SUBURBAN OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

SUBURBAN OFFICIALS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 20, 2011

* Suburban Officials Association annual meeting called to order by President Jack Shawn on June 20th, 2011 at 6:40 PM.
* Jack thanked those that played golf today prior to the annual meeting, and thanked membership for their attendance at the annual meeting.
* The minutes from the past annual meeting were accepted as read and printed on the Suburban Web site.

* The financial report was read and accepted.
* **Presidents Report-Jack Shawn**
  + Jack addressed the need to define our plan for the future of SOA in the areas of:
    - Mentoring
    - Required Training
    - Associate memberships
    - Different dues structure
      * Jack called for the membership to consider serving SOA by being a part of the planning and implementation of the above areas of change.
  + **Metro Fee Structure** 
    - Reported that fees, after negations were completed, will increase by $1/$1/over the next two years.
  + **Training Opportunities**
    - Expressed the need to continue to seek out opportunities that will make us better at what we do. All sports that we serve have many opportunities for growth.
  + **Association Incorporation**
    - Informed membership that we are in the process to Incorporate SOA during the 2011-2012 year.
  + **Turn back a game to take a better game**
    - Jack warned that members found to have done the exchange of games without notification to our assigners will have their entire schedule pulled.
* **Old Business**
  + **Football-Mike Nevin/Tom Wollan**
    - Reported that training for football will be in place for this coming season. Details will follow by email and posting on our web site.
    - Reported that our mentorship program will be up and running this fall.
    - Explained that the football dues increase will support the filming cost of crews to be viewed by observers.
  + **Basketball-Chris Olson**
    - Reported that we are working on a mentoring program that will be set in motion during the 2011-2012 season.
    - Encouraged members to attend any and all training sessions available to us. The need to attend a three man mechanics training season is a must for all officials.
    - Reported that contacting your partner is a must, and not doing so may cause the loss of future games.
    - It was reported that the greatest number of officials have been dropped in some conferences due to their attitude. Communication between officials and coaches remains the key to working games.
  + **Softball-Ron Hamann**
    - Ron asked membership to take advantage of all training sessions available to us.
    - Reported that we had 26 members work Section games and 5 work the State tournament with two turning down the opportunity.
    - Reported that this was one of the worst seasons due to weather. We scheduled eight tournaments this year with only five played.
* **New Business**
  + **SOA Golf Outing**
    - Will be scheduled for annual meeting date the first of June.
  + **SOA Web Site-Wally Larsen**
    - Membership asked to use our web site allowing the membership not to miss key information.
    - Asked membership to email any input for improvements to our site.
  + Motion was made to vote on annual minutes as posted on the Suburban Web Site without the reading of minutes at annual meeting. Motion carried.
  + Jack asked membership to make sure they only register on GotOfficials.com one time.

* **Election of Officers**
  + The following were elected to serve SOA:
    - Assigner-Basketball B/G Ron Hamann
    - Assigner-Softball Ron Hamann
    - Assigner- Football Tom Wollan
    - President Jack Shawn
    - Executive Secretary/Treasurer Wally Larsen
* After election of officers were concluded, several members thanked Mike Nevin for his many years of commitment and leadership to SOA and its growth in becoming one of the largest and respected associations in the State of Minnesota.
* **Meeting Adjournment**
  + **7:40**