

VLOA business meeting minutes 19 March 2017

The meeting began with an introduction by Bill Powell of the VLOA board, of vice president Brett DiVenere. DiVenere was appointed to fill the remainder of Chris Harlow's term; Harlow notified VLOA that he was removing himself from office, due to a medical situation that will require extended recovery.

Powell introduced VPA representative Bob Johnson, who updated the group on VPA and Lacrosse Committee activity, and gave a legislative "heads up" on H. 100 (sudden cardiac arrest prevention). Bob reviewed the 2013 legislation that resulted in high school officials in 4 "collision" sports being required to pass concussion training bi-annually. Johnson further refined the term of "medical personnel on field" and what this means as a practical matter (that the personnel have the required license as certified trainer or "appropriate personnel")

Secretary Paul Trono reported on concussion and rules test and updated us on registration information

Assignor Jim Farrell reported on schedule changes as schools update schedules, so re-assignments will happen. Farrell emphasized to all to work on very good communication for all aspects of officiating. He further elaborated on communication for ejections or rough game situations to contact the Assignor ASAP. He noted that declining a game in Arbiter will not block out a day, so be clear when you decline to also block out.

If the time changes, you will get an email from Jim and from Arbiter. If you have to decline, give Assignor as much lead time as possible. Mileage Form: 50 cents/mile. We will use a form this year. You are responsible to keep track of your mileage. Google form available for submitting mileage by 3 **June**.

We can help the Assignor out by knowing if someone might be available. BUT ultimately, let the Jim know. Jim provided guidance as to the pre-game preparation, including:

Pregame: Arrive 25-30 minutes beforehand. Be ready to officiate and talk about the game. How we are handling the big stuff! Talk, have a plan. If it doesn't come up in pregame, get together on it before making a decision. Know the VPA Guidelines

Training of the new members was conducted by Clay and Brett.

The meeting reconvened at 11 am. There was one business item, to vote on the proposed by-law revisions. The motion to move the proposed by-laws was made by Brett, second by Doug. The motion was approved unanimously.

Notes by Brett DiVenere
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