



August 3, 2020 - Board Meeting

Board Members Present

Caleb Smith, Randy Clay, Ricky Miller, Moses Shelby, Thomas Aly, Jeff Groban, Chad Hoffman, Bart Craig, Cory James (via Zoom Call), Winkie James (via Zoom Call), Rob Durham (via Zoom Call),

Board Members Absent

Maurice Gindratt

Location: {+} Pink Goose Media

Called Meeting to Order

1 - RECRUITING & PROMOTING

- Abilene Basketball Chapter has lost around 40 officials from the 2019 season. This is somewhat typical. We have lost some veteran officials for this season due to COVID.
- We currently have 138 officials. Last year we had close to 180.
- There will be no ACU class for basketball officiating that is led by Odies Wright. We'll have to work harder to recruit college kids.
- This is a challenging season to be recruiting and promoting because of the pandemic.
- Action items
 - Rick will be responsible for updating information on our flyers and getting them to Universities. College flyers have been successful and where our chapter gets several college officials. We can send flyers to Bart for HSU, Odies for ACU and Ligon for Stephenville.
 - Rob will write a press release for TV, radio and newspapers.
 - Jeff will talk to Evan at KTXS and a few radio stations.
 - Caleb will talk to Bobby Garcia at KTXS to ask about potential PSA.
 - Caleb will work on promoting through social media and website.
- We discussed the possibility of Zoom being an option at our meetings this year. It's possible we can recruit more out-of-town officials if we offered this.
- Motion: Rick Miller
- Second: Chad Hoffman

2 - RANKING

- The board continued our discussion about rankings.
- We received the results from Survey Monkey. Caleb gave board members a list with suggested rankings based on the survey results.
- Board advised to make observations on Caleb's list and make any suggestions/recommendations before next board meeting.
- We will finalize preseason rankings at our next board meeting.
- Motion: Thomas Aly
- Second: Randy Clay

3 - CHAPTER MEETINGS

- Wylie Junior High is our confirmed meeting place for this season. Coach Bacon has our meeting schedule. Our preferred room is the big cafeteria with court in the back. We anticipate having to move rooms similar to last season.
- Rick updated us on contacting Official's Gear Outlet. He's had no luck, but will try again.
- Board suggested that we ask Official's Gear Outlet to come on October 28th instead of November 4th. We will ask Ref Life if they would like to come on November 4th.
- October 9th is our first Rookie Training. We need to push this heavily when we recruit new officials.
- We discussed and agreed that Bart and Winkie will lead our Rookie Trainings similar to last year. It will be helpful for board members to be there to help, but important that we let Bart and Winkie guide us.
- Thomas brought up the idea to break into smaller groups during the rookie trainings for questions to be asked and to allow our rookies more reps.
- Bart walked us through an overview of the topics we will be discussing at each of our meetings. We have a specific gameplan for our meetings this year. They are already planned out.
- The October 21 meeting will be mostly business, Arbiter explanation, Dues explanation and discussing Standard Operating Procedures.
- At all meetings Caleb will take the first 10 minutes to push ABC's culture and celebrate any wins within our organization.
- On October 28, November 11, December 2 and January 6 Board Members will have 10 minutes during our meeting to discuss topics that aren't in the Rules Book (i.e. - Game Management, How to Handle Coaches, Doing a Pregame, etc.) A Board Member will be responsible for teaching that topic. The rest of the time Bart will discuss part of the Rules Book and Case Book. At the end of these meetings we will discuss questions/

topics/situations that have already been submitted through board groups. Sometimes will have breakout sessions with our groups to go over these scenarios. Designated Board Reps will lead questions/scenarios with their group.

- On November 4 we will have a 2-man clinic in the gym. We would like for all of our members to sit in the stands and listen to 1 teacher on a microphone. We will use board members as volunteers to fill-in as Officials and players so the teacher can demonstrate to our members.
- On November 18 and December 9 Bart will have a shorter section to talk about Rules Book topic. The rest of the session we will breakdown film. Film breakdown will only be used to show our Officials the correct way to do things. If there's a situation in the film where we need to show an incorrect situation we will use film of officials that aren't in our chapter or we will get permission prior to the meeting if use our officials.
- December 9th is also our Toys for Tots pizza party. We anticipate that this meeting will be more fun and relaxed.
- January 20th we have 3-man clinic tentatively on the calendar. We will evaluate and observe the November 4th clinic to see how it goes and see if we want to keep this. If November 4 clinic is successful then we will run January 20th clinic the same way. Board nominations also close on this night.
- February 3rd is our Elections.
- February 17th is our Banquet.

4 - POSSIBLE CAMP - SEPTEMBER 12-13

- AYSA is having a tournament on September 12-13
- Board has agreed to approach this as a free camp. Board members will evaluate voluntarily.
- Campers will work one day to be evaluated by the board and one day with the opportunity to be paid regular game fees.
- Caleb will setup a registration for this.

5 - STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

- In light of COVID and the possibility of having Zoom as an option for our meetings, Rick asked about meeting attendance requirements.
- Caleb would like to have our Standard Operating Procedures as an official document that is easily found on our website.
- Caleb suggested that we model North Texas Chapter on Standard Operating Procedures website.

- Over the next couple of board meetings we will be voting on specific rules that we will follow this season and that will go into our Standard Operating Procedures for 2020-21 season.
- We anticipate there will be items specific to COVID that we can put into our Standard Operating Procedures.

6 - ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

- Moses talked to Willy Ford and Bobby Wilson about the possibility of catering our end-of-the-year banquet. He brought us a menu.
- Caleb suggested that we appoint 3 different committees...1 committee to look over ByLaws, 1 committee to plan our end-of-the-year banquet and 1 nominations/elections committee.
- Caleb will communicate through Basecamp about possible people that can serve on these committees.

7 - NEXT BOARD MEETING

- Was originally scheduled for September 7th. We need to reschedule since that is Labor Day.
- September 14th | 5:30-7:30p | Location: TBD

8 - ADJOURN

- Time: 7:26pm
- Motion: Ricky Miller
- Second: Randy Clay