**BCAASO MINUTES (Monday; 10/3/2022); Cooper City HS (cafeteria)**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD meeting: 6:30 PM**

Board Members present: Rick Torres; Don McCans; John David McGee; Al Grimaldi; Rubin Franzese; Randy Cook (Va and Pabon, absent).

1. A plan was made for the distribution of NFHS rulebooks, when they arrive from FHSAA.
2. The proposed budget for this season was approved.
3. Members will be presented with the possibility of a group picnic, after the season.

**Regular (training) meeting: 7:00 PM**

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order (7 PM), by Randy Cook, in the absence of Daniel Va (out of the country).
2. Minutes of the previous meeting (John David McGee)

Minutes were posted on the BCAASO website: **(bcaa-so.org)**

(NOTE: Approval was given by members, not all of whom had read them.)

1. Correspondence reported by Secretary (None to report)
2. Treasurer’s report (Rick Torres) Current balance is**: $8,730.78**
3. Executive Board’s report (Randy Cook)
4. FHSAA new rule books will be distributed at various locations, to be announced.
5. **FHSAA deadline to register (w/o “late fee”) is 10/24; The EXAM “window” is 10/17-11/21).**
6. Reminder: Members must score at least “75” on FHSAA test, to get varsity assignments
7. Committee reports
8. Assignment (Don McCans): He has received a printout of games assignments/cancellations, and will be compiling a summary report.
9. Evaluation (Al Pabon): About thirty BCAASO evaluations are planned for the newest, least-experienced members this season. Mr. Pabon addressed some issues he has observed in middle school games, **NOT the least of which is referees showing up for games IMPROPERLY attired.**
10. Recommendations (Ruben Franzese): No recommendations at this time.
11. Grievance (Randy Cook): No grievances at this time.
12. Booking Commissioner’s report (Al Grimaldi)
13. Go to the BCAASO website (**(bcaa-so.org), to see the BCAA “cancelation policy.”**
14. **ALL referees MUST BE IN PROPER UNIFORM for their games.**
15. **“PAY ISSUES” should be addressed with Dawn Turner or, if needed, with Jennifer Hamilton.**
16. **For games which are canceled after the referee is on site, EMAIL and advise Grimaldi.**
17. **The game time listed on ARBITER is THE CORRECT TIME, unless otherwise informed by Grimaldi*. PLEASE DO THIS, to avoid confusion about game times!!! The NUMBER ONE (1) assigned official should FORWARD the* assignment email to the AD/coaches’ names listed at the bottom of the email assignment*, AND*. COPY your partner*.***

***Request that ANY change in the schedule (which can be seen in the email) be communicated to you at the EARLIEST opportunity.***

***After signing you name, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER (since your phone number does not show up on your email).***

1. Clinician training (Greg Watson)

The main focus of the training was the following:

* SHOW UP ON TIME for games.
* POSITION issues: The BACK portion of the NFHS Rules Book gives suggestions for using the “DUAL” (2-ref) system (around p. 85); the “DIAGONAL” (DSC) system of control (center ref; 2 ARs, around p. 91); and the “DOUBLE-DUAL SYSTEM” (3 equal refs, 1 center; 2 side refs), around p. 96.

**This material has suggestions and diagrams for recommended POSITIONING, etc., in various game situations (restarts).**

**NOTE: For this season, BCAASO will recommend NOT TO BRING ALL THREE REFS “forward” for (attacking) free kicks near the goal. That is, the Center ref will administer the kick and judge off-side; the LEAD ref will act as “goal judge;” and the TRAIL ref will remain near the halfway line, in anticipation of a quick counterattack.**

* Rule changes for this season were discussed. This information is available on ARBITER **(**[**https://www1.arbitersports.com/front/103524/Site/Page-Content/Soccer-LinksDocuments**](https://www1.arbitersports.com/front/103524/Site/Page-Content/Soccer-LinksDocuments)**). Go to Arbiter; log onto the FHSAA “Central Hub;” go to “Sports” and click on “soccer,” to access this page, which has all sorts of training information!**
* **WEATHER (lightning) issues:**

In the NFHS Rules Book, go to page 110, to ***view “Guidelines on Handling Practices and Contests during Lightning or Thunder Disturbances.”***

* Use the “30/30” rule: From lightning “flash” to thunder “bang,” if the interval is less than thirty (30) seconds, the field must be cleared. At that point the game must be delayed a MINIMUM of thirty (30 MINUTES. For subsequent similar “flash/bangs,” the clock must be reset for an additional thirty minutes.
* If there is no observed “flash/bang,” but systems indicate a lightning threat, the game must be delayed/not started, and there must be a wait-time of at least 30 minutes.
* See Item (“d”) under “3,” the last part of which reads***: “You should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or seeing lightning should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning-detention device.***
* **NEXT METING: TUESDAY, January 10, 2023**

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