SUBURBAN OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

SUBURBAN OFFICIALS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JULY 8, 2009

* Suburban Officials Association annual meeting called to order by President Jack Shawn on July 8, 2009 at 8:09 PM.
* Jack reported that we had eight foursomes play golf, prior to annual meeting, and thanked membership for their attendance at meeting.
* Jack introduced retired members of SOA in attendance.
  + Bob Sumpter
  + Gary Ustruck
  + Durk Barger
  + Scott Prosheck
* An introduction of new members as well as others was done followed by the reading of minutes from the past annual meeting. The minutes were approved as read. The financial report was read and accepted.

# PRESIDENT’S REPORT Jack Shawn

* + Jack spoke for the need to continue our growth, looking for strong officials, and to continue to search for minorities, both making us a stronger association.
  + Jack provided a handout of the Metro fee structure and reported that the listed fee structure will end after the 2010 seasons. It was also mentioned that the Metro AD’s prefer to wait to move forward with a new structure until the current agreement expiries.
  + It was reported that many conferences will be returning to two officials for basketball for the 2009-2010 season due to cost.
  + Jack advised the membership of training opportunities by providing a handout with dates and locations.
* **Proposed Constitution Changes / Amendments**
  + Jack provided a handout of constitution changes and amendments, followed by a description of the need for changes.
    - A typo was noted as to the number of days schedules would be provided to officials prior to their season from 60 to 30 days.
    - Motion to approve changes with one correction was made and seconded. Motion carried..
* **Conference Re-Alignments**
  + Discussion of conference changes and the impact to schedules was lead by Jack .
    - Lake Conference has lost Chaska and Chanhassen to the Masota Conference.
      * Wayzata and Hopkins have appealed to the MSHSL to consider moving them to another conference.
* **2008 Football Re-Cap / Training Gordy Hanson**
  + Gordy reported that we will have twelve new football officials for the 2009 season.
  + Reported that we are starting a mentorship program.
  + Four dates for football training have been set.
    - Information will be shared via email and the SOA web site.
* **2008 / 2009 Basketball Re-Cap / Training** **Chris Olson**
  + Chris reported that we had eleven officials work the state tournament this past year.
  + Announced the training opportunities at U of M and Duluth
  + Mentioned the SOA web site as a source of information.
* **2009 Softball Re-Cap Ron Hamann**
  + Spoke of great training for officials under the leadership of Mark Olfke .
  + Best year ever-no section games rained out.
  + Reported the MSHSL’s change with new tournament format forcing fewer games.
  + Eight officials worked State.
* **Annual Meting**
  + Membership was afforded and opportunity to share their views of combined golf/membership meeting. A motion was made to continue our new format. Motion carried will all members voting yeas.
* **SOA Website Presentation Wally Larsen**
  + Reported to membership that the SOA web site is up and running.
* **Linked-in Presentation Rick Hardy**
  + Spoke of Web connection to help members to network in job search.
  + Could also be used to exchange info on sports.
  + Rick will setup and provide the leadership for site.
* **Pay Increase Proposal Jack Shawn**
  + Board made motion to increase fees paid to board members for their positions as follows:

Current Proposed

Lower Level Football $1,000 $1,400

Basketball $3,000 N / C

Softball $2,000 $3,000

Varsity Football $1,250 $1,300

Secretary Treasurer $ 650 $1,000

School Liaison $1,500 $2,000

Net Change $9,400 $11,700 +$2,300

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Motion carried

**Election of Officers**

Assign Secretary – Football Mike Nevin & Tom Wollan

Assignment Secretary – Basketball Ron Hamann

Assignment Secretary – Softball Ron Hamann

Vice President – Football Jerry Tiegs

# CLOSING COMMENTS Jack Shawn

* Great year
* We are a solid group getting better, but we must keep working to get better.
* Continue our unity.
* We need to setup mentor programs in all sports.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28