**SUBURBAN OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**

**SUBURBAN OFFICIALS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**June 12, 2017**

**2016-2017 Annual Meeting**

The Suburban Officials Association annual meeting was called to order by President Jack Shawn on June 12th, 2017 at 7:15 PM.

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

After the SOA Boards approval of the 2016-2017 financials during a Board review, the financial report

was read and accepted.

**Sport Reports**

**FOOTBALL ANNUAL REPORT**

* We have 134 members. 19 full-time crews, 1 full-time swing crew and 1 part-time swing crew worked high school games in 2016.
* SOA assigned varsity games to 42 schools. Primarily working in the South Suburban, Minnesota River, Big Nine and Metro West Conferences.
* A vast majority of our crews worked at least an opening round section play-off game.
* The following crews officiated in the 2016 MSHSL State Tournament:
  + Steve Vekich with Roy Artis, Jerry Tiegs, Brian Shreve and Nick Worm were selected to work a AAAA Quarter-Final game
  + Jason Berg with Nate Lefebvre, Pat Carey, Jason Glad and Chad Korba were selected to work a AAAA Quarter-Final Game
  + Brent Dack with Jeron Schmidt, Kelly Ternes, Phil Ayeni, and Cory Lorenzen were selected to work a AAAAA Semi-Final Game
  + Tom Wollan with Ben Schreiber, Steve Wolvin, Gordy Hanson and Phil Worm were selected to work a AAAAA Semi-Final Game
  + Josh Schoaf and Greg Westerman officiated as replacements
* Currently, we have 19 crews scheduled to work full schedules in the fall of 2017 and 2 swing crews.
* SOA Football Meetings:
  + Rules discussion meeting were held on the last Sunday of each month during January thru June at the Augsburg Library
  + One discussion meeting was held in July of 2016 and two meetings in August of 2016
  + 2016 General Football meeting included an exercise where officials viewed plays and then voted as the legality of each play on their smart phones.
  + Thanks to Sandra Setter-Larsen, Activities Director at Eagan High School for allowing use of the facilities for SOA meetings.
* We assigned crews to officiate pre-season scrimmages at Lakeville South, Farmington, Bloomington Jefferson, Minnetonka, Park Cottage Grove and Burnsville High Schools.
* SOA has completed the necessary requirements to be listed as a Legacy Association with the MSHSL.
* HUDL participation allowed for sharing a number of game films from participating schools. The number of SOA crews receiving films and the number of high schools sharing game films has increased. Game films of about 70% of games done by SOA officials were shared with the crews. It will continue to increase and is a vital method of training for officials.
* Pre-Season Training-Officials not on a varsity crew worked pre-season games in August of 2016 at both Lakeville South and Burnsville High Schools. Thanks to Neil Strader, Activities Director at Lakeville South High School and Jeff Marshall, Activities Director at Burnsville High School as well as their coaching staffs for their support. These games involved 5-person crews of experienced officials working alongside the newer officials. Thanks to ***(fill in names of clinicians)*** for volunteering their time.
* Mentoring of officials continued with new officials are paired with a veteran official on their first varsity games and then again at the end of the year. This process is meant to encourage frank and honest feedback and suggestions on how to continue to improve as an official.
* High School students were assigned youth games with the hope that a percentage of them will continue officiating.
* The following SOA members are on MIAC, UMAC, WIAC or NSIC NCAA conference rosters for the 2017 season—Steve Vekich, Roy Artis, Jerry Tiegs, Brian Shreve, Gordy Hanson, Steve Wolvin, Phil Worm, Nick Worm, Marty Pekarna, Jason Berg, Josh Schoaf, Ryan Kees, Joe Wollan, Kelly Ternes, Seth Rourke, Kelly McCrary, Jay Leach, Ben Schreiber, Jeron Schmidt, Cory Lorenzen, Tom Odegard and Tom Wollan.
* ASSIGNORS REPORT
  + VICE PRESIDENT OF FOOTBALL—Mike Baxter
  + ASSIGNMENT SECRETARY—Tom Wollan

**BASKETBALL ANNUAL REPORT**

Thanks to President- Jack Shawn for his many years of service and everything he has done from officiating to assigning to training for SOA.

Thanks to Assignor- Ron Hamann for his 30+ years of service to this association. I would like to personally Thank Ron for everything he has done for me in my officiating journey. It was an absolute blast to work with him and get to know him more over the past year.

Congratulations to all who made it to the tournament! Proof of how strong of a basketball staff we have:

1. Pat Rock

2. Jordan Stolp

3. Gordy Hanson

4. Andy Demorett

5. Russ Zabel

6. Dwight Kruger

7. Jeff Peters

8. Erik Christensen

9. Lamarr Sullivan

10. Angie Arhedt

11. Rafeal Iglesias

12. Steve Vekich

13. Scott Schoaf

14. April Kabes

15. Dawson Blanck

16. Jerry Tiegs\* (retiring)

17. Amy Briggs

18. John Ista

19. Rick Erickson

20. Racheal Price

21. Deb Wienrise

22. Joe Wollan

* With the Great highs comes a very difficult announcement of us losing the south suburban conference girl’s conference to MOA next season. This now gives us: Big Nine, MCAA, Minneapolis Conference, MN River, Suburban East, Tri Metro, Other Independent schools

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* We need to do a better job all of us in recruitment of new officials and we need to keep you our returning basketball officials.

* 3 Key Improvements 1) We need to have everyone’s calendar up to date 500+ turn backs is not expectable, 2) Training we need to continue to give you training opportunities and all officials need to take these opportunities , 3) We need to continue to get quality games but with that treat every game as the biggest game that night.

* **Observers Program**
  + We had over 30observations sent in that drove to the largest number in years of officials getting into state and also helping newer officials improve. We are looking triple that number in the next 2 years.
  + Would love more veterans step up and take on observer opportunities.
* Thanks again for a great 16-17 season we have exciting changes upcoming and look forward to a great 17-18 season.
  + **Josh Schoaf**

**SOFTBALL ANNUAL REPORT**

* This year softball had their elected Vice President, Warren Collatt, and move out our state to TX in February. Dallas Apfelbacher had then assumed the interim VP of Softball role.
* Ron Hamman continued to assign all games in 2017, and did a fabulous job in this role.

This season SOA assigned 78 different umpires with MSHSL Softball Games.

* We had a few umpires leave our association from the softball ranks. Three of them moved out of our area, others were injured and needed the season to heal, some retired, and others decided to work games for other associations. With this, we also were able to gain some new umpires. Some were new to umpiring MSHSL softball, and a couple were recruited from other associations.
* We were able to get a few additional umpires to the MSHSL Level 3 classification, and allowed us to nominate them for the MSHSL State Softball Tournament.
* This year we had 11 umpires work MSHSL State Tournament games, with 6 of our officials working one of the four finals.
  + **Dallas Apfelbacher**

**New Business**

Rick Hardy was appointed to the position of VP of Football for the remainder of Mike Baxter’s term after his resigning his position. Rick will serve out the term until 2018 meeting.

Dallas Apfelbacher was appointed to the position of VP of Softball for the remainder of Warren Collatt’s term after his resigning his position. Dallas will serve out the term until 2019 meeting.

**ELECTIONS**

* **President**
  + **Andrew Aller**- Unopposed
* **Secretary/Treasurer**
  + **Wally Larsen**-Unopposed
* **Football Assignment Secretary**
  + **Tom Wollan**-Unopposed
* **Basketball Assignment Secretary**
  + **Brent Himmerick**-Unopposed
* **Softball Assignment Secretary**
  + **Ron Hamman**-Unopposed
* **Football Vice President**
  + **Rick Hardy…**by appointment
    - Term-6/12/17-5/31/2018
* **Softball Vice President**
  + **Dallas Apfelbacher…**by appointment
    - Term-6/12/2017-5/31/2019

Jack spoke to his passion for SOA and how he enjoyed serving the association which he viewed as an honor. His commitment as President during the past thirty one years was truly a gift to SOA’s membership.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:00**