

Board 10 Annual Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM.

Secretary/Treasurer Ray Vanacore thanked **Cheryl Chiari** for her above-and-beyond the call of duty work in organizing and scheduling officials for all the Special Olympics and Unified Games.

President - Don Perkins reviewed the agenda.

Interpreter - Steve Wodarski

Season almost over. Girls regular season is over.
Post-season conference tournaments are underway.
Boys have a few games left.

Congratulations to those selected to work the State tournament and the conference tournaments.

End of season reminders:

Intensity will be high. Our focus has to be there and pay attention to the little things.

Four designated spots – anything other than out of bounds. If ball goes about of bounds, put it in play at spot nearest where it went out of bounds. For everything else, go to one of the four designated throw-in spots. That includes backcourt violations – all of which go to one of the four designated spots/

Get things right – go back into rulebook and case book.

The games are important to all players and teams.

Be at our very best.

Stay consistent – be consistently right,

Remain a good partner. Let players decide the outcome.

Referee each game to the very end.

[Then goes into “Fact or Fiction” – situations that did or did not occur]

Two games were played without a shot clock or alternate backup timing device.

Should not have been played. Both games were deemed “no contest” (which benefits the losing team).

Question was asked: What’s the difference between a forfeit and a no contest?

Steve: Answer ... No contest results as if the game never happened (doesn’t change either team’s win-loss record.)

Forfeit means that each team gets a loss

We are the best board in the State. We as a Board had a good year.

Mentor/Mentee Program – Steve Kirck

Steve thanked everyone who participated in the program.

It was a very successful year.

Observer Program– Billy DeMatteo

Thumbs up to you all officials that were observed.

A lot of new officials were put right into the game mix and they weren’t too bad.

Billy DeMatteo – shifts over to talking about the banquet.

April 2 at The Vue (formerly Laurel View) in Hamden

Hope most of you come to the banquet. No reason not to.

Added incentive this year – banquet includes one free drink (beer or wine).

Raffle for officials in need will be held at the banquet.

Commissioner Report – Buddy Chernovetz

We may be the best board, but not happy with some of the things you do.

Not happy with your lack of pride. If no one's watching you, most don't do all the things you are supposed to do.

If you don't have pride in what you do, we won't get better; we will regress.

You have to care about every single game you do.

You have to care about every call you make.

Kids may play one or two years, but you are the person they look to for the opportunity to play a fair game.

A lot of you don't know where to stand during time outs especially in 3-person crews.

Hold the whistle. Don't make calls that you probably didn't have to make.

Got to do the simple things. If you want to be the best you have to improve.

Want to thank a lot of you who helped me because we are short people.

This is the first year I had to put one person only on a game.

We are desperate for officials.

We are promoting for the first-time new officials who probably need a year or two before that, but we need them on these games.

Thanks to those who did girl JV-Varsity doubleheaders.

Let's work on our pride.

Don't cheat the game. (Frank Vieira told me that long time ago). The game is more important than you are.

What you do affects how you will be remembered as an official.

New slate of officials – Assistant Secretary Treasurer Lou Matteo

We had to nominate someone for Second VP – Ex. Bd appointed **Cheryl Chiari** to be 2nd VP. for one year (this is an off-year). And next year we put forward the entire slate for 2-year term.

Voting was for 2nd VP: **Cheryl Chiari**. Asked for nominations from the floor. There were none.

Vote unanimous in favor of Cheryl for 2nd VP. Nomination approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Report – Ray Vanacore

[first a reminder to everyone to put in their Coaches' awards votes. The Google Doc is now up and working.]

Deadline Friday February 23.

Banquet – we worked out a great deal (with The Vue).

Golf – April 2nd. They are giving us that day for Board 10 members to play 18 holes with a golf cart for \$30/person. It is a great deal. Let's get as many of our members as possible out there on April 2nd. That is the day of the Banquet. You have to call ahead for a starting time.

Dues due March 15, payable by March 31. Very important. When the season ends it begins the paying season for the 2024-2025 season.

Web site – we will be putting more of our important content items on the web site. IAABO10.com.

Get flags on all your officiating jackets and shirts.

Get your photos in Arbiter. Too many of you don't have them up on Arbiter.

Financial Report Secretary/Treasurer – Ray Vanacore

We are in great shape financially. Our accountants tell us that we are financially healthy.

Asst. Secretary/Treasurer Lou Matteo and I handle the finances.

We work with QuickBooks.

All Board 10 financials are transparent,
Beginning balance 1/1/2023: \$48,957.55
Ending balance 12/31/2023: \$48,133.06
Revenue: \$77,930.65
Expenses: \$78,555.14
Net: loss of \$824.49 (very small; that's a good sign)

We are roughly an \$80,000 a year business.

That is what it costs us to run our organization.

We are registered with the Secretary of State of CT as a non-profit small business.

We are told that a business like ours should have amount of money in our account equivalent to our total expenses.

We have a healthy balance sheet.

Your dues pay for all fees – IAABO fee, CIAC fee, game fee insurance, Arbiter license, sunshine fund to help fellow officials, and what we have to give to the State Board.

Motion to accept the financial statement – **Craig Stockel**.

Seconded by **Todd Miller**

Approved. No one opposed,

We close our books every month in QuickBooks.

Income/Expenses have to zero out each month.

Constitution Report President – Don Perkins

Summarizes the activities of the Constitution Committee.

Updated the language, added some items.

Added provision concerning late dues fees. Now will be a flat \$50 fee.

Ray Vanacore notes that IAABO charges a \$25 late fee for anyone not duly registered.

When he pays IAABO dues (due in April), for next season. After April 30th it is a \$25 penalty (“nuisance fee”)

If your dues payment comes in late, that causes more work that has to be done.

We also have to pay an Arbiter fee, insurance fee, CIAC fee for each person.

Don Perkins – we have defined exactly the duties of District Reps who are the main point of contact for all members. Contact District Rep with complaints or concerns and they will bring them to the Executive Board.

All committee chairs are listed on the Bd. 10 website.

District reps should communicate to members in their district what is going on.

Districts will have email list with everyone in their district – and should encourage getting together to go over the Refresher Exam in advance of the exam session in December.

We have also updated the means of amending the Constitution and approving those amendments.

New: amendments must be approved by 2/3 majority of the Executive Board (not the whole general membership). This brings us in concert with IAABO and the State Board Constitutions.

The updated Constitution is up on the Board 10 web site and you can look at changes well ahead of time before approval vote of the Executive Board.

(Not many members attend the Annual Meeting at which these sorts of issues used to be voted on)
Again, this conforms to what IAABO does – Local Board delegates at IAABO seminars vote on constitution changes, not the entire IAABO membership. The six CT Boards have delegates attend Ct State Board meetings to vote on such matters.

We will look to our membership for input on possible changes in the future.

Motion to accept the changes in the Constitution as submitted –

Motion by **Cheryl Chiari**.

Seconded by **Lou Brockett**.

Voted approved to accept the changes. Two members opposed. **President Don Perkins** asked for any discussion. None was asked for by the assembly.

Closed asking if there were any more questions.

Member **Joe Mrozowski** brought up a question. When he was attending a game at girls SCC QT Finals at Sheehan on Saturday, February 17th, he was charged for admission after showing his CIAC Official's card. **Buddy Chernovetz** – they can't do that. If you are a basketball official you should not be charged [Buddy later phoned Al Carbone of the SCC and he agrees there should not be a charge to an official to attend a game]. Tell them you're with Board 10 and show your CIAC ID card.

District Reps to be voted on.

All current District Reps have said that they want to continue on that position and were voted back into the position for 2 years.

Member **Ralph Zingarella**

Thank all for contributing to Bowling Fundraiser.

Baseball Board is going to join in NHFOC charities.

The charity has helped many officials in need.

Contact Ralph or Dr. Dan to find out more information if are in need of help.

Thanks to all who have supported our Charities' events.

Raffle was held

Meeting Adjourned 9:15 AM

