



Rock River Officials Association

MINUTES for General Membership Meeting for Sunday, March 05, 2023

...held at CGH Medical Center - Sterling, IL...

I. 4:00pm – Baseball/Softball sport specific discussions, test review

Chairpersons: Softball: Dave Olinger, Tom Starr

Baseball: Ken Wilcoxon, Jim DuBois

II. 5:00pm – General Membership Meeting

A. Call to Order Jim DuBois *Called to order at 5:01 by president DuBois*

B. Call for New MembersJim DuBois

Kathy Clark and Tory Escamilla acknowledged as new members

C. Treasurer's ReportJohn Kereven

\$1,861.44

Motion to accept report by Larry Dessing; seconded by Jim DuBois; passed unanimously

D. Secretary's ReportTom Nance

Motion to accept minutes of precious meeting by K. Wilcoxon; seconded by Bill Westcott

Passed unanimously

E. Old Business Jim DuBois

1. Officiating 101 (discussion on a general officiating topic)..... Tom Nance

1. These presentations should be kept under 10 minutes.

2. Topic: How To Develop the Mental Skills to Thrive and Advance as an Official

This discussion, participated in my multiple attendees, lasted just over 10 minutes.

2. Board vacancies: Changing the Assignor position to an At Large position

Motion was made by Chris Breitbach and seconded by Scott Sutherland to, per by-law requirement, notify the RROA organization that a vote will be taken at the next General Membership meeting as to whether the Assignor position should be changed to an At Large Position. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Recruit and Retain committee update... Tom Nance

a. Recruiting posters *All posters have been distributed to local high schools, colleges, and rec centers. The IHSA paid RROA the cost of the banners and Nance was reimbursed by the RROA for his purchase of the posters- \$300.*

b. SVCC class *Nance is currently working with SVCC to set up an officiating class that will initially focus on softball and baseball.*

c. Officially Human- Zoom webinar on recruiting

Various groups are working nationally and regionally to address the officials shortage. Varied rates of success have been reported.

F. New Business

1. Basketball season ending chairperson report: Jim DuBois, Ken Wilcoxon

Robust discussions were held during basketball sport specific meetings. Officials who received post season assignments are asked to give this information to Tom Nance.

2. Set-up committee for new officers vote at 1st GM meeting next season. Committee to put together a list by mid-June.

President DuBois asked for volunteers for this committee that will work to suggest potential candidates for RROA offices. He asked that anyone interested in being on this committee to contact him or Tom Nance.

3. Who will be attending the summer conference as our delegates? Paid admission has already been approved at last meeting.

President DuBois asked that anyone interested in being the RROA delegate for the conference this summer to contact him.

4. Location of meetings for rest of this year.

Due to the refurbishing of the Ryberg room where RROA meetings are usually held, future RROA meetings will be held at Montmorency school until further notice.

5. Next year meetings

President DuBois invited suggestions for improving attendance of meetings, including suggestions on meeting times. None were given.

Secretary Nance will be working on a calendar for meetings for next year.

6. End of season meeting

President DuBois asked if there was any interest in having an end-of-season meeting. No interest was expressed.

G. Other business *No other business was discussed.*

H. Motion for adjournment Jim DuBois

Motion for adjournment at 5:52 by Chris Breitbach, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Dessing. It passed unanimously.

Upcoming meeting dates:

March 26, 2023 (Sunday)	4:00pm 4:00pm	Softball – sport specific Baseball – sport specific
April 23, 2023 (Sunday)	4:00pm 4:00pm	Softball – sport specific Baseball – sport specific
May 7, 2023 (Sunday)	4:00pm 4:00pm	Softball – sport specific Baseball – sport specific