

January 24, 2005 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: President Steve Lough called the meeting to order at the Egeberg residence at 6:35 PM.

Board Members Present: Lough, Vice President Elie Ghawi, Treasurer Paul Trankar, Secretary Greg Cole, Past President Jim Egeberg, and at large member John Anderson.

Board Member Absent: At large member Rob Johan

Also Attending: Chapter Assignor Ed Braun, GCC Member Mike Montani

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS: Ghawi moved to approve the minutes of the 10/11/04 GCC Board Meeting; Second by Trankar; motion approved.

Ghawi moved to approve minutes of 12/7/04 GCC Annual Meeting; second by Trankar; motion approved.

SELECTION OF NEW SECRETARY: The Board, having received the resignation of Lough as Secretary in lieu of his election to the position of Chapter President, and having received the resignation of Cole as Board Member at large, Anderson moved that Cole be elected to serve as Secretary; second by Ghawi; motion approved.

SELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER: Trankar moved to appoint Mike Montani to fill the vacant at large Board position created as the result of Cole's resignation to fill the position of Secretary; second by Anderson; motion approved.

ASSIGNMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE/RESPONSIBILITIES

Clinic Attendance – Trankar

Fitness Testing – Cole

Clinic Refreshments – Ghawi

IHSA Liason – Cole who will also serve as convention delegate

Chapter Clinician – Mike Oliver

Nominating Committee Chair – Anderson

Regional Referee of the Year Nominating Committee – Chair: Ghawi. Committee Members: Braun and Steve Siomos. (approved after motion by Montani, second by Cole)

OLD BUSINESS

CLINICS:

March 19 Location: Pending, Braun waiting for final approval from Concordia.

Agenda: Kim Vieira and Todd Abraham will be contacted by Egeberg to present topics pertaining to offside, foul recognition critical game situations involving possible sending off offenses. Cole will fill in agenda with IHSA Clinic required topics such as professionalism and sportsmanship. Cole will conduct IHSA Rules Interp. at 1 PM. Oliver will be offered opportunity to present a topic, but Board consensus was that he be allowed to observe this clinic. An invitation to attend will also be extended to Assignor David Harris.

June 7 Location: Fitness test and Clinic - Concordia/pending

Agenda: pending

August 6 Location: Fitness Test – Concordia. Clinic – Dominican

Agenda: pending, but one topic to include duties of 4th official.

TREASURER’S REPORT & PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED BUDGET

Trankar presented balance sheet for 2004. After the payment of NISOA portion of late dues, GCC accounts balance is just over \$4,600. Trankar will investigate investing savings in c.d.’s.

Trankar presented a proposed budget for 2005. After discussion, “as proposed” line items were adjusted to allocate additional funds to cover travel related expenses and donations for the NISOA Convention (including those of Braun in recognition of his election to the NISOA Hall of Fame); expenses for attending the assignors workshop; and lodging expenses for the IHSA Convention. Trankar will prepare final budget reflecting these modifications for approval at next meeting.

WEBSITE

1. Access and Q&A for Chapter Clinician: adding an interactive Q&A to the site would be cost prohibitive. It was suggested that members be given access to an email address from the site for the chapter clinician to pose questions which would be answered by the clinician and then possibly posted on the site.
2. Site addresses for individual board Members: none of the members are interested in being assigned site email addresses.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Division I Ref List: Anderson will prepare list of GCC officials to recommend to DI assignors.
2. Audit Committee: Egeberg volunteered to chair audit committee. Motion to approve by Montani; second by Ghawi; motion approved.
3. Carthage Ref Instructional Camp: scholarships will be offered to up to 5 applicants who must be in the top 50% of GCC rated officials.
4. National Referee Candidates: George Ghawi, Eric Boria, Ninos Alexander and Pawel Wydra were nominated by the Board as candidates for the NISOA National Referee program. Current NISOA National Referees Cole and Anderson agreed to act as mentors for the 4 candidates.
5. Penalty for Late Payment of Dues: Ghawi moved to increase the penalty for those members who pay their dues late (after Dec 31) to \$20.00, effective next season. Second by Egeberg. Motion approved.
6. Request for Assignment of Games by non-GCC Member: Braun advised the Board that he had been contacted by a downstate NISOA official, not a member of GCC, who requested to be assigned games in order to obtain assessments to fulfill his NISOA National Candidate requirements. Braun sought advice from the Board on how to handle this type of request as it relates to payment of chapter fees. It was the consensus of the Board that Braun be given

discretion to decide whether such persons would be required to pay chapter dues before being assigned games.

7. Ratings: Braun will initiate the process for obtaining the recommendations of selected Board Members, assignors, assessors and other qualified persons to assist in compiling the ratings of GCC Chapter officials. Egeberg will submit the IHSA Top 15 List for the Spring 2005 season. Deadline is April 7.

8. Montani reported that GCC officials received praise from Joe Bean and Cliff McGrath at the NISOA Convention. Many college teams will be including futsal as a winter program. NISOA will be the organization providing officials.

NEXT MEETING

April 5, 2005 6:30 PM. Mike Montani's office. Directions tba.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
Greg Cole, Secretary

April 21, 2005 Executive Board Minutes

President Stephen Lough called meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

Attending: Lough, Vice President Elie Ghawi and at-large members John Anderson and Mike Montani.

Also attending: Assignment chairperson Eduard Braun

Excused: Immediate Past President Jim Egeberg, Treasurer Paul Trankar, Secretary Greg Cole and at-large member Rob Johan.

Ghawi moved that the minutes of the Jan. 24 meeting be approved; Anderson seconded; motion carried.

June 7 clinic will be held at Concordia University. Braun will obtain a room number so that information can be posted on the website. Greg Cole has told Lough that he will be present to conduct the fitness test at 5:30 p.m. Ghawi will be bringing water for the participants. Education portion of the program is pending. Anderson will be meeting with Rich Grady to ask him to make a presentation based on one of the top five subjects that members expressed an interest in through Mike Oliver's survey at the last clinic. Balance of the program will consist of a panel that Oliver will be asked to form.

The board made preliminary plans for the Aug. 6 clinic. The fitness test will be at Concordia University, and the education program will be at Dominican University. Subjects will include NCAA rules changes (Oliver or Todd Abraham,) critical incidents tape (Oliver or Abraham), Advantage (Abraham), Role of the 4th official (TBA), and IHSA rules interpretation

(Cole). Lough will talk to Steve Davidson of OSI about the cost of a handout of referee gloves to members attending the clinic.

The treasurer's report, presented for Trankar by Montani, showed income of \$2,200 and expenses of \$763.24, leaving a checking balance of \$3,345.34. Savings account balance was \$3,025.12, leaving a total balance of \$6,370.46.

Ghawi moved that Steve Davidson be elevated to lifetime member status in GCC; Anderson seconded; motion carried.

Anderson will contact the members nominated by the board as national referee candidates to see where they are in the application process.

The board chose Greg Cole and John Anderson to represent GCC at the IHSA Delegates Meeting in Peoria on July 23 since they will be there already.

The board recommended to Region 8 representative Jim Egeberg that Mike Kennedy be chosen as the region's referee of the year for 2004.

Time, date and place for next board meeting was set at 6:30 p.m., July 6 at Mike Montani's office in Addison.

Anderson moved that the meeting be adjourned; Ghawi seconded; motion carried.

Lough declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Lough
President and acting secretary

July 6, 2005 Executive Board Minutes

Location: Mike Montani's Office, 57 Interstate Rd., Addison, IL

Present: Lough, Ghawi, Trankar, Cole and Montani

Absent: Anderson, Johan, Past President Egeberg

Meeting Called to Order by President Steve Lough at 6:50 PM

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the April 21, 2005 meeting of the Board of Directors was presented and discussed. By way of clarification, Cole was designated at the January meeting as IHSA contact and delegate. Motion to accept Minutes by Trankar; 2nd by Ghaw; Motion carried.

Old Business

1. August 6 Clinic:

Location: Fitness Test at Concordia University Athletic Field 7:30 to 9:00 AM – Cole will conduct.

Clinic at Dominican University same room as last year. 9:00 Am to 1:00 PM

Clinic Agenda: 9:00 – 9:30 Registration and Introductory remarks

9:30 – 10:15 Clinic Topic by Todd Abraham – Advantage

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 10:45 Arbiter Website Briefing by Steve Lough

10:45 – 11:15 Rule Changes - Abraham

11:15 – 11:45 Panel Discussion

11:45 – 12:15 Lunch

12:15 – 1:00 Test

1:30 – 2:45 IHSA Rules Interpretation – Cole

Refreshments: Ghawi will take care of beverages for fitness and lunch. Montani will handle sandwiches.

Handout: Motion by Ghawi to accept Steve Davidson's quote on gloves at \$10/pair. Quantity to be purchased 110; 2nd by Montani; Motion carried.

2. Annual Meeting: tentative date is Dec 6, 2005 at Green/White

3. Update on National Referee Program Applicants: Cole has communicated with each of the applicants (Alexander, G. Ghawi, Boria and Wydra). All are aware of application requirements. Cole will assist those who need help in submitting the application. Wydra will need a waiver of the 3-year membership requirement. We are waiting for reply from Paul Beck, regional NRP Coordinator on procedure. There is still plenty of time to submit applications. Candidates will wait to submit applications when requisite 2 assessments have been forwarded to Beck.

4. Web site Q & A: tabled

5. IHSA Peoria Conference and Delegates Meeting: July 22 and 23. Cole will attend as GCC's Delegate. There is now (new this year) a portion of the delegates meeting held on Friday evening. Motion by Cole to donate \$50 to the IHSA convention/hospitality; 2nd by Ghawi; Motion carried.

6. NISOA National Convention: Trankar reported fees for Montani and Egeberg have been paid. Motion by Ghawi to donate \$100 to convention/hospitality; 2nd by Montani; Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: submitted by Trankar, shows ending balance all accounts as of 7/6/05 at \$5,640.10. Motion to accept report by Montani; 2nd by Ghawi; report approved.

New Business

1. GCC Membership Candidates; Lough presented list of potential candidates for follow up to secure GCC membership. All have submitted letters of recommendation. Discussion followed regarding their qualifications. Montani will follow up with Reyes, Juarez and Silva. Lough will contact Canavan, Ibarra and Chavdaorv. Trankar will contact Dozak, Benyamin and Frazier.

2. NISOA Foundation Fund Drive: Motion by Cole to donate \$100 to the fund; 2nd by Trankar; motion carried.

3. GCC Fee increase for 2006: Discussion was had concerning a fee increase for the GCC portion of member dues for 2006. Consensus of the Board was that we need to establish as part of our budget an ongoing commitment to funding the NISOA Foundation. This would also increase GCC 's prestige within NISOA, and hence benefit all of our members. Motion by Cole to increase the GCC dues to \$35 effective for 2006 season; 2nd Trankar; motion carried.

Next Meeting: November 8, 2005, 6:30 PM at Montani's office.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory R. Cole. GCC Secretary

November 8, 2005 Executive Board Minutes

Location: Mike Montani's Office, 57 Interstate Rd., Addison, IL

Present: President Steve Lough, Vice President Elie Ghawi, Treasurer Paul Trankar, Secretary Greg Cole, At Large Members John Anderson, Rob Johan & Mike Montani and Chapter Assignor Ed Braun

Absent: Past President Jim Egeberg

Meeting Called to Order by President Steve Lough at 6:45 PM

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the July 6, 2005 meeting of the Board of Directors was presented and discussed. Motion to accept Minutes by Johan; 2nd by Anderson; Motion carried.

Old Business

1. Annual Meeting:

- a. Time and Date: Dec 6, 2005, 6:30 PM
- b. Location: at Green/White.

Braun will email announcement to NISOA refs. Egeberg will be asked to email to high school officials. The meeting announcement will also be posted on the website. Reminders will be sent out by each Board member.

c. Candidates for Board: Those interested in running for open Board positions are asked to contact Anderson. Open positions are Vice President, Secretary and 1 At Large. Ghawi, Cole and Montani will seek re-election for their respective positions.

d. Subjects to be presented: Lough will present President's report, announce tentative clinic dates. Michael Kennedy to receive 2004 Regional Ref of the Year Award. Braun and Siomos will give assignor reports.

2. Update on National Referee Program Applicants: Anderson and Cole reported that all is going well. Cole will follow up to make sure all applicants (Alexander, G. Ghawi, Boria and Wydra) obtained requisite assessments. Wydra will need a waiver of the 3-year membership requirement. Braun will write letter requesting waiver.

3. Website Q & A: tabled

4. Hosting NISOA National Convention: Ghawi moved that GCC submit a bid to host convention. 2nd by Johan. Earliest date would be approximately 2010. Motion approved. Lough will prepare bid letter.

5. Audit of Chapter's financial books: Trankar will coordinate audit to be performed by Egeberg with assistance by Larry Higgs.

Treasurer's Report: submitted by Trankar, shows ending balance all accounts as of 11/8/05 at \$3,973.71. By way of clarification the trophy expense line item to Ed Braun was to reimburse Ed for the Regional Ref of the Year trophy to be presented to Kennedy. Motion to accept report by Cole; 2nd by Anderson; report approved.

New Business

1. Rescission of Chapter dues increase. Following discussion and clarification, no action was taken.

2. Report on IHSA Peoria Convention: Cole reported that IHSA may explore mentoring program for officials. It would probably up to the local officials chapters to implement. Grant application applied for, but due to tightening of qualifying criteria, GCC will have little if any reimbursable expenses.

3. Regional Referee of the Year: Anderson nominated Tom Landi 2nd by Johan Motion approved. Lough will submit nominating and criteria forms.

4. Web Maintenance Agreement: Needs to be renewed. \$300.00 is budgeted. If the amount exceeds \$300.00 (per notification by Egeberg) Board will need to approve any increase.

5. Uniform Policy: Montani advised that NISOA is issuing another jersey color. Members who inquire will be advised gold and orange jerseys are needed to officiate GCC assigned local games. If officials travel outside area or accept games from other assignors, they should be prepared to have all NISOA approved colors with matching socks.

6. Tentative Dates for 2006 Clinics: March 11 – Dominican; June 6 - Concordia; August 5 – Concordia.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2006, 6:30 PM at Montani's office.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Gregory R. Cole. GCC Secretary

Minutes of the GCC Annual Meeting December 6, 2005

Date: December 6, 2005, 6:30 PM

Location: Green/White Clubhouse, Des Plaines, IL

Meeting Called to Order by President Steve Lough at 6:55 PM, Lough declaring a quorum with approximately 75 members being present.

Acknowledgment of Officials Assigned to Post Season

Lough acknowledged the numerous officials who were assigned to post season work. Over 35 GCC officials were assigned to NCAA, NCCAA, and NAIA post season tournaments as well as to the IHSA State Finals.

NISOA Hall of Fame

Lough acknowledged the election of Ed Braun to the NISOA Hall of Fame.

Regional Referee of the Year Award

Michael Kennedy 2004 NISOA Region VIII Referee of the Year was presented with a trophy by Lough on behalf of the GCC to acknowledge the honor.

Letter of Support

Lough read a letter prepared by GCC and sent to IHSA Executive Director Marty Hickman. The letter was prepared by GCC to support one of our members, Ben Buum, who was assaulted during an IHSA Sectional Final game. The letter urged harsher sanctions against the players and school involved.

Joe Bean moved that GCC cause the letter to be circulated in the media. Second by Dave Salz. After discussion, the membership voted 19-16 in favor of the motion.

Tentative Dates for 2006 Clinics

Lough announced that the tentative dates for the 2006 GCC clinics are March 11, June 6 and August 5. Fitness tests to be conducted on 6/6 and 8/5. Time, location and agendas TBA.

Elections

Nominating Chairperson John Anderson announced that the following 2 year term Board positions were up for election and that the respective incumbents had indicated their desire to run for those positions:

Vice President: Eli Ghawi

Secretary: Greg Cole

At Large: Mike Montani

Whereupon the floor was opened to nominations, and there being none, nominations were closed.

Joe Bean moved that Ghawi be elected VP by acclamation. Second by Tim Deters. Motion approved.

Michael O'Flaherty moved that Greg Cole be elected Secretary by acclamation. Second by Rob Johan. Motion approved.

Rob Johan moved that Mike Montani be elected at large Board member by acclamation. Second by Steve Siomos. Motion approved.

Assignors Reports

Braun and Siomos made their respective assignors reports for 2005. Both assignors made note of the high regard in which the officials of GCC are held not only in the Chicago area, but regionally and nationally.

Both Braun and Siomos indicated that, unofficially, GCC officials would not be required to have the new black uniform for local games, but cautioned that those officials who are assigned to games outside the Chicago area or to games involving officials from other chapters should make sure they have the uniform.

Special Concerns

Siomos made special mention that John Papas had been hospitalized with a serious health condition, and that he is in need of our support. Braun announced that Steve Gebler also has serious health concerns.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mike Oliver. Second By Tim Deters. Motion Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Gregory Cole, Secretary