



Rock River Officials Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes of Sunday, March 6, 2022 ...held at CGH Medical Center - Sterling, IL...

Attendance: 16 members present

Dave Trueblood	Vern Tervelt	Larry Dessing	Ken Wilcoxon
Jim DuBois	Les Huisingh	Chris Breitbach	Jerry Lindsey
Brad Ebersol	Brad Steinhagen	Jon Santos	Therol Anderson
John Kereven	Dave Olinger	Tom Nance	Kris Wilcoxon

Baseball and Softball held sport specific meetings at 4:00 pm.

I. General Membership Meeting called to order at 5:13 pm by Jim DuBois

A. Call for New Members - no action taken

B. Treasurer's Report: John Kereven

Current balance: \$1,739.52

Motion to approve by Dave Olinger, second by Larry Dessing. Passed unanimously.

C. Secretary's report

Motions to approve by Dave Trueblood, second by Ken Wilcoxon. Passed unanimously.

D. Old Business

1. Larry Dessing conducted a discussion on the importance of communication between officiating crew members.
 - a. It was agreed that this type of discussion, held on topics of interest to all officials, should be a regular feature of the general membership meetings.
 - b. Dave Trueblood will be creating a hyperlink on the RROA website that will access multiple articles on officiating in general that can be used for discussion at general membership meetings. Also at that hyperlink will be articles on softball and baseball officiating and articles on conduct of associations.
2. Recruit and Retain committee
 - a. Tom Nance reviewed the officials' shortage crisis on a national and local level. He noted that the RROA in a span of 10 years has gone from a roster of over 90 officials to our current number of 46. Nance reported that the Recruit and Retain committee met twice and has compiled a list of activities that the RROA membership can engage in to recruit and retain members. He asked for others to join this committee. Les Huisingh volunteered to help.

E. New Business

1. 21-22 post season assignments

Ken Wilcoxon; boys regional basketball at Riverdale

Dave Trueblood, basketball
boys 1A regional Orangeville, 1 game
Girls 1A regional Eastland, 1 game
Girls 2A regional Somonauk, full
Girls 1A Sectional Forreston, full
Girls 4A Super South Elgin

Jon Santos, football
1st round at Hononegah
2nd round at Byron
Semi Final 8 man @ Amboy

Jim DuBois
1st round 8man football
full 1A girls BSKB regional in Alwood
1 game in Girls 3A BSKB regional Rochelle

2. IHSA Summer Conference and requested donations

- a. Jim DuBois and Jon Santos will attend IHSA summer conference with support of RROA
- b. Gold sponsorship of conference publication will be purchased

3. Future meeting dates

Dave Trueblood and Tom Nance will work on future RROA meeting dates

4. End of year meeting: format, date, place

No specific plans were made regarding this topic.

F. Other discussion

1. Frustration was voiced by multiple members about lack of attendance of RROA meetings
2. Schedule books will no longer be ordered.
3. Discussion on membership fees was left with no change.

Motion for adjournment at 6:31 by Dave Trueblood, second by Dave Olinger. Passed unanimously.