

MFOA Board Meeting Minutes
Sunday, February 5, 2023, 3pm
Mary Sue Rich Community Center
1812 NW 21st Avenue, Ocala

Board Members in Attendance – Al. Summers, Troy Newsome, Jeff Pole, Bob Leahy, Wade Clayton, Richard Sullivan, Charlie Krowicki, Joe Gercie, Carl Dill, Richard Howard, Terry Lee, David Soluri,

Not in Attendance – Freddie Lucas, Jim Law and Reid Sergeant

Also in Attendance – Inspector Shondel Bryant, Kevin Towles, Andrenika Patterson, Courtney Patterson

Called to Order = @ 3:06PM by President Al Summers

Approval of 1/8/23 and 1/22/23 Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Bob Leahy as posted on the MFOA website. Motion to accept by Richard Sullivan and 2nd by Joe Gercie. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Approval of Treasurer's Report submitted by Jeff Pole to the board members. Motion to accept by Richard Sullivan and 2nd by Ricky Howard. Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

BANQUET – Jim McCormack presented his proposal regarding holding the banquet at the Stone Creek Golf Club, 9676 SW 62nd Loop, Ocala, on May 20th. Motion made by Carl Dill to accept the proposal and 2nd by Wade Clayton. Motion carried.

APPEAL – Andrenika Patterson stated she would comply with the FHSAA Officials Guidebook, section 701.02 by not wearing illegal jewelry while officiating. The board decided to rescind their previous decision. No further action at this time.

MFOA INSURANCE – Motion made by Richard Howard to add additional coverage for the directors and officers to the current insurance policy and 2nd by Joe Gercie. Motion carried.

GRIEVANCES – Grievance #1 – Official not showing up for game. Misunderstanding, grievance resolved. Grievance #2 – Lanyard not being worn. Committee found that it was only stated in the NFHS Officials Manual which is not provided to the officials so they recommended a Quick Tip email be sent out to all basketball officials. Grievance #3 – Unfair evaluation. The evaluations were reviewed by the committee of all 3 officers assigned to the game and found there was nothing derogatory or demeaning to any person evaluated. The grievance was dismissed.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE – Carl Dill will work with the following volunteers regarding the committee's responsibilities – Maurice Monson, Steve Dixon, Gerald Wagner, Courtney Patterson, Andre Perez

2023 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING – The MFOA Annual Business Meeting will at North Marion High School on Saturday, April 29, 2023. Registration will begin at 8:30am with the meeting to follow at 9am.

NEW BUSINESS

REFUNDS – Clifton Barrentine's request to carry over booking fee to next season was disapproved. He will be refunded his baseball booking fee. Refund for baseball booking to Wade Clayton was approved.

FORT WHITE HIGH SCHOOL – Request to approve contract for football and basketball was tabled. It is unknown at this time if the MFOA will have enough officials to accommodate Fort White. The association will be meeting with the counties we serve regarding scheduling games on different dates.

FOOTBALL NEWS – Rule changes for the 2023 season were published.

FLAG FOOTBALL NEWS – All day clinic is scheduled for February 18th at Citrus High School.

BASKETBALL NEWS – The names of 13 officers were submitted to the FHSAA for consideration for the state playoffs. The list was posted on the MFOA Home Page.

BASEBALL NEWS – 26 umpires attended the all-day clinic. Pre-season classics start Monday, 2/13/23. Contracts were sent to Oak Hall, Santa Fe and PK Younge.

SOFTBALL NEWS – All Day clinic will be Saturday, February 11th at Westport High School with the pre-season classics starting on Monday, 2/13/23.

WEB MASTER – Budget will be posted on Website.

INSPECTOR – Missed assignment. Tabled to next board meeting.

Motion to Adjourn – At 4:42pm by Richard Howard and 2nd by Wade Clayton. Motion carried.

Next Zoom Board Meeting - MARCH 12, 2023 AT 4PM