “75,” will be assigned only to “JV” games**. (NOTE: NFHS Rule books, being provided by FHSAA, should be available at the Oct. 3rd meeting.)**

1. **Adalberto Grimaldi**, Booking Commissioner (games assigner), gave a brief introduction to the use of ARBITER assigning (**https://www.arbitersports.com**), **and emphasized the importance of 1) updating your personal information; and, 2) using the “block” feature to indicate when one is NOT available** for assignments. **(NOTE: When reviewing your personal information on ARBITER, BE SURE TO MAKE YOUR PHONE NUMBER PUBLIC!)**
2. **John David McGee**, Secretary, announced that proposed revisions to ***the BCAASO Constitution and By-Laws,*** which were made at the 2021 AGM, but were not addressed last season, will be presented at the 2023 AGM, or sooner. A committee to prepare the proposals for efficient voting will consist of (volunteers) Steve Enos; Lee Levenberg; and John David McGee.
3. **Alonso Pabon**, Chairperson of the Evaluation Committee,explained that 1) the main focus of the BCAASO (“inhouse”) evaluations was to help the members improve as referees; 2) the main focus will be on “new” and “newer” members; and, 3) that NO “NUMBERS” (performance scores) will be used on this season’s forms. The evaluations (required of local associations by FHSAA) are used to give “feedback” to the Booking Commissioner, and to the ”Recommendations Committee,” for Regional and State Final assignments.

**(NOTE: These “evaluations” are paid from the budget of BCAASO, with no funds being required from the referees on the field.)**

1. **Rick Torres,** Treasurer, reported a current balance of $5,785.75, and indicated that he had presented a budget (draft proposal) to the Board, at its previous meeting.
2. **Greg Watson,** Clinician,presented a video introduction of the changes to the 2022-23, ***NFHS Rules*. (NOTE: MOST of the next meeting (Aug 29th) will consist of training. Members should be aware that the MAJOR differences between high school rules and U.S. Soccer/FIFA laws will be found in the following areas: Substitutions (Rule 3); Player equipment (Rule 4); Time management (Rule 7); and Proper use of cards (e.g., yellow, red and blue) for player and coach misconduct (Rule 12).**

 **Further note: The major rule change this season has to do with player equipment; therefore, members who have last year’s *NFHS Rules***, **may use it as a useful reference.**

 **Also, information will be sought from BCAA, regarding how “suspended” games are to**

 **be managed (including how refs should be paid).**

1. Recognition was given to former member, Jorge Silva, now recently deceased.
2. Following the adjournment of the General Meeting, there was a brief gathering of new members for some additional orientation.
3. All members were invited to enjoy a “post-meeting debrief” at Geronimos Grill (Davie), where the Association paid for “wings,” and members were responsible for their own beverages.

Minutes taken and reported by John Davd McGee, Secretary, and distributed, 8/16/2022.