**SUBURBAN OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**

**SUBURBAN OFFICIALS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**June 13,2016**

**2015-2016 Annual Meeting**

The Suburban Officials Association annual meeting was called to order by President Jack Shawn on June 13th, 2016 at 7:15 PM.

The minutes from the past annual meeting were accepted as printed on the Suburban Web site.

The financial report was read and accepted.

* **Presidents Report-Jack Shawn**
  + 2015-2016 was a good year.
  + Metro Fee Update
    - 2016-17 - $1.00 increase, all sports, all levels.
    - 2017-18 – No change
    - 2018-19 - $1.00 increase, all sports, all levels.

**State of Football-SOA General Football Meeting 6/13/16**

* SOA assigned varsity games to (42) schools. Includes all games hosted by schools in the Minnesota River Conference and South Suburban Conference, half of the schools in the Metro West Conference and worked closely with Jeff Whitney for assignments to all schools within the Big Nine Conference.
* SOA enjoys a very good working relationship with a number of football associations and would like to specifically mention Minneapolis Football Officials Association, Rochester Area Officials Association and St. Paul Cap City Officials Association.
* SOA has (151) members officiating football including (19) full time football crews, (1) full time swing crew and (1) part time swing crew
* The following SOA Crews officiated in the MSHSL State Tournament:
  + Ryan Gunderson Crew with Scott Belseth, Dave Darr, Greg Westerman and Todd Klusmann officiated a AAAA Semi-Final Game
  + Joe Wollan Crew with Jeff Mosca, Tom Odegard, Scott Malluege and Isaiah Conrad officiated a AA Semi-Final Game
  + Brent Dack Crew with Jeron Schmidt, Phil Ayeni, Kelly Ternes and Cory Lorenzen officiate a AAAA Quarter-Final Game
  + Tom Wollan Crew with Ben Schreiber, Steve Wolvin, Gordy Hanson and Phil Worm officiate a AAAA Quarter-Final Game
* SOA Football Meetings:
  + Football discussion meetings were held on the last Sunday of each month at the Augsburg Library in Richfield during the months of January through June
  + One football discussion meeting was held in July 2015 and two meetings in August, 2015
  + 2015 General Football Meeting included a panel discussion between the membership and (4) varsity football coaches. The format and exchange of ideas was very well received and will be and will be offered again during one or two of the August 2016 football discussion meetings
  + Thanks you very much to Sandra Setter-Larsen, Activities Director at Eagan High School and the entire staff for allowing SOA use of Eagan HS for the (4) July and August 2015 meetings.
* Hudl-each season the number of game films shred from the participating schools to the officiating crews has increased. Game films for roughly 70% of all contests were shared with crews-goal for 2016 is 90%
* Development:
  + Pre-Season Development Games:
    - New officials and officials who are not currently on varsity crews worked pre-season games on 8/21/15 at both Lakeville South High School and Burnsville High School. Thanks very much to Neil Strader Activities Director at Lakeville South HS and Jeff Marshall Activities Director at Burnsville as well as the coach staffs at both the home and visiting schools for their support of these games.
    - Rather than the typical 3 person crews for 9th grade contests, these games were officiated by 5 person crews with mentors working with all officials. Thanks to Jerry Tiegs, Josh Thurow, Mike Baxter, Dave Anger, Marty Pekarna, Nick Worm, Phil Worm, Jim Johnston, Andrew Aller, Kurt Dingmann and Jason Berg for volunteering their time and provide invaluable insights to the (28) non-varsity officials that worked these two games
    - SOA has purchased a camera, tripod etc. for filming of varsity and less then varsity officials.
    - Mike Baxter hosts a conference call with all White Hats each Sunday evening during the football season. Opportunity to talk about problems common to the game and share experiences from the previous Friday night contests.
  + Mentoring-SOA has adopted a plan by which people new to football officiating are paired with a veteran official on their 1st two less than varsity games and then again near the end of the season. This process allows new people to become comfortable with the officiating process and the veteran official to provide feedback as to the new official’s progress.
  + High School Students are assigned youth football games with the hope that a percentage of the students will enjoy the experience, wish to continue and create a feeder program to MSHSL officiating roster.
    - NCAA Officials-the following SOA members officiated football during the 2015 NCAA season or will be officiating during the 2016 NCAA season: Steve Vekich, Roy Artis, Jerry Tiegs, Brian Shreve, Gordy Hanson, Steve Wolvin, Phil Worm, Marty Pekarna, Jason Berg, Josh Schoaf, Ryan Kees, Joe Wollan, Kelly Ternes, Seth Rourke, Kelly McCrary, Jay Leach and Tom Wollan.

**Basketball: Vice President of Basketball-Chris Olson/Assigner-Ron Hamann**

Our past year proved to be a positive season for basketball. There were a few missed assignments due to the increase in number of assignments because of conferences going to 3-person crews.

Congratulations to the following officials worked in the 2015 boys or girls State basketball tournament:

**Boys** **Girls**

Jeff Jonckowski (AAA championship) Amy Sanchez

Chris Olson Raphal Iglesias

Gordy Hanson April Kabes (AA Championship)

Jeff Peters Christian Anderson

Mike Wolle Mark Johnson

Erik Christiansen Rachel Schuler

Kenan Moore

Dwight Krueger

* The 2015-2016 season saw a significant increase in number of assignments available to Suburban due to several conferences moving to 3-person officiating (MN River, Big 9). The 2016-2017 season is expected to see a slight increase in the number of assignments available through Suburban due to the MCAA Conference adding 2 more teams. Additionally, the Tri-Metro is discussing going to 3-person crews, although no decision has been made.
* With the increase in the number of assignments, it is important that all Officials are appropriately trained in 3-person mechanics. Officials who are not “seasoned” and experienced in 3-person mechanics should make every attempt to attend training this summer.
* MSHSL Officials’ Coordinator Jason Nickleby recently sent out a list of all training opportunities for this summer. This list is included on the bottom of this report. Please note that some of these camps are geared for the aspiring college official and cost a bit more than other camps. Do your research to determine which camp(s) are correct for you. The girls' camp at the U of M is free, and this year the boy's camp at the U of M (Midwest Camp) is significantly cheaper ($120).
* The girl’s clinic at the U of MN is June 19 (a 1 day clinic). Classroom at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Floor sessions at 9:00 AM, 1:30 PM, 5:30 PM. Again this is free.
* The Suburban Officials' Association offered 3 Association-led training/scrimmages this past season. One was a boy's scrimmage at Jordan, two was a boy's scrimmage at New Prague, and the third was a girl's scrimmage at Jordan. Approximately 45 officials were present at all scrimmage/training opportunities. Plans are currently in place to offer 2 or 3 similar scrimmages next year.
* I have received several emails and have had conversations with other officials about having the opportunity to work a few more large school boy's games. Currently, these assignments are covered by the Minneapolis Officials Association. Until 2 years ago, their past practice has been to share a significant number of games with Suburban as well as other Metro area officials. Their board of directors has decided to limit this practice.

* Upon the request of our members, Suburban should communicate to the Minneapolis Officials Association to share a portion of their assignments with Suburban members. The response of Minneapolis Officials Association will determine what steps will be taken in the future.

**Summer training opportunities include the following:**

\*U of M Girls’ Team Camp – TBD at the University of Minnesota. This is free.

There will be classroom training on Friday and Saturday, followed by the opportunity to get on the court and work games with MSHSL observers.

Contact is Jack Shawn at: jacks@imsco.com

\*Runnin Ref Basketball Officials Camp – Moorhead, June 17. One day camp with classroom and on-court evaluations. Contact is Dave Klundt: dklundt@fargoparks.com\*Northern Wisconsin Basketball Officiating Camp – June 24-26. Space is limited, please contact Tom Fiedler at fiedleth@uwec.edu with your interest.

\*Midwest Ref Camp – U of M, (Boys) June 24-26. Classroom opportunities and speed dating with assignors! Video breakdown with clinicians. Check outhttp://midwestrefcamp.com/ for a brochure and details. Contact: info@midwestrefcamp.com

\*SE Minnesota BB Camp – in Eyota on July 8 and 9. Classroom and on court training from experienced officials at all levels. Contact is Jared Butson:

jaredbutson@hotmail.com

\*Collegiate Basketball Officials' Camp - in Sioux Falls, SD. For people aspiring to work in the UMAC, MIAC, and NSIC college conferences. This is not a MSHSL approved camp. See the following web page for more information:

www.collegiateofficiatingcamps.com/session-iii

**Annual Report Softball-Warren Collatt-Ron Hamann**

**SOFTBALL ANNUAL REPORT**

**Warren Collatt-Vice President Softball**

**Ronald Hamann- Assignor Softball**

* Warren Collatt once again set-up Training for umpires at several Domes from October 2015 thru March 2016. This is a huge asset for our umpires. Please take advantage of this opportunity.
* All lower level officials should and must take advantage of this training opportunity to advance to higher level games.
* Four umpires were assigned to some Varsity games this spring due to our training program.
* We experienced more weather related dates this year than in 2015.
* Eighty-one umpires officiated games for SOA at Varsity and Lower Levels this year.
* SOA assigned seven tournaments during the 2016 Season.
* Forty-six umpires worked Section games this year. We covered games in Section 2AA, 2AAA, 2AAAA, 3AAA, 3AAAA and 6AAAA.
* Congratulations to the following umpires who worked the 2016 Girls State Softball Tournament: Warren Collatt, Ron Hamann, Mike Kahler, Greg Knutson, Dwight Krueger, Phil Runge, Dave Smisek, Jason Smith, Martha Sorenson, Doug Sorenson and Tom Wollan.
* A Special thank you to all umpires for your availability and flexibility this spring.

**Election of Officers**

* Assignor Football Tom Wollan
* Assignor Basketball Ron Hamann
* Assignor Softball Ron Hamann
* Vice President Basketball Josh Schoaf
* Vice President Softball Warren Collatt

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:22**