



## ***CALIFORNIA FOOTBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION***

### ***FOOTBALL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES Sunday January 26, 2020 at Frantones, Cerritos***

- 1. Call to Order – CFOA President Mike Ostini** called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

**President Ostini** made opening remarks

- 2. Past President Ken Ay** then led us in the flag salute
- 3. Self-Introduction of Head Table and members of Affiliated Units** present; and special guests in attendance. Orange County Unit not in attendance.
- 4. Meeting called back to order** (after lunch break) at 12:55 pm by President Ostini. Mike spoke about the following:
  - a. Talked about the state of High School Football** and introduced Tom Freker, Recruitment Coordinator for the CIF, to speak to the group – Tom spoke about recruitment for the 560+ CIF-SS schools and sports programs, imploring all to check the CIF-SS and CIF-State web pages/sites (under the officials icon). He spoke about retention and training. Tom is going to forward a file to Mike Ostini and the CFOA S/T of prospective individuals that we may contact and get them started in the sport of football.
  - b. Mike appointed an Audit Committee**, which will consist of: Larry Obar, San Fernando Valley Unit, Jeff Taylor, VP - CFOA, and James Thomas, San Gabriel Valley Unit, to meet with the S/T and go thru the books of the Association and report back to the Executive Council at the June, 2020 EC meeting



- c. Mike mentioned the **NASO Summit**, which is to take place in Riverside, CA in July of 2023 and the Southern Section will be included in that venture; and they are counting on CFOA to assist.
- d. **Approval of Minutes** – of June 9, 2019 EC Meeting  
Motion to accept minutes as presented made by Long Beach Unit, second by South Bay Unit. Motion passed by acclamation
- e. President Ostini is going to form a **Constitution and By-Laws Committee** and have a report at the June, 2020 EC Meeting.
5. **Secretary-Treasurer Report – Bob McQueen** – The S/T spoke on the following subjects:
- a. A **Financial Summary Report** was presented to each person in attendance, with a full 2019 audit report to be presented at the June, 2020 EC Meeting.
- b. A **Budget** was presented and set for 2020, with all in attendance receiving a copy of such.
- c. **Dues** that affiliated units pay to the CFOA for instructional kits were discussed; in 2019 they were \$28.00 for a kit, in 2020 they will be set at \$25.00, (a \$3.00 deduction from 2019). Motion by South Bay, second by Long Beach. Discussion, Vote taken; Motion passed by a vote of 10-1
- Motion made by San Gabriel Valley Unit, second by Channel Coast Unit to eliminate the summer study guide/membership directory book that we have had in the past. Discussion, Vote taken, By a vote of 10-1, Motion carried
- d. The CFOA will explore getting up a **web page/site** in the place of the study guide/membership book



- e. 2020 order requests for instructional materials will go out in early February
- f. S/T requested Unit Officers and Contact Information (due Jan 26)  
- Some units still outstanding.
- g. Distribution of 2020 Instructional Materials - Units to be notified.
- h. **Mechanics Manuals:** That units would receive 10% of unit order, in the second year of a 3-year publication, and if a unit needed more manuals, they would be charged for those.
- i. Finally, S/T touched on the fact that 2 units (Long Beach and South Bays) accreditation expires in June, 2020 and those units should address the CIF-State in order to be in compliance.

## **6. State CIF Rules Interpreter Report – Steve Coover**

Steve Coover spoke about the recently completed HS season and he was very pleased at what he saw in the games he observed in how everything shook out. The Southern Section was well represented in bowl games (NCAA) and there were super officials on CIF-SS playoff contests and CIF-State finals contests. The games at Cerritos College were well officiated and Steve and the CIF people were pleased on how everything went down.

Steve spoke that there would be 6 new rule changes that will be implemented in 2020 – but could not expound on any of them at the January Meeting, but that they would be coming out shortly from the NFHS - (first part of February).

Did speak about a few items that were discussed and/or did not pass this time around:

- Electronic Signage



- Start play clock after an out of bounds play
- Neutral Zone – Expand to 3 yards
- Automatic first down on defensive PI
- Automatic first down – on all defensive personal fouls
- Fouls in offensive backfield – enforcement from LOS

Also spoke about discussion of the following:

- Blocking below the waist (in shotgun formation)
- Allow QB's to dump ball off outside of the free blocking zone

## **7. CFOA Instructional Chair Report – Bobby Kennedy**

Handed out a sheet with instructional outline for 2020

- Talked about Uniform Decorum
- Spoke about getting on the field earlier, biggest headaches / problems we faced this past season – Streamers and knee pads, that we must be consistent in applying the rule
- Spoke about possible mechanics changes/tweaks

That Orange County (and other units) have experimented with, on fourth down punts, moving the umpire into the offensive backfield

Bobby to create a form asking units to submit possible mechanics ideas/changes.

It was brought up that we should be advised / get together on changes as that everyone (all units) are doing the same thing

8. Nardy Samuels – Spoke about Camp Oxy and the importance of it in teaching 5 and 7-person mechanics in live situations, concentrating on those officials with zero to 5 years' experience



9. Other Items for discussion:

Lengthy discussion on Football negotiations:

- Attempt to have negotiations independent of other sports
- Football is a revenue generating sport
- In the Southern Section – 480 schools play football

Some of the statements made:

- That the committee that hears fees negotiations are slanted (with only one official on the committee)
- That we are doing this for future officials
- That we must address this now
- Time for a change
- Must send a message
- Wrestling – have separate negotiations

President Ostini formed a **Game Fee Committee**: Listed below are members of that committee and the unit they are affiliated with:

Kelley Page – Inland  
Rick Sherwood – Coachella Valley  
Frank Fontes – Foothill Citrus  
Chris McNeese – San Gabriel Valley  
Mike Ostini – CFOA President

To discuss and report back to membership at June, 2020 EC Meeting regarding opening negotiations with the CIF-SS in the sport of Football

Next Football EC Meeting:

Sunday, June 14, 2020 at the CIF-SS Offices at 11:30 am.  
Units to be noticed



Meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm

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Handouts at January 26, 2020 Football EC Meeting:

List of Executive Board and Contact Information  
Meeting Agenda  
Minutes of February 10, 2020 EC Football Meeting  
Fees Proposals – (7 units submitted)  
Financial Report – (Jan 1 thru Dec 22, 2020)  
Budget Report (for 2020)  
2020 Football Calendar

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