

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



Meeting Date: November 3, 2024
Type of Meeting Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Location: Zoom Meeting Link
Present: Eric Sperbeck, Bernard Grimsley, Rodney Dickerson, Jerome Smith, Richard Miller, Josh Saunders
Absent:

- I. The meeting was called to order by Eric at 7:01 pm.
- II. Matt Chipman requested the opportunity to speak in front of the board:
 - a. Matt gave his facts around a situation that occurred eight years ago.
 - b. He stated that he is actively participating in other Hillsborough County events. However, not basketball or volleyball.
 - c. He is requesting to obtain “normal membership for basketball” with WCOA.
 - d. Board members were given the opportunity to ask follow up questions to Matt. Several board members asked probing follow up questions.
 - e. Eric made a motion to reinstate Matt with a one-year probationary period. If he satisfactorily completes the probationary period, he will automatically receive normal membership status. Bernard seconded the motion. The motion passed with Richard Miller opposing the motion.
- III. Eric adjourned the board members only meeting at 7:23 pm.
- IV. The meeting open to members was called to order by Eric at 7:30 pm.
- V. Eric asked for a review of the previous meeting minutes. The minutes were approved without opposition.
- VI. Eric acknowledged the members’ attendance and gave thanks for the active participation to tonight’s meeting after we held the Berkley clinic yesterday.
- VII. Eric provided an update for the upcoming shootout:
 - a. Regular high school uniforms are required to be worn by schools and by officials (FHSAA patch on shirts and pants).
 - b. For development purposes, officials will be paired to have a seasoned official and less experienced official.

- c. Everyone that signed up on yesterday's availability sheet has a slot on the schedule.
- d. Eric expressed that there are still a few slots available for those that were not able to notify him. He requested that people text him with their availability.
- e. Eric gave the address and details to the game schedules. Games will be assigned via Arbiter.

VIII. Mike Varnadore spoke to members about elections:

- a. Mike will be taking nominations for WCOA President, Basketball Vice-President and two Sports Representative positions at the next meeting.
- b. Mike reminded members that they must be present to accept the nomination, or they should notify a board member of their intent to accept the nomination.

IX. Faking Being Fouled Rule Interpretation:

- a. Mike Connors came across some additional training information after the clinic.
- b. Mike showed a video to the members that breaks down the new "flopping" rule. Members were reminded that the video was sent via Arbiter email and posted on the Facebook link.
- c. Eric acknowledged that there was some miscommunication given at the Berkley training yesterday. This new video provides this clarification.
- d. Members were encouraged to study the video thoroughly and reach out to the training committee members with questions.
- e. Eric took questions from the members about this rule change.

X. Eric reminded members of the importance of attending meetings. There have been several experienced officials that have not been participating in WCOA meetings and events. He reminded members of the impact poor attendance to meetings can have.

XI. A question was asked on what type of electronic devices players can use during warmups. Specifically, can they wear headphones during warmups? It was communicated by Bernard Grimsley that FHSAA sent out clarification to officials that electronic devices are not within our authority during warmups, and we are not required to have them removed during pregame.

XII. Eric provided a reminder that per FHSAA clarification to officials, any undergarment worn under the uniform shorts AND above the knee is considered underwear and not within the official's authority to control. Therefore, there are no color or manufacturers label restrictions.

Eric ended the meeting at 8:30 pm and the meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

First Sunday of each month. (Tentatively December 1, 2024)

PREPARED BY: Steve Lanham, Secretary