

**Central Pennsylvania Basketball Officials Association  
Business Meeting, January 4, 2004**

On January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004 the Central Pennsylvania Basketball Officials Association held a business meeting at Boiling Springs High School. The meeting was called to order by President, Jim Bruno at 1:10 p.m. Attendance was taken through the use of cards.

The minutes from the October 26<sup>th</sup> business meeting were read by Secretary, Barbara Eppley. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Harold Pomraning. A second to this motion was made by Mike Jenkins. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Jim Bruno commented on the need for a new facility as Susquehanna Township School is charging us approximately \$40 per meeting. It was mentioned that Steel-High School has offered us a place to meet. Patrice Ametrano suggested we check into a building in Lower Paxton Township that would be free. If there are any suggestions please email Jim Bruno or Barbara Eppley.

A treasurer's report was given by Tim Hughes. He stated that we currently have over \$5,000 in our account. The association has made its final payments to the non-PIAA assignor, Donnie Eppley and will not be paying him any further due to our amendment change to our constitution and by-laws at the October 26<sup>th</sup> business meeting.

Paula Bauer, Awards Committee Chairperson, reported that we will soon be voting on our annual awards, the Mulligan award for officials and the Crawford Hunter Sportsmanship award to a boys and girls team. There will be more information available at future meetings and on the website.

It was reported by Barbara Eppley, Banquet Committee Chairperson, that our annual banquet will be held on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004. It will be held at the Susquehanna Club in New Cumberland.

A report prepared by Craig Bradley, Chairperson of the Training and Education Committee, was read by Jim Bruno. See attached file for the report.

It was determined that there was no unfinished business from the October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004 business meeting.

As far as new business is concerned, it was mentioned that some members of our association would like to honor the memory of long time member Paul Stein who passed away. Several options were presented. It was proposed that the association accept more suggestions and then the executive committee will make a recommendation to the membership at our business meeting in March as to what do to do in regards to the Paul Stein memorial issue.

A CPBOA camp scholarship fund has been set up by chairperson, Tim Hughes. The money to fund these scholarships comes from a tournament worked in November by several of our members. The game fees were then donated to this fund. Any member is eligible who will be attending an instructional camp. The application form can be found on line. The scholarships will vary from \$50 - \$100.

The annual election of officers and executive committee was held at this point. Running unopposed and thus elected were Jim Morey, President, Scott Young, Vice-president, Craig Bradley, Interpreter, Tim Hughes, Treasurer, and Barbara Eppley, Secretary. The following members were elected to the Executive Committee for a two year term: Hiliary Bower, Tim Bream, Mark Carley, and Ed Salter. Paula Bauer will serve a one-year term as she will replace the position vacated due to Scott Young being elected to serve as Vice-President.

It was brought to the attention of the association by Jim Bruno that Mid-Penn Assignor, Donnie Eppley, has been using officials from outside of our association to officiate some of what are deemed our "bigger" games. It was reported by Bruno that in the hiring meeting with John Alison that Donnie was told to get the best officials. Using outside officials has been a past practice when the need arose. However, the concern lies with the extent to which Donnie Eppley has been using the outside officials. This concern was heard at a meeting of the Mid-Penn Conference Committee. It was stated that this issue was taken by this committee and relayed back to the Mid-Penn Executive Committee. A decision on this matter is pending.

It was then mentioned by Ed Hall that Donnie Eppley was hired by Fred Isopi and not John Alison as stated previously. Ed Hall stated that it is in the Mid-Penn Conference By-laws that the assignor must use officials from within our association.

Jim Bruno retorted that he was unaware of exactly what the By-laws stated and will check into this matter further. He stated that he was aware of six such instances this current season where outside officials were utilized. He told the membership that he officiated a game in Reading with Donnie Eppley.

A question was raised concerning a trust or scholarship fund for children of deceased officials. It was thought that this trust was disbanded and the monies donated to the Big 33 Scholarship Fund. It was recommended that for the next business meeting it be determined exactly what happened to this.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. by Ed Salter. A second to the motion was made by Larry Miller.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Eppley  
CPBOA Secretary