

Meeting Minutes

CCFOA Board of Directors

Date & Time: September 9, 2018, 5:30 pm

Location: Walnut Creek Intermediate School, Walnut Creek, CA

Board Members Present: Andrew Jensen, Ron Susa, Brian Wilson

Board Members Absent: Justin Bigler, Mike Shevelson

Members Present: Dave Cutaia, Ken Leffle, Dale Newhouse

Members Absent: Bert Michalczyk

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The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

Annual Banquet – The annual post-season awards banquet was discussed, with the venue and date being the primary issues that need to be finalized soon. There was agreed general interest around the possibly of changing the venue away from Massimo Ristorante due to its higher cost and the fact that CCFOA has used Massimo's for several years with a recent decline in participation.

The Board also felt it important that the association reach out to past members to participate in this annual event. John Nardi was tasked with reaching out to past members once a date and location have been confirmed. Ron Susa will research venue location and cost.

- Agreed: The annual banquet will be held on Sunday, December 2 starting at 6:00 pm. Venue TBD.

Certification Exam and Current Member Status – There remain five members who have yet to take and/or successfully pass the annual exam. These members are now seriously beyond the deadline for completing the required exam.

- Agreed: No new assignments will be given to any member who has failed to take and successfully complete the exam until they do so.

Board Elections – Elections for open positions on the Board will occur at the October general membership meeting. All Board positions will be up for election, except for the position of Secretary, which is on a two-year staggered cycle and will be open next in 2019 (the Treasurer position is also on a two-year cycle and is up for election now). Steve Corrigan was identified as the member who will coordinate the election process at the general membership meeting in October. Any nominations for office should be directed to Steve or be made at the meeting in October. Open positions are Member at Large, President, Vice-President and Treasurer.

Official-to-Official (O2O) Radios – A general discussion was held around the use of O2O radios, with plusses and minuses around their early use on the field reviewed. There has been generally broad support for use of the devices – if they are properly used. Use of O2O devices for use on the field during the 2018 season has been approved by the Board as an *optional* device, to be used only at the discretion of the game-day referee and assuming all on-field officials have the device. If not, use of O2O devices is not allowed for that game. For association members interested in procuring an O2O, the Board recommended device for use by CCFOA officials is the **Midland X-Talker GMRS 2-Way** radio.

Meeting Attendance – General concern was expressed by the Board related to attendance at mandatory meetings, and what the association might do to ensure desired training and relevant information is received and understood by all members. There was acknowledgement that the majority of members routinely attend meetings and participate in all required training and summer study sessions. However, it was felt that roughly 15-20 members seem to miss more meetings and training events than others. Not surprisingly, these are often some of the association's lower-rated officials. No decisions were made, but this is certainly an area the Board intends to pursue further.

Other – There were 3-4 short (four-man) crews used for varsity games played on September 7, 2018 due to the number of games scheduled that particular day and the absence of a full contingent of available officials. Members are reminded to ensure their availability in Arbiter is *always* up to date.

Several members (8-9) have yet to provide completed IRS Form W-4. Without a properly completed form, members will not be paid.

Next Meeting Date - The date of the next meeting is currently planned to be held in conjunction with the general membership meeting scheduled for Sunday, October 7, 2018.

With no additional items raised for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:25 pm.

Ron Susa

Secretary, CCFOA