

North Texas Referee Board Meeting

September 13th, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Michele Furlong at 2:03pm. At this time, there is a quorum of board members present.

Board members in attendance

Michele Furlong, Hayden Mitchell, Michelle Kellen, Steve Robb, Chad Klunk, Jeff West,

Board Members Absent:

Melanie Murdock, Chris Tobey, Brian Borski

Minutes from last meetings

Discussion about amending minutes from last meeting due to mistakes

- In the section Attendance- Remove new from the section marked new board member present to now read Board members in attendance (after election)
- On the top of page 2 it is stated "Art V, Sec 2 will be amended as follows:" This will be changed to read "Article V, Sec 2 will be changed as follows:" There was no amendment since this document had not been formally voted on.
- The bullet point on page one that reads, "The national office anticipates a new PowerPoint...." The date is changed to 9/1/2009 to reflect the actual date, not 12/1/2009.
- The first line on page two regarding Article V, Section two will be amended to read...." The individual will be subject to removal upon 2/3 vote of the board."
- In the approval of minutes section strike "were approved with no changes"
- In the others present section change Mathiesen and Kanellos and Philip Hoffman to reflect correct spellings of names.

Approval of minutes

A motion was made by Chad Klunk to accept the June 12th minutes as amended. Second by Michele Furlong. Motion passed to accept minutes as amended.

Registration

New Registration is open now on Web point. The cost to join is \$45 and if a background check is needed it is an additional \$18. There is a new way to designate if you both coach and officiate. Registration opened September 1st.

Reports from Officers/Committees.

Budget- Hayden Mitchell

- Change supplies from \$600 to \$400 to reflect the fact that scorekeeping pins are now paid through the juniors budget
- Under income it was not stated that Juniors Training should be \$12,000 due to pending approval by the junior's board.
- Change Official (s) Coordinator pay to say Coordinators' Salaries. This includes Official's chair and Vice President of Juniors Training. (Currently Michele Furlong and Michelle Kellen)
- Grant has not been reconciled for 2010-2011. It is currently blank.
- The Gifts line has been broken into two parts for Head Ref clothing and VIK-regionals.
- Discussion about National Clinic Costs and this will be decided at a later date due to uncertainty of costs.

A motion was made by Michele Furlong to accept budget. Second by Michelle Kellen. Motion passed to accept budget.

Special Interests report- Steve Robb

- Guidelines sheet for Head Referees was discussed.
- 48 hours to complete tournament evaluation forms is added.
- Change Referee chair to Official's Coordinator
- Research if \$300 for 9+ courts was approved by the Junior board.
- Change scorekeeping chair to Vice President of Juniors Training.

Education and Training- Chad Klunk

- Training will be similar to last year.
- Move new official training to a scrimmage, away from opening tournament. Early in the season when they are practicing. The reason for this is to have more experienced officials available to help train.

Advancement- Chad Klunk

- A document was created outlining expectations for all levels of advancement.
- This document will be available for all officials.
- Remove the word much before difficulty in both the Regional to Jr National and Provision to Regional where level of play is discussed.

Old Business

National Clinics/fees

- The North Texas region will charge a total of \$40 for all people attending a national clinic in our region.
- There will be a one hour module following the national clinic to cover North Texas Volleyball training/business.

Facility Ground Rules

- We need to continue from last year's process of checking all facilities and stating ground rules for play. These ground rules will ensure consistency week to week.
- Steve Robb and the Special Interests Committee have been assigned to finish this process. This task is to be completed by December 1st.

Operating Code

- Article IV. Added the word "cleared" to background check
- Article V section 2 Attendance at meetings in mandatory; missing two (2) meetings in a row without the approval of the Officials Coordinator will result in removal from the Officials Board.
- Article III Add **in process**, before provisional to be consistent with all other documents
- Article VI Change position one (#1) and two (2) in even years and position three (#3) and four (#4) to odd years.
- Article VIII remove star from Junior Training, make it bullet point.
- Under Special interest strike the phrase "including but not limited to Head/Lead referee training and R2 clinic training."

A Motion was made by Michele Furlong to accept amendments to the Operating code. Seconded by Hayden Mitchell. Motion passed.

Professionalism Document

Advancement committee is working on a professionalism document. This will state what is expected of referees in relation to acting in a professional manner. This document is expected to be completed by November 1st.

New Official Questions

Michele Furlong wants one point person to handle questions from new officials. Liz Wilson has volunteered to be this person. It will be stated it may take up to 24 hours to respond. This means Liz will be responsible for helping new officials with questions regarding computer, registration, where to be, etc... There will be a link added to the website.

Head ref pay- beach tournaments. (R Barlow)

- The junior board has asked the officials board to devise a pay schedule for head refs for beach tournament.
- Michele Furlong has appointed a committee of Jeff West (chair), Greg Milam, and Hayden Mitchell to explore options and come up with a recommendation for the Junior Board for their meeting next week. Michele would like the proposal by Friday September 18th.

Head ref pay for courts used- J West-

- Sometimes in tournament a 5 court facility is only using 4 courts. Or on Saturday 4 courts are being used and Sunday 5 courts are being used. Should head refs be paid for 4 or 5 court, especially if it is dropped to four courts at the last minute?
- It was decided that head refs will be paid for the actual number of courts used for the tournament or day. .

Head Ref pay 7+ courts- Steve Robb.

- Recommendation that head refs are paid \$250 for a facility with 7 or 8 courts.
- Head refs at 9-12 courts should be paid \$300.
- This needs to be approved by the junior's board.

Brain Borski has missed two meetings without approval or notification to Officials Chairperson or region staff. Michele Furlong decided to remove Brian from the board. The position will be posted and an electronic ballot will occur. Resumes will be accepted for a week after which the voting will take place.

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:08pm. Steve Robb motioned, Michele Furlong seconded the motion. Motion approved.