

Draft minutes VLOA business meeting, 11 March 2018 @ Vtech/Randolph.

Powell opened the meeting @ 9:05 by welcoming returning & new members:

After reporting the absence of Assignor Terry Harlow, the meeting turned to Training Instructor Evans, who marched through the rule book and pointed to the rules review:

2018 NFHS Rules Interpretation Video (updated Jan. 7, 2018)

- <https://youtu.be/hy79qyTNlhI>

2018 US Lacrosse Youth Boy's Lacrosse Rules Interpretation (updated Jan. 7, 2018)

- https://youtu.be/ISG5UI_TIKs

The membership discussed, and voted to use the “run left” mechanic for 2 man high school games. This is intended to provide better sight lines to the face-off for the two man system. This will be another item to communicate to the VPA and coaches, to advise the 2018 FO mechanic has the bench side official in front of the visitor bench.

After the new members returned to the meeting the business @ 10:45. The main item on the agenda was to elect a vice president. The nominating committee (Cook , Sihler) had forwarded two candidates, Benson and Dobbin. From the floor Snyder was nominated. The members elected Benson to serve; the executive board thanks Snyder and Dobbin for their interest, and reminds all members there are roles to fill in the organization and ways to strengthen VLOA's process and governance.

Additional votes under new business. The referee (2 or 3 man crew) is responsible for notifying/confirming rest of crew/driving plans/ pre – game arrival time, etc.

PT brought up the option to have the annual dues (paid @ June/final meeting) deducted from mileage check. Additionally the issue of whether US Lacrosse membership should be required of VLOA membership, to further cement our relationship with USL. At this time we have not met with USL to assess their recent structure revision of the VT chapter organization, through which VLOA has recently been well served in terms of the VT chapter's financial support to VLOA training activities. There is an increasing recognition that VLOA and USL have more opportunity to grow as partners for development of all officials.

PT raised the issue of the two sportsmanship awards, and Gerry Gigras' passing needing to be properly commemorated. The discussion expanded, to suggest that a “founding fathers” award reference be given to the two division teams with lowest PIM. No decision was made; the executive board will consider this and advance a recommendation before the end of the 2018 season.