Cedar Rapids Athletic Officials Association Minutes of the Spring Business Meeting April 7, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Miller in the Cafeteria of Washington High School. An attendance sheet was passed for members and applying members to sign in lieu of a roll call. Thirty-nine members attended.

Fall Meeting minutes were on the web site. It was moved by Dan Hilby and seconded by Paul Schuetz to accept minutes as written. Motion carried.

Pinky Primrose went over the Financial numbers. The Steering Committee reviewed the finances in their meeting earlier. We have \$3,448.79 in the checking account. It was moved by Jerry Winter and seconded by Pat Dolphin to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

Mark Miller went over the Executive Committee's agenda and reported that they reviewed the financial report, went over the test scores, reviewed the attendance of the members and discussed the 2008-09 Calendar of Meetings. It was moved by Don Haugen and seconded by Pat Dolphin to accept the report. Motion carried.

Mark gave the President's report. He expressed concerns about the test scores this year in basketball. He asked the members to go on thearbiter and up date their schedule. Mark mentioned if you don't want to work with a certain official, go into thearbiter and choose not to work with them. Pinky went over the blanking out procedures and asked to let him know why you are blocking a certain official.

Jeff Drahozal asked the Steering Committee to review the concerns of officials with a bad background and more of a check should take place. He has written Rick Wilkow about this concern. Bill Yeisley mentioned that the Association has an area of a member being of good character before he can become a CRAOA official. This should cover us. There are concerns about an official writing a bad cheek to the association. Please let him know if you are having a financial problem and he will make adjustments on holding a check.

Pinky gave the day-to-day operation reported and reminded the officials about the Annual Banquet ! Number seventy-one at A Touch of Class on Mount Vernon Rd. S.E. \$20.00 for the second ticket. He also asked them to confirm their attendance. He reminded the officials to get in their registration to Boone and the Girls Union on time. He reviewed the test scores and announced the high scores. He mentioned and honored the officials who worked the State Tournaments and Playoffs. A record number of officials worked in the State tournament. The Association has another member in the Hall of Fame--Bill Brousard, a football and basketball official. He mentioned that we will honor the Longevity Awards at the Banquet. Pinky also reviewed the starting dates of the football meetings and basketball meetings for the coming year. He reminded the officials that they must attend 3 meetings and new applying officials must attend 6. Scrimmages do substitute for a meeting.

Communications: C.R. Kennedy wrote about an official who complained about a JV game being cancelled because of the lack of numbers of players and quarters played. The official demanded pay for game, and was going to report it to Boone. The AD expressed concern about this. It has been policy of the Association to not get paid for games cancelled due to weather, shortage of players and conflicts. We are using the schools as a training ground.

Old Business: None

New Business: Applying Members: Harry Brown presented the new class for full membership. He reviewed all the officials, talked about their work on the court, test and meeting attendance. He recommended the following to receive Full Membership to CRAOA: Willie Guy, Rene Hilbach-Barger, David Law, Chris Oberbroeckling, Randy Schulte, Allen Stekl, Jason Turner, Tyler Turner. It was moved by Paul Schuetz and seconded by Jeff Frese that we approve the recommendation. Carried.

Harry recommended that Phil Goodall remain on Step II along with other officials who missed the test and meetings. They are Dennis Higgins, Amy Holecek, Brad Jacobs, Brad Johnson, Casey Korn, Adam Olson and John Winter. It was moved by Pat Casey and seconded by Gordon Kennedy that the recommendation be approved. Motion carried.

Harry recommended that Charlie Epperson stay on Step I because of lack of meetings and test. Moved by Jack Jasper and second by Jerry Winter to approved the recommendation. Motion carried.

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Harry recommended that we approve Charlie Visek to go back on the active roster as a transfer. It was moved by Jerry Winter and seconded by Sony Deke that Charlie Visek go back on the active roster. Motion carried.

The President brought up that the Executive Committee review the Basketball Roster and recommended that Fred Griffith go through the chairs as an officer. It was moved by Paul Schuetz and seconded by Jeff Frese that Fred Griffith be approved as the Fourth Vice-President. Motion carried.

It was moved by Dave Stamy and seconded by Mike Koolbeck that Greg Bergeron not be assigned games. Motion carried.

For the Good of the Organization: It was recommended that a new procedure be followed for the Basketball Sessions in order to improve the test scores with some lectures and small groups be part of the new procedure.

Dave Stamy asked if it would be possible for a 3rd official for the Sophomore games! A discussion followed.

Dave Stamy also mentioned that he would like to see an official be assigned at a Junior High Game near the sophomore games that they are going to work on the same night. It will be attempted to improve in this area.

Pinky Primrose recommended to drop the following officials from the roster: Scott Behn, Demarro Walton, James Potts. It was moved by Pat Casey and seconded by Dan Hilby to drop the officials. Motion carried.

Pat Dolphin moved and seconded by Pat Casey that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Minutes taken by Pat Casey and Dan Hilby.