

MFOA Board Meeting Minutes
Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 2pm

Board Members in Attendance – Al Summers, Troy Newsome, Jeff Pole, Bob Leahy, Wade Clayton, Charlie Krowicki

Carl Dill, Richard Howard, Steve Colquitt, Terry Lee, Ron Risby, David Soluri, Reid Sergent

Not in Attendance – Freddie Lucas, Jim Law

Also in Attendance – Inspector Jim McCormack

Called to Order = @ 2:00pm by President Al Summers

This board meeting was requested by President Al Summers to discuss the alleged misconduct of Referee Charles LaRocco the incident after the end of the football game between Interlachen HS and Oak Hall game on 10/4/24. The investigation by MFOA Inspector James McCormack was presented to the board. Statements by Oak Hall game administrators and Oak Hall security as well as football officials assigned to the game were part of his investigation. After discussion by the executive board, Charles LaRocco was found to be in violation of the following MFOA Policies and Procedures.

Section 006, Paragraph 2, sub-paragraph b. - Acting in a manner that would discredit the MFOA

Section 006, Paragraph 7 - Failing to maintain professionalism

Section 006, Paragraph 9 - Failure to conduct yourself in accordance with the Rules of Conduct as outlined in the FHSAA Officials Guidebook, Section 505, which states “Under no circumstances should an official ever engage with, confront, challenge, rebuke or threaten a spectator , or make any gestures of any kind toward a spectator before, during, or after a contest”. A motion was then made by Reid Sergent to suspend Charles LaRocco from all MFOA activities for 3 years. The motion was 2nd by Charlie Krowicki. Richard Howard then made a substitute motion to suspend Charles LaRocco from all MFOA activities for 2 years. This motion was 2nd by Charlie Krowicki. The vote by the executive board was 8 yes, 3 no and 1 abstain. Motion carried. Inspector James McCormack will notify Charles LaRocco regarding his right to appeal.

Motion to Adjourn – By Charlie Krowicki at 2:52pm and 2nd by Richard Sullivan. Motion carried.

Next Zoom Board Meeting - Sunday 11/10/24 at 4pm.