



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

***4/10/2024***

- I) Call to Order at 6:45 PM. Meeting was held at Joe's office in Delray Beach.  
Dorian Hawkins, Mike Lewis, Joe Erwin, Mike Francois, Al Alfieri, Jerelle Bailey, Jaylen Thompson (left at 8:22 pm), Lee Lipsick (phone). Steve Gonedes was not in attendance.
- II) Assignor's Report and Q&A – Mark gave a comprehensive overview of the scheduling process ranging from getting the schedules in from the schools, entering the games in Arbiter, assigning the games and the process he follows, working with Yetta, fielding the numerous inquiries, game changes, etc. He said he assigned 2,761 games and 6,100 slots. There were 822 turnback's. Noted it was his "most painful" season in terms of scheduling due to not having enough officials. He noted we need better support from the schools, and explained how officials giving back games causes a domino effect in the schedule. He said he will work harder to get the schedule out sooner, and noted this was a challenge. Several Board members addressed the timing of getting a schedule out, and the importance of doing so. Mark asked the Board to help increase membership and focus on training and retention. He said people need to timely accept their games. Discussed how difficult it is to assign the private middle schools and the need to charge them a booking fee. Mark discussed the new assigning fees that the FHSAA has set. He again reiterated that he would work to get the schedule out sooner. Everyone was afforded the opportunity to ask Mark questions, which he addressed. Overall, it was a comprehensive look and discussion on our scheduling process, which Joe said is one of the most important things that we undertake.
- III) Recap of Meeting with School District (Valerie)
  - Joe gave an update on his and Mark's meeting with Valeria on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - We asked the district to help us spread the games out over a longer week, and the need to have boys and girls games played on "traditional" nights if possible.
  - Discussed assistance needed from certain schools, and safety and security for our officials.
- IV) Preliminary Budget Review
  - Dorian presented a preliminary budget, and we had much discussion on it. Budget was tabled for further consideration and discussion.
  - Jerelle made a motion to pay our officials missing regional game fees before the money was collected. The motion passed. Joe and Mike L. voted against it.
- V) Survey Update
  - Dorian gave an update on the survey and a few questions that need for conversation.
  - Everyone agreed to get it wrapped up for distribution.
  - Dorian discussed a cheaper survey site that we can possibly use to launch the survey. He was asked to proceed.
- VI) Open Discussion / For the Good of the Cause
  - Everyone had a chance share ideas, thoughts, and opinions

The meeting was adjourned at ~ 9:30.