



## Central Pennsylvania Basketball Officials' Association

December 4, 2005  
East Pennsboro High School

President, Scott Young, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. Roll was taken through attendance cards. He made the following announcements:

- Association member Gary Brown is currently hospitalized. Please send him your thoughts and prayers.
- Raffle tickets are due by December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005.
- The dress code policy for boys' basketball players at Susquehanna Township High School is in the news right now and unfortunately the officials have been brought into this controversy.

Donnie Eppley, Mid-Penn and Non-PIAA Assignor, addressed the membership next. He said that officials need to file a game report after every contest on Assign-by-Web. If a technical foul is assessed that is a separate report that needs to be filed. An ejection report needs to be filed with the PIAA within twenty-four hours of occurrence.

Donnie Eppley addressed the situation at Susquehanna Township. He stated that it is Coach Cook's policy for no male athlete to have long hair. A mother of an athlete took exception to his rule. She went to the media. It was somehow said that we as officials pre-judge based on looks. Coach Cook said that she is not the spokesperson for his program and he harbors no ill-will towards officials. Donnie asked that we not go in with any pre-conceived notions due to this controversy.

Donnie Eppley stated that officials are still permitted to wear collared shirts. If one official wears a v-neck both must do so. He stated that you may wear a belt but it is not recommended. The belt buckle must not be huge if you do wear one. He stated that all officials must have a pre-game conference. If officials are not willing to have a pre-game report, please note that in your game report. Disparaging remarks should not be made where others can hear them. Locker rooms and dressing rooms are not sound-proof.

Donnie Eppley reported that hotmail email addresses are not compatible with Assign-by-Web. Please switch to Yahoo.

At this time, long-time CPBOA member, Dick Mertz, was presented with an award for his many years of service. Dick is transferring another chapter in Northampton, PA.

Donnie Eppley reminded everyone of the inclement weather policy. He said that you get the game when it is moved to the new date. If you end up with two games on the same date, then you get to pick the game that you want to keep. You may keep both if the time schedule permits. You are to turn back the assignment you don't want first and then accept the other. For most all non-PIAA games now the fee is \$23.

If you have not been paid for scrimmages and do not receive payment in the next two weeks, please contact Donnie.

Craig Bradley took over this time for his interpretation on technical fouls, free-throws, and correctable errors.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Eppley  
CPBOA Secretary