



## January Meeting Minutes

Meeting began at 2:02

Present at the meeting were as follows Wendell, Malcolm, Jesse, Rod, Bruce, Ivener, Virgil, and Josh.

Josh reads the meeting minutes from December, Jesse motions to accept the minutes as read, Josh seconds that motion.

Malcolm begins discussion on pay for the up coming flag football season, discussion on how many teams will be participating in the season as well as how many crews will be needed followed.

Malcolm motions to adopt a \$30 booking fee for all flag football games, seconded by Virgil motion passes.

The following schedule is prepared for board meetings

February 12<sup>th</sup>

March 5<sup>th</sup>

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

May 7<sup>th</sup>

May 8<sup>th</sup> (Membership meeting)

June 4<sup>th</sup>

July 9<sup>th</sup>

August 6<sup>th</sup>

September 10<sup>th</sup>

October 8<sup>th</sup>

Rod motions to adjourn at 3:37 pm second by Jesse, motions passes.

**March 5, 2023**

**Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Minutes taken by Wendell – President**

These Minutes are hereby submitted to the Board via email for approval due cancelled March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. These Minutes are submitted on this date, March 5, 2023 to all Board Members and are pending approval. The meeting on March 5, 2023 was “called” by the President, due to non-quorum attendance. It will be re-scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Note:** The President’s Phone was used to record the minutes of the meeting and this method of using a recording device in the absence of the Secretary was approved by the Board unanimously. The Motion on this Aspect was voiced by Virgil Fuller and properly seconded by Malcolm Bennett and carried unanimously.

**February 12<sup>th</sup> LRFOA Board Meeting Minutes**

The Board Meeting was opened by Wendell at 2:05 pm.

Those in attendance were: Malcolm Bennett, Jesse Martello, Virgil Fuller, Ivener Nelson, Tim Bean, Bruce Sellers, and Rod Martello. Absent; Josh Glaros.

Jesse reported on the Flag Football- Jesse mentioned that Ridge Flag Coach wants to do a Jamboree on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Jesse was skeptical about having enough bodies to provide for the Jamboree on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Jesse brought forth the details about the perspective Jamboree and the details thereof of how the Jamboree would be set up regarding number of games, number of teams, officials involved, and the monetary payout. Jesse was skeptical based on other Youth Sports that would be going on at the same time and that this might serve as a deterrent from obtaining officials to work the Jamboree.

Virgil Fuller added the idea that the officials that would be officiating this event would be those that were registered for Flag with the FHSAA. Another valid aspect brought out by Virgil was that an official who did Saturday Youth Tackle football might not be one that we would want to consider for this Jamboree or officiate in the Flag Football Season. Virgil made an additional valid point; that we paid to be Officials of FHSAA, as well as LRFOA and that we need to honor that commitment.

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Malcolm asked the question; “how many officials we had? Jesse verified to Malcolm the total. Ivener mentioned that the week of Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> would be the start of the FHSAA Basketball Tournament. Ivener also mentioned that he felt that the only thing we would be running into during the flag season would be YBOA and AAU Basketball in respect to available officials for the Flag season. Fri., Sat. Sundays are game days for those groups. Additionally, Ivener thinks that we should be fine though. More discussion on the schedule of the Jamboree by Malcolm, Jesse, Bruce and Ivener. Ivener spoke on the timing of the Jamboree games.

Jesse said if we’re good on bodies, he could formulate the game, timing and crews for Jamboree. Board members all had input on the Jamboree. The consensus is that the Jamboree is a go. Jesse talked on putting Jamboree games in Arbiter and the Board talked about the Meeting on Monday night and about finding out how many officials will be available for the Jamboree.

Jesse elaborated on the booking fee for Flag and Jesse said depending on the clock he will establish the booking fee. Additional, Jesse talked about the Regular Season Football game Fee going up to \$121 for all schools that exceed 50 miles from the President’s (Wendell’s) address. Jesse made a motion; the motion was seconded by Malcolm Bennett. The Motion carried unanimously.

Wendell mentioned the issue with Hardee Middle School about meeting with them, about changing their game time to 6:30pm. Ivener had input on the time and suggested 6pm. Ivener mentioned; to try and get guys who can travel and can make it to Hardee by 5:30 or 6:00 pm. Jesse mentioned that he needs to know by July about how many guys can work those games. Malcolm mentioned another aspect about having a Crew Chief meeting on Sunday evening during the regular Football Season to confer with Crew Chiefs about any happenings from their past Friday games. Wendell agreed with all comments. Jesse commented about certain aspects of problems present and past about game situations relative to crew chiefs reporting on problems after their games. Malcolm reiterated about a game issue and reporting such. Wendell added about a Pre-Season Coach’s meetings and the aspects we should confer to Coach’s. The Board was in agreement.

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Jesse mentioned about getting crews for the Flag Season. Wendell mentioned about who were going to be Crew Chiefs. Malcolm mentioned about the crew he would be on. Jesse mentioned that he would like to see an all-women's crew.

Wendell, Rod and Malcolm all mentioned about the Tim Casey incidents and the fact that we would assigned Tim Casey on a crew but it's unanimous about not using Tim as Crew Chief due to his non-readiness. Wendell explained about the three game incidents with Tim Casey relative to his characteristics displayed.

Jesse also mentioned about dropping Gulf High School from our service. He mentioned that West Central already has their Middle School. He mentioned that distance was an issue and it appeared that we are overlapping West Central Officials Association. Discussion ensued about game distances and two schools namely Gulf and Bishop McLaughlin. Jesse additionally said that we should consider dropping Bishop McLaughlin in the future. Question by Wendell; do we want to consider bringing back Lake Placid? Jesse mentioned that Lake Placid is already set with the association they have. He said he could check with them but thinks that their fine with the association they have at this time.

Ivener mentioned that he never had a problem with Lake Placid and mentioned that his crew would travel with no problem because he realized that every crew would be rotated, so no problem. Jesse proposal is to drop Gulf and Bishop McLaughlin. Lastly, Malcolm mentioned about finding out availability for the Flag Jamboree at the Monday meeting. There was additional talk of keeping all Flag Crews together for entire season with all Board members in agreement with that; Additional talk ensued about persons registered, games, who's working Flag and who is not. Jesse called out all persons signed up for Flag.

Board Meeting ended at 3:05 pm



## March Meeting Minutes

Meeting began at 2:08

Present at the meeting were as follows Wendell, Malcolm, Jesse, Rod, Bruce, Ivener, Virgil, and Josh.

Josh reads the meeting minutes from February

Malcom motions to accept that the secretary to email the minutes prior to the meeting, second by Jesse, motion passes.

Virgil recommends that all parties read the minutes prior to the next meeting so corrections can be made.

Jesse stated that all of the money has been paid for the 2022 season including the playoffs, flag football will be paid for the first half the weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Flag football input from Ivener, some issues have come up during the games mostly being from incidental contact, and holding while trying to grasp the flag. After all touchdowns a teammate must snatch the flag from the scorer. An incident was brought up at the Davenport game that a coach ran on the field multiple times and Wendell spoke to the coach. Also mentioned was girls wearing jewelry and piercing. There was an incident with Chris Gardner near the goal line which showed that he needs to hustle more. The board will be bringing him in and talking to him between now and May about improvements he needs to make on the field going forward to keep officiating.

Board to wear royal blue collard shirts, and it was approved by the board.

Malcolm has scheduled a meeting on April 12th for meeting with white has to go over expectations for the new season such as contacting school, officials, and board members going forward to create a cohesive officiating experience.

Motion to adjourn Jesse, Malcolm seconds the motion meeting closes at 3:11.

## **LRFOA BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 16, 2023**

Meeting opened at 2:00 pm /Meeting Adjourned at 3:04 pm/  
Length of Mtg. -1:04min

### **Members Present:**

Wendell Powell    Jesse Martello    Virgil Fuller    Tim Bean  
Malcolm Bennett    Rod Martello    Bruce Sellers

**Members Absent:** Ivener Nelson and Josh Glaros

Today's Meeting opened by President Wendell Powell. Following Topics ensued

1. Girl's Flag Football-2023 Season Overview
2. Guest Speaker to speak on "De-escalation Practices for Officials"
3. Guest Speaker to speak on "Nutrition factors for Officials"
4. Security for Game Officials at the Game Sites
5. Wendell's Meeting with the Middle School Conference in Sebring
6. Fundraisers
7. Bang-outs of Games last Season and curving the number for this Season.
8. Writing an Amendment on "Qualification for Board Members"
9. Officials Numbers and Needs for Upcoming Season and next Season
  - a. Officials Lost for this Season
10. Writing a Policy for Crew Chiefs Authority.
11. Writing a Policy about Playoffs – Only Playoff Officials on sideline.
12. Professionalism On and Off the Court/Field-Policy 601 (1) – FHSAA Guide Officials Guide Book.
13. Overview of Crew Chief Meeting of April 12<sup>th</sup>

**Bang-outs** – Wendell, Malcolm, Jesse, Rod, Virgil - elaboration and emphasis on banging-out games to relieve pressure on Jesse in re-assigning of members at last minute.

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### **Officials Numbers and Needs for the upcoming Season and next Season –**

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**Flag Football** – Elaboration by Wendell. Two areas needed improvement-Rule Application and Mechanics referencing Signals. Two examples given. Malcolm and Jesse on request by other out of county Schools requesting us to officiate their games. Consensus, doubt if we have officials to cover their flag games.

**Meeting with Middle School Conference-Sebring**-Wendell elaborated on aspects of the meeting. All of their Middle School in that conference will start at 6pm and they will pay us for the 5<sup>th</sup> quarter. Desoto entering their conference. Desoto game coverage still being negotiated.

**Proposal of two Guest Speakers** – Nutritionist and Sports Phycologist.

#### **Notations:**

1. Wendell will speak to Dan about designated parking for us at all schools.
2. Malcolm on this past Wednesday's Crew Chief meeting and aspects.
3. Wendell to write Amendment on Qualification to become a Board Member. Consensus by Board – this is needed.
4. Wendell will write a Policy concerning Authority of Crew Chiefs for Games.
5. Wendell to write policy-Member on sidelines at Playoff Games.

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**Fundraisers** – Per Jeremy FHSAA, Associations can have Fundraisers.

**Professionalism On and Off the Field/Court of Play**-Policy 601 (1) FHSAA Guide Book. Discussion ensued on this policy and related to Lakeland High Game Last season that involved one of our members which was deemed unprofessional Conduct. Discussion ensued by Malcolm, Jesse, Rod, Virgil, Bruce and Tim.

**Note:** 13 aspects mentioned above have been combined into some areas of discussion therefore they are not listed separated to equal number of aspects Presented.

Motion to adjourn asked by Wendell. Motioned by Rod, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim and carried.

Wendell Powell – Minutes taken on this day via recording device.