

Northwest Board of Officials

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2023

In attendance: Dave Zylstra, Phil Renninger, Kelly Heutink, Jamie Dowling, Holly Wibbens, Erik Hopkins, Dave Dodson, Damon Bruland, Jeff Dutton, Bernie Upchurch, Kirk Dunn

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approve Minutes of the August Meeting** - *MOTION: Phil Renninger/Kelly Heutink - PASSED*
3. **Treasurer's Report** - nothing specific to report.
4. **Recruiting update** - we have 3 Sunday dates for training officials **10/22, 10/29 & 11/5 for training**; officials and evaluators to be scheduled.
 - Tony will give us one court for 3 games each of the 3 Sundays
 - Damon will send out an email to the membership with dates and requesting sign-up for slots
 - Bernie will reach-out to board members for evaluator assignments
 - Nov 25th (Saturday) there will be a tournament (Brad McKay) opportunity for more training. The is the same date as the Stanwood Turkey Tournament.
 - Turkey Tournament - Bernie is hoping to get the Church Creek games as a training opportunity
 - Bernie would like a *MOTION to provide \$1000 to cover clinician game fees for coverage - Bernie Upchurch/Kelly Heutink - PASSED*
5. **AD's meeting**—Damon/Kelly to attend; message - date is 11/2.
 - Opportunity for Damon to highlight specific talking points such as good support from some schools
 - adequate facilities for officials (male and female)
 - game management availability
 - water
6. **Membership contact**—need to reach out to ensure people are getting the messages regarding the upcoming season.
 - A member recently called Dave Zylstra to express concerns the board hadn't sent out communications. We should reach out to individuals to see if emails are being received.
7. **Assigner News**—MS scheduling.

- What is the board's recommendation when there are not many/any HS games - 3 person? Only 2 person on HS nights?
- General agreement that 3 person is preferred when officials are available.
- HS C-games are higher priority than MS games

NOTE: Damon has the new rule books in his possession (70)

- Also has some Officials Manuals as well (smaller amount)

Jamie Dowling has ordered Needle Key Chains and Whistles

Bernie has a dozen or so older uniforms for new officials

- Bernie - can Damon provide Arbiter training/support for new officials? Or Brian Lindgren?

Transfers should be evaluated during the training session so they can be assigned a relative rating, or work lower level games until skill level is determined

- Aside: previous (top) officials who are in town for Christmas time, etc. - they should not automatically be assigned high profile games.

8. Messaging to membership at our meetings

- Will there be accountability for meeting attendance this year?
- Need to reach out to members to reiterate the need to attend meetings regularly and identify those who will not be officiating this year
- Damon and Bernie will be sending out emails in the near future
- ZOOM meetings not thought to be very effective replacement for live meetings

Note: Damon does not want to continue the practice of the assignor running the entire meeting. Does the board have its own projector - we believe so not sure where it resides? Dave Z. to follow-up on.

- Is Stu Gorski a resource for meetings - Kelly H. will reach out to Stu
- Per the Women side in the past, task can be split among board members?
- Holly Wibbens has volunteered to be the point of contact for the first meeting's training/materials

A rough agenda for the General Membership meeting on the 10.22 was presented.

End of meeting: 8:25PM