**BCAASO Minutes** (Monday; August 29, 2022; Plantation High School)

**Board Meeting** (6:30 pm): Present: Va; Torres; McCans; Pabon; Cook; Grimaldi; McGee (Franzese absent)

NOTE: Discussions did not involve any specific decisions.

**Training Meeting** (7:00 pm)

1. President Va made brief announcements:

* Members must score at least “75” on the FHSAA exam, to be eligible for varsity assignments (correction).
* FHSAA requires a record of attendance at BCAASO training meetings. Persons arriving late (e.g., 30 minutes), or leaving early, will not be counted as “present.”

1. Secretary McGee reported that “minutes” had been posted on the BCAASO website. These were “accepted,” although most members had not read them.
2. Neil Bardach reported that only twenty-four (24) members have registered on the website, which offers a great amount of useful information. All members are encouraged to register.
3. Booking Commissioner Grimaldi announced:

* Middle School assignments will be released later this week (the season begins next week).
* NFHS Rule books, being provided by FHSAA, will be sent to President Va. If not available for the Oct. 3rd meeting; arrangements will be made for members to pick them up (several locations).
* Members MUST be registered BOTH with FHSAA and with BCAASO, to be assigned MS games.
* PLEASE, members MUST show their availability for assignments on ARBITER.
* Clear any (previous) “blocks” for your availability
* On the main ARBITER “Home page,” BE SURE TO CLICK “Ready to be assigned,” in the small box at the top corner of the page.
* Anyone needing help, please contact ARBITER (1-800-311-4060).
* The current “cancellation policy” has been discussed with BCAA administrators, and is awaiting final approval.
* Non-weather cancellations must be made at least four hours in advance (or else payment of half-game fee).
* Cancellations, when referees are already at the field, will result in a half-game fee.
* For Middle Schools, the maximum waiting time (for weather or team arrivals) is one hour, from the scheduled time of kick-off.

1. Treasurer Torres reported a current balance of $7,233.11 (60 members have paid for this season).
2. Clinician Watson provided training:

* Weather/lightning issues:
* When the local alarm (or administrator) “signals,” the field must be cleared. A minimum of thirty (30) minutes is required before a resumption of the game.
* Refs MUST follow the “30/30” rule, even if NO warning from local system(s).
* **NOTE: FOLLOW the procedure given at the back of the NFHS Rule book (around p. 110), ESPECIALLY the last paragraph!**
* Middle School rules (these are available on the BCAASO website!)
* Players with casts must have these properly wrapped (see rules), WITH A PERMISSION LETTER FROM THEIR PHYSICIAN (the referee should keep this).
* Special focus was given to rules regarding “player equipment;” “substitutions;” proper use of cards (yellow; red; blue); and player/coach/bench management regarding dissent, etc.

Minutes taken and distributed on Tuesday, 8/30, by BCAASO Secretary, John David McGee