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Mr. Mr. Bonine Bonine, Executive Director
Mr. Robert Sullivan, President

June 5, 2014

TO: NIAA Sport Commissioners / Official Association Presidents / NIAA Member Schools

FR: Jay Beesemyer, Assistant Director

RE: **2014 COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

The 2013-2014 NIAA Commissioners meeting was held Thursday, June 5, 2014 at the NIAA office in Reno, NV.

NIAA Commissioners Present:

Leon Reyes, NENOA
Rick Kaufmann, NNOA Swimming
Chris Healy, NNBUA
Dennis White, NNWOA
Ellen Townsend, NNVOA
Jeff Dahle, NNFOA
Robert Otteson, CNSO
Patty Stoddard, NSSRA
Ray Oxoby, NNBOA

Association Presidents Present:

Vince Kristosik, SNOA
Bill Webb, NENOA
Grant Fleming, NSSRA
Jay McLauchlin, CNSO
Brian Brown, NNFOA
Skip Luckadoo, NNBOA
Mike Evans, NNSOA
Mike Sheets, NNWOA
Jim Fitzpatrick, NNBUA

Others Present:

Mr. Eddie Bonine, NIAA Executive Director
Donnie Nelson, NIAA Assistant Director
Sharol McDade, NNVOA
Derek McKenzie, NNSOA

Guest

Mike Gilmore, Sports Refs, LLC

COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

The meeting began at 9:05 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- I. Mr. Beesemyer, NIAA Assistant Director, asked for introductions from all in attendance
- II. Contact information for Commissioners and Chapter Presidents was updated
- III. NIAA Board of Control, Officials Liaison – Vince Kristosik

a. Vince provided a description of the process of reporting issues regarding officials to the NIAA Board of Control. Vince felt this process has been helpful and informative.

IV. Agreement between Member Schools and Officials Associations

a. The State of Nevada mileage rate is 56 cents per mile (reduced from 56.5). The rider rate will remain at .21 for the upcoming 2014-2015 season.

V. NFHS Insurance

a. Nevada 100% state. Cost remains at \$17.00 for 2014-2015.

b. Skip Luckadoo had several questions; Was a complete copy of the policy ever received? Mr. Bonine said he would try to attain a copy from the carrier.

VI. Budget Discussion – Mike Evans

a. Are schools paying on time?

b. Are other Associations having trouble getting paid?; What is the NIAA doing to assist the Associations with this issue?; Mr. Beesemyer referred to page 43 which covers “fines” associated with non-payment and late submittal of schedules;

c. State Events / Officials Travel Costs – Ray Oxoby emphasizes the need to keep including all associations in mix for state post-season; Mr. Beesemyer would like to hear all the perspectives from the Associations regarding this issue

VII. Arbiter

a. Mike Evans suggests that school administration aren't utilizing the Arbiter to full capacity.

b. Vince Kristosik informed the group that Arbiter is presented at the coaches meetings in the South and that the complete use of Arbiter is emphasized.

c. Ellen Townsend stated she is constantly emailing and reminding Coaches and AD's about utilizing Arbiter and the VB association is using ArbiterConnect.

d. Mr. Beesemyer informed the group the NIAA must know what is happening with schools on the Arbiter; Mr. Bonine stated he will work with Elko County and Superintendent Zander with Arbiter issues.

e. Grant Fleming was concerned about Arbiter communication issues and that the Officials' are paying the entire cost of the system; the group discussion confirmed Officials are paying for Arbiter; Arbiter is time saving for all Officials.

VIII. Administrative Fee

a. Grant Fleming informed the group that the NSSRA (soccer) adopted a 4% administrative fee; Robert Otteson informed the group the 4% admin fee didn't work for their association, so they assessed 2%, but still having problems with schools paying on time.

IX. Official's 2014-2015 Fee Schedule – 4% Increase

a. Page 73 – Exhibit “A”.

b. Grant F. believes that the NIAA post-season fees for regional and state events should be higher; Skip L. stated that post-season selection is “the bonus”;

c. Mr. Bonine thanked the group for their patience on the long overdue game fee increase.

X. NFHS Insurance (additional discussion)

a. Mr. Beesemyer wanted to know from the group if there are any other issues on claims; none brought forth.

b. Mr. Bonine informed the group that Christian Reed (Dissinger-Reed) informed him it's \$10.00 if individual associations want coverage for game fees.

c. Page 94 of the handbook – supplemental policy info.

XI. Uniforms

- a. Mr. Beesemyer informed the group that anything to do with “pink”, (breast cancer) allow it; He also informed the group if there are any issues with school uniforms, to bring them to the attention to the school and the NIAA.
- b. Official’s Uniforms – included presentation by Mike Gilmore, Sports Refs LLC.
- c. Football uniform – one issue with high school Official wearing college shirt; no other issues.
- d. Vince K. informed the group the SNOA liked the 2” striped shirt and will continue to use it in basketball.
- e. Jeff Dahle stated if NIAA dictates the change of shirt, he would ask for specifics and adequate timeframe to implement.
- f. Mr. Beesemyer referred to pages 146-147 of handbook regarding uniforms.
- g. Mr. Bonine is concerned about the NIAA logo being printed on shirts and who authorized the use; Mr. Beesemyer would like clarity whether the shirts are “readily available” and that no more shirts with the NIAA logo be ordered. American flag O.K.
- h. Mr. Beesemyer informed the group the 1” stripe is the official uniform for the upcoming season. Vince K. suggested associations collaborate / communicate prior to State events. Mr. Beesemyer agreed that communication is key, stating officials must be aware of uniforms being worn during post-season contests. If in doubt, ask.
- i. Grant F. asked about the cost of new 2” shirts and whether the SNOA is getting a cost benefit; Vince K. informed the group the cost for a shirt is \$40.00 and the SNOA is not receiving a cost benefit.

XII. Targeting Rule for Football

- a. Jeff D. explained the new targeting rule.
- b. Mr. Beesemyer suggested a “commissioner’s pre-season letter” to schools, where items / issues such as this (new rules) can be highlighted.

XIII. Maximum Participation Rule

- a. Div.III – allow V/JV to play in same day; Mr. Bonine informed group he has issued a waiver for Div.III and so far, no issues. He further stated that it will soon be on the NIAA Board agenda to eliminate the current maximum participation rule.
- b. All games count for participation.
- c. Ellen T. questioned if Varsity should be first.

XIV. Ejections

- a. Ejections were down from previous season.
- b. New language in NIAA regulations regarding Coach ejection.
- c. Ejections of fans must also be reported to NIAA and the Commissioner of the respective sport.
- d. Ray Oxoby elaborated on fan ejections and whether law enforcement can/should be involved;

XV. WCSD Student Services – Brian Rothe, Director

- a. A committee has been created with Mike Mieras, WCSO Police Chief, regarding safety issues at all WCSO schools; the Committee consists of Chief Mieras, Deputy Chief Jason Trevino, Josh Reddig, and himself.
- b. Mr. Rothe wants input from Officials for signage at schools;
- c. The group posed several questions regarding Administrators on-site at some of the schools; parent issues; if someone from the “trenches” could be on the committee.
- d. Mr. Beesemyer and Mr. Bonine informed the group that the NIAA spends in excess of 60K on security at post-season events alone;
- e. There is nothing in the NIAA regulations specifically dealing with poor fan/parent behavior. Usual procedure for fan ejections is Mr. Bonine collaborating with school administration to resolve the issue. Mr. Bonine informed the group that the NIAA can still impose (additional) sanctions even if the school institutes discipline.

LUNCH BREAK @ 11:55 a.m.

RE-CONVENE MEETING @ 12:39 p.m.

XVI. Deletions

- a. Mr. Bonine asked the group if an Official has been deleted during the regular season how do they end up on post season games/matches? What can be done to prevent it? Need to avoid the “appearance of impropriety”
- b. Mr. Beesemyer suggests better planning on the part of the associations for post season and possible changing the language for deletions.
- c. Group discussion included better collaboration and coordination amongst associations.

XVII. Social Media issues

- a. Question posed - What was the punishment for VC / Instagram issue; Mr. Bonine confirmed the Coach was given the option of resignation or termination; he resigned.

XVIII. Termination of Association Membership

- a. Sharol McDade provided an update regarding the litigation the NNVOA, LLC was involved in regarding a former VB Official suing the association in small claims court for not renewing her contract.
- b. The complaint against the VB Association was dismissed with prejudice and was not appealed; Protections afforded the LLC’s in the State of Nevada were very helpful.
- c. The VB association did not renew another contract for the upcoming season and informed the group, it may be helpful for each Association to adopt a “contract”, in addition to the NIAA Officials Registration Form for better protection of the respective associations.

Mr. Beesemyer reminded the group to review pages 20-21 (NIAA Officials Constitution) in regards to relatives / school employees officiating at member schools

XIX. SNOA Volleyball

- a. Registration for girls/boys one time fee.

XX. NIAA Registration

- a. Associations MUST be better in submitting this information to the NIAA.

XXI. NIAA sanctioning of Official’s Associations

- a. Due to the NIAA by July 1, 2014 – Bylaws (if changes have been made in past year)

XXII. Softball

- a. Requests going to 15 run rule after 3rd inning; will be put on NIAA Board of Control agenda
- b. Mike Reed recommends use of double-first base for all levels of play.

XXIII. SOCCER

- a. Mr. Beesemyer, Patty Stoddard, and Grant Fleming will work on instituting a “Mercy Rule”.

XXIV. RULE BOOKS

- a. Order in a timely-manner.

XXV. COURTESY RUNNER (Div. III)

- a. Approved by the NIAA for DIV II only in baseball.

XXVI. Background Checks for Officials

- a. Refer to pages 119-124 of handbook
- b. Question posed and discussed by group. Should they be required.
- c. Mr. Bonine indicated this topic must be explored.
- d. The group concurred.

*****Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:21 PM***