



East Coast Basketball Officials Association (ECBOA) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

3/08/23

I) Call to Order at 6:52PM

Joseph Erwin, Michael Smith, Jose Feliberty, Michael Francois (7:20), Dorian Hawkins, Jaylen Thompson (left at 9:19), Al Alfieri and Mark Deatley (call in). Erik Benz(invite)

II) Erik Benz gave season middle school update on assigning

- Problems include no blocks entered by officials, calling Yetta rather than going through him, struggling to find officials in Belle Glade.
- It was mentioned that Westley Shelton has been a problem as a coach, and has been very aggressive towards the officials.
- Lantana Middle not paying officials all year in any sport. Suggested to stop providing officials if not brought current. Board agreed unanimously.
- Regarding missing High School game fees, there are a total of 4 games still not paid. Pahokee and Spanish River have been notified.

III) Minutes from 1/8/23 board meeting reviewed.

- Jose requested 1 change. Made motion to approve with said change, 2nd by Dorian. Approved 7-0.

IV) Treasurer report by Jose

- JV Tournament, RSA, PBCSC, MLK, and Freshman tournament have all been paid.
- Partial payment of \$3650 to Mark DeAtley has been made for assigning.
- Erik Benz needs to be paid \$1700. Jose will invoice Valerie at the Palm Beach County School District for the high school assigning fees and the assistant assigning fee.
- All private school assigning fees have been collected

V) Pro Pay account discussion

- Joe gave a history of the pro pay account. Mention that \$94 was left in there to cover fees.
- The balance in the Wells Fargo account (primary account for ECBOA was \$26,869.06 as of 3/8/23

VI) Season Review

- Assigning was good, more balanced than previous years
- Request was made to Mark to get the schedule out sooner for personal planning purposes.
- Treasure Coast & Broward get schedules out 2 + weeks in advance vs 2-3 days for ECBOA
- Primary officials not available on busy nights due to pre booking with secondary associations
- Good crop of new and transferring officials, future looks good.
- Joe asked that everyone stop all the negative emails and dissention on the board.

VII) Mark Assigning review

- Last minute games and re assigning games was an issue.
- People still don't input blocks in a timely manner
- Large number of triple headers
- Daily follow up to re confirm games
- Joe reported that there was really only one coach who complained during the season, which was the Wellington head coach. Joe has offered to meet with him in person to discuss the issues.

VIII) Joe focus items for the coming season

- Working together, putting personal and political issues aside
- Calling people out on their unprofessional behaviors and poor performances
- Putting the association first and doing what is right for ECBOA and the future
- Wanting to revamp the evaluation and ranking process, open to all ideas.
- Summer evaluations for ranking changes, in season only for observation and improvement
- Discussed selecting certain games for a crew chief evaluation on the crew.
- Reviewing the recommendations process
- Summer training opportunities; PBAC and Perseverance events in June

IX) Open discussion

- All board members had an opportunity to give input and ideas moving forward.
- New Laptop with Office 365 for Secretary position, purchasing case books for new officials, identify passionate officials and encourage them, board coming together more. Mark offered to donate a laptop to the association.

X) Next meeting date 4/4 at location TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52pm.