

**WEST COAST OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BASKETBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**



Meeting Date: September 28, 2025
Type of Meeting Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Location: Zoom Meeting Link
Present: Eric Sperbeck, Jerome Smith, Rodney Dickerson, Mark Olson, Romero Green, Julia Gonzalez, Richard Miller, Nolan Padgett Sr., Josh Saunders,
Absent:

I. The meeting with the board was called to order by Eric at 7:15 pm.

I. Summer Clinic Details:

- a. Eric confirmed the Summer Clinic date and time with CDS. November 1st, 8 am to 2 pm is available time.
- b. The specific agenda will need to be established.
- c. The Hospitality Committee can use some space so we can provide food. Julia and Mark will arrange the details.
- d. Eric mentioned that Sam Gibson is open to supporting the clinic and help any way possible.
- e. Eric asked the Evaluation Committee what officials they would like to see on the court. Nolan expressed that the committee should evaluate transfer officials, new officials with experience and brand-new officials.
- f. Julia asked if the Evaluation Committee is waiting to see officials on the court before confirming number adjustments. Eric confirmed that official rankings have already been adjusted by the board and don't need reevaluation. Nolan confirmed that he hasn't received any adjustment listing.

II. WCOA Registration:

- a. Mark Marino is trying to update Arbiter to clean up old officials and ensure WCOA isn't paying for Arbiter spots that are no longer WCOA members. He's waiting for returning officials to register so he can free up space and ensure we aren't paying unnecessary fees.
- b. Eric asked the board if we want to enforce a \$20 late fee for registering past October 1st. It was agreed that since formal notice wasn't given to members this season, no late penalty would be enforced.

- c. Discussion was had regarding a registration late fee for 2026-2027 season. Eric made the motion; Richard Miller seconded the motion and it passed unopposed. There will be a \$20 late fee for returning officials if they sign up for WCOA past September 1st. This will only apply to returning officials.
- d. The board discussed concern that some members are in Arbiter, receiving some rec games and have yet to register with WCOA. Nolan confirmed that FHSAA enters officials in Arbiter when they originally register with FHSAA. Mark Marino assigns WCOA as the association after the official's registration and payment with WCOA is received. Members aren't physically removed from Arbiter/WCOA year to year.
- e. Officials going through WCOA training need to ensure they register with WCOA and obtain their JLA credentials. Rodney will send an email to Mark Marino requesting he follow a standard procedure.

III. Zoom Meeting Format Discussion:

- a. Eric discussed that the current Zoom system we use for member meetings can hold up to 100 members and it's currently free.
- b. Going to a larger format that will allow 100-500 members will cost \$600 per year. Eric opened for suggestions on how to manage more than 100 members in a Zoom meeting.
- c. Richard commented that if we are requiring members to attend, we need to ensure we have the capability/access and incur the expense. Discussion was had about recording the meeting so members can listen at a future date.
- d. Eric expressed that we shouldn't discourage attendance at meetings in any way.
- e. Romero recommended we seek recommendations/options from experts.
- f. Eric tabled the discussion to solicit more options.

IV. Ranking and Criteria Discussion:

- a. Eric challenged board members to review the top tier (1 and 2) ranked officials so they can be discussed at the next meeting.
- b. Eric is challenging the board to have the ranking fully updated at the start of the season.

V. Miscellaneous:

- a. Tony B has copies of rule books and will be able to hand them out at the Summer Clinic. Eric and Jerome have been giving rule books at scheduled scrimmages.
- b. Nolan expressed that middle school is seeing some "turn backs" from officials. There have also been some unique fights that occurred that would have been handled differently if it were

FHSAA games. Nolan also asked Eric to confirm during next meeting that member officials have been successfully paid for middle school games.

- c. Mark Olson confirmed that members have expressed appreciation for the improved pay scale for Hillsborough rec games.
- d. Eric reviewed the fining policy that will take effect at the start of the 2025 basketball season.

See attached policy attached to the minutes.

Eric adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING First Sunday of each month.

PREPARED BY: Steve Lanham, Secretary