Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
1/13/2013
Greenfield High School, Greenfield, MA

Call To Order – 10:30AM by President Gary Stacy

Attendance – The membership was reminded to sign the attendance sheets and that raffle tickets were being sold for the Officials Versus Cancer donation for Board 28. The prizes are a $25 gift certificate for Yankee Candle and four tickets to see the Springfield Falcons.

Reading of Minutes – A motion to accept the minutes of the December meeting was made by Jerry Burgess Bob Waskiewicz. The vote was unanimous.

Secretary-Treasurer’s Report – Secretary-Treasurer Mike Churchill reported that the Casey account has $3,282.75 and $4,570.41 in the checking account. The Secretary reminded the membership that if they have a fine due from a missed meeting, please submit this as soon as possible.

All-Star Game – VP Alyn Hastings reported that this year’s games will be held at Hopkins Academy on Friday, March 15th. We will need assistance from the membership to make this a successful event, and it would be great to see some new faces attend and help out this year. She also reported that all ads for the All-Star Game program book are due by March 1 to Secretary Churchill. Last year we raised over $2,000 in ads for this event which when combined with the gate proceeds and donations helped to allow us to offer $3,500 in scholarships. A challenge was raised to the board to see if we could top this number for 2013.

Ratings sheets – Ombudsman Dave Blanchette reported that the first half ratings period was closed on this past Saturday and all ratings are due to Ray Brown by 1/26. He also reminded the membership that any sheets not received on time are subject to a fine of $25.

Development committee – Development Committee Chairperson George Shaheen reported that roughly 10 evaluations had been conducted so far. If you are interested in being evaluated before the year is out, please contact him right away.

Interpretations – Assistant Interpreter Jim Cleveland reported on a few recent interpretations and situations that had arisen this year. The first point was that game start times are what they are. Only the game administrator can change this. If you run into a situation where someone else (clock operator, coach, etc…) is asking you to start the game at a different time, politely ask them to speak with the game administrator.

Jim also addressed team control fouls. As the rules are written, we don’t shoot them and don’t count a basket that occurs during the play. This was a rule change two years ago and there are still some instances where the rule is not being applied correctly. Jim also mentioned that as a point of good game management, we should notify a coach when their last timeout is used. We must also remember that any player or head coach can call a timeout, but not an assistant coach.

There have also been some issues with inadvertent whistles and the correct method of restarting the game. The ball would go back in play at the point of interruption. In regards to Intentional Foul on a shooter with a made basket, the ruling is the basket counts, plus 2 shots (NOT 3) and the ball at point nearest the foul. Jim also reminded the membership that if you are fouled shooting at wrong basket, it is not in the act of shooting. The last point was a discussion of the recent UConn OT game going the wrong way in OT. The members were reminded that all points, fouls, etc… count at that point.

OLD BUSINESS
Bylaws – Assistant Interpreter Jim Cleveland reported that two bylaw proposals were placed before the membership for their consideration and approval. The first proposal regarded personal media communications (Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, etc.) and the effect that they can have on the perceived professionalism and neutrality of officials. Many college conferences already have rules in this regards and it was recommended by the IAABO Parliamentarian that this be incorporated into our bylaws during the Spring Meeting. After a brief period of discussion regarding the proposed bylaw, a motion was made by Matt LaBlanc and seconded by Scott Cameron that the bylaw be approved. The vote was unanimous and the new bylaw passed.

The second proposal was an anti-discrimination policy for the board. This was also being proposed at the suggestion of the IAABO Parliamentarian and was something that our board has been missing for a long period of time. A motion was made by Dave Hastings and seconded by Bob Waskiewicz that the bylaw be approved. The vote was unanimous and the new bylaw passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Officials Versus Cancer – Secretary Churchill reported that the Officials Versus Cancer week is January 21st through the 26th. The board has purchased whistles for the members to use during this week, and each official should pick up the two whistles before leaving today. It was also mentioned that the first raffle in December netted $235 for the OVC donation. The February meeting will offer a free year’s dues during the raffle!

Dues for 2013-2014 – In regards to the dues for the upcoming year, Secretary Churchill reported that the Executive Committee had reviewed the proposed budget for the upcoming year and had voted today to set the dues at $100 for next year. This will be the 6th straight year with the dues at $100.

March Meeting and Banquet – It was reported that the Banquet will be held following the March business meeting and will once again be partially subsidized by the board. The cost to each member will be just $10, and the meal will be the same as last year, a buffet style with Prime Rib, Baked Stuffed Shrimp and Fettuccini Alfredo as the options.

Life Membership Nomination – Secretary Churchill discussed the IAABO Life Membership criteria with the board and the fact that Board 28 has three life members, with one (Ray Brown) at the meeting. The criteria for selection involves 30 years of active membership in IAABO, a minimum of 55 years of age as well as having a positive contribution to the game of basketball in their area. It was reported to the membership that the Executive Committee had discussed this and has voted to nominate Steve Crites for this honor. A standing ovation was given to Steve for his nomination.

Raffle – The raffle drawing was held and Jim Cleveland won the Springfield Falcons tickets, while Gary Stacy won the Yankee Candle gift card.

Adjournment – As there was no other business to be discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Matt LaBlanc and seconded by Dave Blanchette. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:28AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Churchill, Secretary-Treasurer
Hampshire-Franklin IAABO Board 28