

With the end of the 2012 Boys Lacrosse season I would like to thank those of you who stepped up during the season and accepted assignments on short notice, at times very short notice. My hope is that more of you will do so in the future. Also, thanks to those who were diligent in maintaining their closed dates thus eliminating unnecessary phone calls and again I hope more of you will do so in the future.

A special thanks to those of you who followed through with E-mailing me "evals" on the Officials that I requested...they were very helpful.

Thank you too to those of you who were prompt in E-mailing me reports on game ejections so the information could be passed on to VPA in a timely manner. It is very important that these situations be handled expeditiously and in a professional manner.

There were over 440 Boys Lacrosse games assigned this past season and thanks to many of you making an extra effort all were staffed by two Officials with the exception of one Essex Frosh Jamboree game (which is one too many). To quote Abe... "Awesome!!"

VLOA has 55+ members including three residing in New Hampshire and three residing in Massachusetts. All VLOA members are eligible, if qualified, to work any High School Level Boys Lacrosse games in Vermont be it a Freshman Jamboree or a Division I Finals...at any position.

VLOA is one of the strongest, if not the strongest, Officials Association in the State because of its members. I say this after chatting with the Ads, VPA, other sports Commissioners/Assignors, Coaches and Officials from other sports the past few years.

That being said there is more than enough room for improvement and it starts with VLOA Members attending all the VLOA meetings and standing before the membership to propose their ideas and thoughts about how we, as an organization, can move forward. And after doing so be willing to step up and work with others in the organization on implementing what the membership decides. Anyone can sit back grouching and complaining, sending toxic letters and E-mails...that's counterproductive and interferes with the progress of any organization. VLOA needs its members to step up and take the organization to the next level.

Recently there have been ideas proposed on how to improve our training and training methods thus improving the performance of ALL Boys Lacrosse Officials on the field. They will and should be presented to the membership for discussion and possible implementation.

The position of Vermont Boys Lacrosse Commissioner/Assignor is determined by the schools and I "work" for the ADs, all 33 of them. They expect, rightfully so, that the Officials assigned to any level of their games will keep the game(s) safe, know the rules, and "work" the games in a professional manner. It is VLOA's "job" to provide me, as the Assignor, with those Officials.

Finally...call me if you have any issues with how I am discharging my duties to the schools and ADs. My "door" is always open.

I look forward to 2013...think Spring!! Terry