



CALIFORNIA FOOTBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting Sunday February 11, 2018 Frantone's Restaurant, Cerritos, CA.

1. Call to Order: Following introductions and the flag salute, the meeting was called to order by CFOA President Ken Ay at 12:05 pm.

All Executive Council units of the CFOA were present. Special guests in attendance included State CIF Rules Interpreter and a member of the National Federation Football Rules Committee Steve Coover, and CIF Southern Section Assistant Commissioner Glenn Martinez.

2. Approve Agenda: It was moved seconded and passed to approve the agenda as submitted.

3. Approve Minutes of the June 11, 2017 Meeting: It was moved seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2017 meeting of the CFOA Executive Council held at the CIF Southern Section Office in Los Alamitos.

4. President's Report: CFOA President Ken Ay reported on the recent Section President's meeting along with the following items:

** Recruitment and retention of officials, which is a major concern.

** Mike Pereira's "Battle Fields to Ball Fields" initiative to recruit returning veterans into the officiating ranks.

** If "Background Checks" are to be a reality in the future, it will have to come from the State Legislature. If a bill is passed, then the State CIF will set down requirements for the Sections and the officiating units statewide. It may be coming!!!

** Football playing dates have been moved back one week. Section Championships will be played on Thanksgiving weekend this upcoming season.



5. Secretary/Treasurer Report: CFOA Secretary/Treasurer Dean Crowley reviewed with the membership the financial report, which reflected a bank balance (Bank of America) of \$40,570.77 as of January 31, 2018

6. CIF Los Angeles City Section Update: In the absence of Commissioner John Aguirre, there was no report.

7. CIF Southern Section Update: CIF Southern Section Assistant Commissioner Glenn Martinez updated the Executive Council on the following items:

** The CIF Southern Section fees committee will be meeting soon. Officiating units will be notified.

** Currently a push statewide to require trainers at all California high schools.

** Proposal at the State CIF level to cut contact time from the current 90 minutes to 45 minutes.

** Thirteen schools in the northern part of the Southern Section will be moving to the Central Section next year. Currently, the schools will continue to be served by the Los Padres unit of the CFOA.

** Good news, ejections are down. A majority of the ejections continue to be at the lower levels.

** Glenn announced that he will be attending the annual NASO summer conference to be held in New Orleans.

8. State CIF Rules Interpreter Report: Steve Coover the State CIF Rules Interpreter and a member of the National Federation Rules Committee reported on the rule changes for the 2018 season which included the following:

** An improperly equipped player shall be replaced.

** Defenseless player provisions for passer clarified.

** Signal change for free kick infractions.

** New penalty options adopted for fouls by the kicking team.

** Length of time between periods revised.

** 2018 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Proper wearing and use of required equipment.
2. Blindside blocks and defenseless player.
3. Application of personal fouls and unsportsmanlike conduct.
4. Time management.



9. CFOA Instructional Chair Update: CFOA Instructional Chair Bobby Kennedy presented the 2018 Instructional Program for review and discussion.

It was noted that Summer Uniform pants are to be black. Additionally, units are to discuss sideline decorum with their officials – we need improvement in this area – we are currently not consistent from unit to unit.

Following discussion, it was moved seconded and passed to allow the CFOA to print their own version of the mechanics manual beginning with the 2018 season. The new manual will follow National Federation Rule guidelines with some CFOA exceptions.

10. Executive Council Business Items/Action if Needed:

A. HONIG Equipment Presentation: Greg Wilson (Former South Bay CFOA Unit, Pac12 College Official and Current NFL Back Judge) presented a partnership proposal with the units of the Executive Council of the CFOA. Also, in attendance from Honig’s corporate offices in Denver were Sadina Zaccari and Kelsey Duckett.

The proposal would provide a \$1,500 yearly stipend to the CFOA along with major discounts for our membership. Additionally, a new logo will be developed for our organization. The CFOA will provide program ads and flyers as required. It was requested that each unit provide the email address of each official on the active unit roster

Following discussion, it was unanimously passed to accept the HONIG proposal – with one major exception – the providing of email addresses will be up to the decision of each CFOA unit. NOT REQUIRED – UNIT CHOICE!

B. New CFOA Logo Consideration: The “Football” shaped logo was adopted by the group. It is to be noted that color will be up to each CFOA unit.

C. Summer Study Guide/Membership Directory: Items need to be sent to Dean Crowley by the end of March. Plans call for the final prep work for our annual publication to be completed by mid-April.

D. Printing and Distribution Deadlines for 2018: It was announced that the distribution of all instructional books and material will take place no later than July 7 thru 9.

C. 2018 Instructional Material: The 2018 Instructional Material order request and the Unit Information material were handed out to the units with a return date of February 21st.

11. Other Items for Discussion:

A. Orange County Unit Certification – Upcoming, July 2018 as required by the State CIF.

B. Administrative Coverage of Lower Level games – Coverage is required under the provisions of the Ed Code and CIF Rules.



C. 18 Hours of Instruction – already allowed which includes hours for the testing program.

D. Security at Varsity Games – Required – Item for discussion by the fees committee and continued push by the CIF Southern Section at various athletic administrative work-shops.

E. Insurance for Officials – Is a requirement. Each unit determines how to report.

F. Camp Oxy: Nardy Samuels updated the Executive Council on Camp Oxy which is a major recruiting vehicle for the training and retention of newer officials.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the CFOA Executive Council will be held at the CIF Southern Section Office in Los Alamitos on Sunday June 10th **following** the mandatory CIF Instructors meeting at approximately 10 am

There being no further business to come before the Executive Council the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Crowley, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved,

Ken Ay, President