

## **Berks County Chapter of Volleyball Officials**

### Meeting Minutes

8/2/2021

The meeting of the Berks County Chapter Volleyball Officials was held in person at the Slovak Catholic Sokol club on Monday August 2, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Jeff Good.

Jeff Good started the meeting with introductions since we had several new officials in attendance.

The rules interpretation part of the meeting consisted of a review of pre-match responsibilities. Some of the highlights included:

- Officials should contact the school where they are officiating prior to the match to inquire about any COVID protocols that they should be aware of.
- Before the pre-match conference, look for any obstructions and determine who the game manager is for the school. The game manager for each school should be listed on Arbiter.
- Make sure all necessary equipment is in place including protective equipment. Make sure the referee stand is secured and stable.
- There will again be no team side changes after sets this year.
- Coaches are to hand the team rosters to the R2 at the pre-match conference.
- Both officials should wear the same shirts. Both the black/white striped shirt and the all white shirt are permitted but it is preferred that both officials were the same shirt.

PIAA has changed the meeting attendance requirement for the 2021-22 season. Officials must:

- Attend a rules interpretation meeting (can be anywhere in the state).
- Attend at least 4 chapter meetings by 11/30/2021 but 1 must be in the month of October.
- Can take the online test to receive credit for 1 chapter meeting. The online meeting will be available on the PIAA.org website until September 3, 2021.

### **Chapter Business**

The Berks County volleyball chapter rules interpretation meeting will be held in person at the Sokol club on Sunday August 8 at 6 PM. This will be immediately followed by a regular chapter meeting.

The chapter website lists the meeting dates, times, and location of upcoming chapter meetings. Meeting topics will also be listed when they are determined. The chapter website is:

<https://www.berksvolleyballofficials.com/>

The chapter received scholarship applications from just 2 individuals for the past school year. The scholarship committee decided to award the scholarship to both individuals. The recipients were Paul Martin from Governor Mifflin and Zach Heffner from Schuylkill Valley.

The chapter golf tournament will take place on Saturday August 21 at 1 PM at Arrowhead Golf Course. Volunteers are needed and entries for groups are still being accepted. Contact Terry Stick for more information. [Terrystick16@yahoo.com](mailto:Terrystick16@yahoo.com)

Jeff Good has contacted several schools to inquire about officials attending intrasquad scrimmages as a training opportunity.

There is a Jr High tournament taking place at Wilson on September 25. Officials are needed and this is a good training opportunity for anyone interested. Contact Jeff Good if you are interested.

[jgood@high.net](mailto:jgood@high.net)

The chapter financial report will be updated on the chapter website.

The amount of the annual chapter dues has not been set at this time but will be announced at the next meeting.

Dave Cummings provided an update on Arbiter. He requested that officials keep current with their availability status and accept assignments in a timely manner. There are some dates that could be potential problems in regard to the number of officials available but he is managing it.

Registration for the PIAA convention is now open. The convention will be held virtually this year and officials can sign up for seminars from now through the end of the month. Attendance at a PIAA convention is required in order to officiate a state contest. Attendance at an in-person convention provides 5 years of state match eligibility while attending the virtual convention provides 3 years of eligibility.

There being no further chapter business the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

The next chapter meeting will be the rules meeting on Sunday August 8 at 6:00 PM and will be immediately followed by a regular chapter meeting. The meeting will be in-person at the Sokol club.

Respectfully submitted,  
David A. Hawkins  
Chapter Secretary