WYOMING SPORTS OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES July 24, 2021

Associate Commissioner Trevor Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. Saturday, July 24, 2021 in the Prairie Room, at the Holiday Inn Casper.

The following members were present: Tom Nirider, Riverton; Jacob Finn, Upton; Terry Pyer, Worland Michael Lamp, Kemmerer; Joe White, Lovell; Bev Leichtnam, Sheridan; Joe Wilson, Lingle; David Auge', Jackson; Tyler Spear, Laramie; Jason Wasserburger, Cheyenne.

David Auge' moved to approve the agenda. Bev Leichtnam second. PASSED

MOTION: Tyler Spear moved to approve the 2019 summer minutes. David Auge' second. PASSED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Officials Pass free
- b. All high school, college and first year registrations are free.
- c. All mechanics camps are free.
- d. WSOA Board Members received a free HOF banquet ticket.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. 2020-21 WSOA Members
- b. 2021-22 WSOA Members

Discussion: Area 1 and Area 2 are open.

c. 2020-21 mileage will be 56 cents per mile.

Discussion: 1.5 cent decrease from last year.

d. Sports Officials Numbers

Discussion: Encouraged all officials to work on training new officials. Discussed possibly using social media to recruit younger officials. Use mentors to get new officials started on the right path. Work with schools to increase pay for lower level games.

e. Sportsmanship and Ejection report

Discussion: Encourage all officials to submit sportsmanship awards to deserving athletes. More enforcement from school administration is needed.

f. Schools without any ejections

g. Summary of Rule changes for 2021-22

Discussion: Rules Clinics are now available on NFHS. All officials must submit confirmation that they have viewed the rules clinic before officiating their first contest using the google.doc.

h. Proposal to increase pay for soccer officials.

Discussion: Terry Pyer proposed an increase for soccer officials to \$100 a game. With the amount of soccer officials available and times of soccer games it is difficult to get off work and feel the amount of running and physical fitness required for soccer, soccer officials feel they should equal the pay of football officials. No motion. A working group will be put together to look a fee increase for officials.

i. Proposal to increase fees for all sports.

Discussion: It was encouraged that officials work with schools to negotiate higher pay for lower level games.

j. Recruitment/retainment ideas

Discussion: Increasing pay on lower level games and working with colleges and former student athletes to get them involved in officiating. Officials should train younger officials and give them a chance to work their way up to higher level games.

k. President- Elect nominations

Discussion: Jacob Finn was selected as the 2021-22 WSOA President.

SUMMER MEETING Saturday, July 23, 2022 @ 8:00 a.m.

Trevor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.