**SUBURBAN OFFICIALS ASSOCIATIO**

**SUBURBAN OFFICIALS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**June 8, 2015**

**2014-2015 Annual Meeting**

The Suburban Officials Association annual meeting was called to order by President Jack Shawn on June 8th, 2015 at 8:00 PM.

The minutes from the past annual meeting were accepted as printed on the Suburban Web site.

The financial report was read and accepted.

* **Presidents Report-Jack Shawn**
  + 2014-2015 was a good year.
  + We as an organization continue to work toward obtaining new members and retaining them as well.
  + Board adopted recommendations of committee to change compensation for assignors and leaders receiving a fee.
  + Board will meet four times a year for association business and assigners review.
* **Sports Updates**
  + **2014-15 Vice President of Football-Jerry Tiegs**
  + Twenty one crews worked full schedules primarily in the South Suburban, Minnesota River, Big Nine and Metro West Conferences. The majority of crews also worked at least one section game.
  + Currently scheduled to have 20 crews working full schedules in 2015 with two swing crews filling in as needed.
  + Four crews worked in the 2014 State Tournament - Gordy Mroz crew, Ryan Gunderson crew, Joe Wollan crew and Jason Berg crew. The Berg crew worked the 4A championship game, Nick Worm, with the Steve Vekich crew, filled in as a substitute with Rich Stolp's state tournament crew.
  + Twelve SOA crews were evaluated and observed during the season by internal clinicians. In 2014, our clinicians were Ron Groth, Fred Jurewicz, Mark Benshoof and John Quam.1
  + The SOA rules and mechanic manual was completed to primarily provide mechanics guidance for all SOA crews. Main contributors to the manual were Dave Anger, Gordy Hanson, Joe Moore, Tom Wollan and Jerry Tiegs.
  + Established Sunday night white hat conference calls to provide a forum for all crews to share information on teams, plays and situations they encountered during the season.
  + Provided pre-season training for all crews in SOA. Jay McGivern led three sessions, one specifically for new officials, Tom Wollan led three film/rules sessions in late summer and also conducted monthly rules/film sessions from November 2014 through June 2015. Breakout sessions by position were also conducted at the annual football meeting.
  + Continued to grow the usage of Hudl, Game Tape Exchange, YouTube and Facebook to provide more film study opportunities. Thanks to Chris Hager, Jeron Schmidt and Tom Wollan for their efforts.
  + Provided training for non-varsity crew officials at the Eagan/Eastview sophomore game. The officials on the field were shadowed by experienced SOA officials.
  + Mentoring was provided to six new SOA officials as one established SOA crew took one new official and worked with them over the course of the season.
  + Many thanks to Tom Wollan for the fantastic job he does in assigning all varsity and lower levels games. His work with the other assignors in the Twin Cities area in moving smoothly to district scheduling in 2015 is to be noted as well.
  + 2014-15 Assignors Annual Report-Tom Wollan
  + SOA has roughly (150) members who officiate football. In 2015 the Minnesota State High School League moved away from an organization in which all schools played in conferences, and placed all schools within Districts. Representatives from the (4) Metro Associations met several times during 2014 and agreed to a proposal that was accepted by the Activities Directors within the newly created Districts. In the simplest of terms the agreement states that if a particular school was serviced by an Officiating Association in 2014, that school would be serviced by the same Officiating Association in 2015 and beyond.
  + Suburban Officials Association assigned crews to (202) 2015 varsity football games. We also assign officials to lower level games at (23) schools as well as a number of Youth Organizations. In short, SOA is assigning more officials to more games than at any point in its history.
  + In the last five years (12) Suburban Officials Association Crews officiated in the State Tournament. Jason Berg’s Crew officiate the 2014 AAAA Prep Bowl between Becker and DeLaSalle.
  + Jerry Tiegs will be leaving the Vice President of Football Position as of 6/8/15. It has been my profound pleasure to work with Jerry for the last (9) years-(3) years as VP of Basketball and the last (6) years as VP of Football. His vision and efforts have shaped the present and future of Suburban Officials Association Football and he will be sorely missed. Thanks Jerry for all you’ve done.
  + **Annual Report Basketball**
  + **2014-15 Vice President of Basketball-Chris Olson/Assigner-Ron Hamann**
  + Our past year proved to be a positive season for basketball. There were very few missed assignments and administrative issues, and officials did a better than usual job of contacting schools and partners before games.
  + Congratulations to the following officials worked in the 2015 boy’s or girl’s state basketball tournament:
  + Boys Girls
  + Joe Wollan Rafeal Iglesias
  + Chris Olson John Ista (AA Championship)
  + Gordy Hanson Tony Dahl
  + Josh Schoaf Amy Sanchez
  + Lamarr Sullivan April Kabes (AAAA Championship)
  + Kenan Moore Mark Johnson
  + Dwight Krueger Rachel Schuler
  + Pat Rock (AAA Championship) Kelly Ternes
  + The 2014-2015 season saw a slight downturn in number of assignments available to Suburban due to rearrangement of a few metro conferences (Tri-Metro, Independent, Missota dissolving and Metro West forming). However, the 2015-2016 season is expected to see a substantial increase in the number of assignments available through Suburban. We will be assigning all of Red Wing, Northfield, and Faribault’s games, as well as an additional 55-60 Big Nine Conference games. The Big 9, Minnesota River, and possibly the MCAA conference will all be using 3-person mechanics on all JV/Varsity assignments. As a result of this, there will be a significant increase in the number of assignments Suburban Officials Association will be assigning for the 2015-2016 season.
  + With the increase in the number of assignments, it is important that all officials are appropriately trained in 3-person mechanics. Officials who are not “seasoned” and experienced in 3-person mechanics should make every attempt to attend training this summer. MSHSL Officials’ Coordinator Jason Nickleby recently sent out a list of all training opportunities for this summer. This list is included on this memo. Please note that some of these camps are geared for the aspiring college official and cost a bit more than other camps. Do your research to determine which camp(s) are correct for you.
  + Northern Wisconsin Basketball Officiating Camp – June 19-21. There are only a few openings left, please contact Tom Fiedler at fiedleth@uwec.edu with your interest.
  + U of M Girls’ Team Camp – June 19 – 21 at the University of Minnesota. This is free. There will be classroom training on Friday and Saturday, followed by the opportunity to get on the court and work games with MSHSL observers. Contact is Jack Shawn at: jacks@imsco.com
  + Runnin Ref Basketball Officials Camp – Moorhead, June 26. One day camp with classroom and on-court evaluations. Contact is Dave Klundt: dklundt@fargoparks.com
  + Midwest Ref Camp – U of M, (Boys) June 26-27. Classroom opportunities and a chance to make your camp money back on Sunday. Check out http://midwestrefcamp.com/ for a brochure and details. Contact: info@midwestrefcamp.com
  + SE Minnesota BB Camp – in Eyota on July 10 and 11. Classroom and on court training from experienced officials at all levels. Contact is Jared Butson: jaredbutson@hotmail.com
  + Midwest Ref Camp – Duluth, July 17 – 19. Speed dating with assignors! Video breakdown with clinicians. Check out http://midwestrefcamp.com/ for a brochure and details. Contact: info@midwestrefcamp.com
  + The plan is for November clinics to be held in North Central Minnesota, South Central Minnesota and the metro area.
  + Thank you for all you do as an official.
  + **Annual Reports Softball**
  + **2014-15 Vice President of Softball-Warren Collatt**
  + • We provided 3 person mechanics training.
  + • We had 23 softball members attend the training.
  + • We provided over 36 hours of training.
  + • The training was free.
  + • Ron Hamann, Rachel Palmer assisted in the training.
  + • We will provide 2 person Mechanics training next year.
  + SOA Members who worked the State Tournament:
  + • Martha Sorenson
  + • Jason Smith
  + • Greg Knutson
  + • Dennis Harris
  + • Mike Kahler
  + • Warren Collatt
  + **2014-15 Assignors Report-Ron Hamann**
  + 2015 was a GOOD Season for Softball. Unlike the past two springs we had comparatively fewer cancellations because of weather. We had 78 umpires that did Varsity or Lower Level games during the Season. 37 umpires worked Post-Season Section Tournament. Also, I assigned 6 Tournament during the Season. Congratulation to the following umpires who worked the 2015 Girls Softball State Tournament: Warren Collatt, Mike Kahler, Greg Knutson, Jason Smith, Martha Sorenson and Doug Sorenson. Dave Smisek was asked but had to turn back the assignment because of work.
  + Next year the Sections that I assign will all be changing because the MSHSL is adding a 4th Level. There will be 4A, 3A,2A and 1A teams and playoffs.
  + Umpires, we have an excellent learning and training opportunity that will help all umpires that is run by Warren Collatt in different Domes. Please take advantage of this because of the opportunity to be eligible to be assigned some Higher Level games. I moved some umpires to Varsity games this spring and would like to give other umpires that opportunity in 2016.
  + A special thank you to all umpires for your availability and flexibility this spring.

**Election of Officers**

* Assignor Football Tom Wollan
* Assignor Basketball Ron Hamann
* Assignor Softball Ron Hamann
* Vice President Football Mike Baxter

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:32**