

VOLA Business Mtg Pt. 2 Meeting 6/6/12

Called to order at 6:17

Treasurers report- Jamie- 2012"On budget"- There was no money spent for evaluations

- There is money available for members to get reimbursed for camps, trainings, etc.
- Jamie proposed a budget for 2013 which was passed
- Jamie announced dues for 2013 are being accepted. Dues are one(1) varsity game fee(currently \$75). They are due at the time of the meeting, but if Jamie gets dues payment in the mail with in a week(from the meeting) he will accept them without the penalties that are outlined in the by-laws

Interpreters report- Eric had nothing to report . This was followed by a rousing cheer from the membership. (Eric was obviously saving himself for the mug stories-editorial addition)!

Training Coordinators report- Keith read a report from Jim Farrell who was unable to attend the meeting( see attached report)

- There was some discussion of the evaluation process which centered around the process(US Lax has an template for such) and who gets evaluated( focus on new officials or are all refs subject to evaluation)
- The value of adding a mentor for new officials was briefly discussed. There were differing opinions on the value of a formalized program. Many think there is value with working with many veteran officials and take things from each referee they work with.

George Cook was given a place in the agenda but was unable to attend the meeting, so Keith read George's letter stating his concerns and recommendations for the VLOA. In summary, George would like to see existing members(especially newer ones) to take advantage of the numerous camps and training opportunities that exist and he would like to see the evaluation process expanded and better utilized. He feels this would allow the VOLA to continue to improve as an organization.

- There was discussion following the reading of the letter.

Assignors report- Terry reported he received many compliments from coaches in regards to HS games worked by VLOA officials during the season. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year this has happened.

-Terry thanked all officials for their flexibility in regards to accepting last minute assignments because of late changes

-Terry awarded the "suitcase award" to Mark Stanglin for logging the most miles during the season and handed a new honor Emergency assignment to Rick Chambers

-The executive committee voted to include a VLOA compensated CBO to compliment the three on field officials for the Division 1 and 2 finals

-Matt Birmingham was named official of the year by the VT. high school coaches and will be honored at the Senior Showcase game in Middlebury on June 10.

The Uniform for next season was changed to include black shorts and short black socks consistent to what is already being done in college and in high school associations across the nation

Sportsmanship awards- Div. 1-BFA- St. Albans Div2- Stowe. Their awards will be handed a halftime of the respective championship games

New VP- The nominating committee asked Clay Westbrook to be the New Vice President and he accepted. His name was placed in nomination by Bill Powell, which was seconded and then passed by the membership. Clay will be the VP for two years and will assume the role of president after that.

The business portion of the meeting was closed to allow the telling of stories for the coveted O'Malley Mug. Abe gave a brief history of the mug and passed on the responsibility of purchasing and engraving the Mug to the executive committee(which we will gladly do). Eric Evans reclaimed the O'Malley Mug with a series of stories whose authenticity can't be verified, but were very entertaining nonetheless

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