**SOA Annual meeting – 7pm 13Jun22**

34 Members in attendance

Andrew welcomed members.

**Old Business**

Financial presented:

1. $12,044 in dues
2. Operating expenses of $8934
3. Other Income $5866
4. Net income operating loss of $523.

Much discussion on the financial statement format needing to show expenses and dues collected by sport. Assigning salary for SB was noted as being more than the dues collected and this requested to be stated separately. Steve Fager to submit alternative financial statement format.

Motion to approve Financials carried and voted approved. One member objected.

VP of Football Rick Hardy presented FB annual report

Sports Reports

FOOTBALL ANNUAL REPORT: 2021 Season

• The 2021 high school football season brought some normality back following the Covid-19

impacted 2020 season. Suburban Officials Association was not immune to the shortage of

officials experienced nationwide, but we were able to cover our varsity and sub-varsity games.

• SOA had 119 officials work games in 2021. There were 20 crews that worked 162 varsity games.

• SOA assigned varsity games primarily in the former South Suburban, Minnesota River, Big Nine,

and Metro West Conferences. Game exchanges are made with other associations in order

ensure that games were covered on a weekly basis.

• Section games are not within SOA’s game assignment scope, meaning that SOA has no

agreements or contracts in place with any sections to assign games.

• Tom Wollan was the Assignment Secretary for the 2021 season and was also the Rules Clinician

representing SOA at MSHSL meetings.

• Three SOA crews were selected for state tournament games.

o The crew of Ed Kees, Randy Bodeker, Randy Hanson, Fred Kiewatt and Lamarr Sullivan

were selected to work a Class 3A State Quarterfinal game.

o The crew of Steve Vekich, Roy Artis, Greg Brown, Brian Shreve and Nick Worm were

selected to work a Class 5A State Semifinal game.

o The crew of Seth Rourke, Don Zeyen, Adam Churchill, Erik Christensen and Luke Teske

were selected to work a 6A State Quarterfinal game the Class 5A Prep Bowl game.

• SOA Football Meetings:

o The annual football meeting was held via Zoom.

o The Sunday night white-hat call-in averaged 6-10 crews each week.

• White Hats Jason Berg, Seth Rourke, Gordy Mroz and Ian Watwood have relocated or retired

from full-time high school football. Pat Carey, Josh Schoaf and Phil Worm are new white hats in

2022.

• Recruitment and retention of officials is at a critical state not only at the MSHSL level but also

with SOA. We need to recruit, and there really is not age limit. Mentoring, acceptance and

friendship of new officials will be critical to keeping them on the roster for years to come.

• We will continue to use Arbiter and its features in 2022.

• SOA has completed the necessary requirements to be listed as a Legacy Association with the

MSHSL.

• HUDL participation allowed for sharing of game films from participating schools. It is a time

intense process, for which improvements are being planned for the 2022 season. HUDL is an

important tool to help crews learn and for training officials.

• I am looking forward to the 2022 season and hope that it will be a healthy one for everyone.

Football notes voted and approved with no objections or discussion

VP of Softball John Schaefer presented SB annual report.

(insert Softball report notes)

Notes voted and approved with no objections or discussion

Ellen Degler shared her experience as a multi-level official to encourage other football officials and offer a message to the group that can be shared in outside recruiting efforts.

**Board Position Status**

1. Secretary/Treasurer to be voted on 2022
2. President & At-Large positions to be voted on in 2023
3. VP of Softball & VP of Football Positions to be voted on in 2024

Michael Heifort submitted in advance of the Annual Meeting to be considered and voted on as the next Secretary/Treasure. Motion carried and vote was approved with no objections.

Motion to vote Tom Wollan as Football Assigner carried for the 2022-2023 Season with no objections. No other members submitted for consideration.

Tom Wollan submitted as Softball Assigner pending approval of a salary increase of $1000. Board had met recently to discuss this and at this time has not approved the additional salary expense noting the current operating income. No other members submitted for consideration. This position will be open for the time being and the Association will seek an alternative for the position.

Steve Fager requesting an email to members notifying members of open positions to be voted upon

**No New Business**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07pm