

Central Penn Chapter of PIAA Football Officials

1981

CHAPTER Business MEETING 9-8-81

President Brown opened meeting.

Minutes from previous meeting approved as read.
Treasurer's report with a current balance of \$517.45 was presented and accepted.

Secy Bennett read all correspondence and letters of resignation from Ed McNamara, Pat Yeager, and Tim Schropp.

Len Czarnocki - reported on need for all officials to maintain adequate liability insurance. A letter from Wagner & Taylor Insurance Agency was read offering liability coverage for a \$5 premium per official.

Pres Brown - reported that a Committee met with the Greater Hbg chapter regarding a possible merger. The Hbg Chapter was not receptive to any merger. They wanted assurances that could not be met. Discussions were dropped.

New officials were accepted on Probationary status -
RICK ALPARCH, GERALD Donnelly (transfer) - Russ Biggier
PAT DESANTIS

NEW Bus. - Committees Appointed - BANQUET - Chas Sherman,
Plus Exec. Board Plus - Ed Thompson & Jim Stoll

Grievance Committee - Paul Pugh, Tom Dunlavy, Jolt White

Awards " Paul Perton, Jack Murray, Jack Boyer

Nominating " Larry Lawver, Larry Thimjar, Bob Garrett
and Wayne Baker

ADJOURNED

BUSINESS MEETING

CENTRAL PENN CHAPTER

Nov. 10, 1981

President John opened the meeting at 7:00 PM by stating that Secretary Fred Bennett must resign from our Chapter following his appointment as Assignor of Officials for the new Mid-Penn League.

Dave Meckley stated that all Athletic Directors for the Mid-Penn League are providing Fred with a list of preferred officials and a list of other eligible officials. Officials assigned to work games in the Mid-Penn League will be assigned to work in all divisions.

It was decided that each school will receive one invitation to the banquet and they may bring paying guests.

Bob Gallagher reported that the Treasury balance was approximately \$3200 with all bills paid and all dues received.

A new applicant was presented and approved by the Chapter - Thomas J. Shimmer.

The following officers were nominated:

President - Charles Sherman
Vice-President - Charles Cartwright
Don Darr
Secretary - Tom Dunleavy
Treasurer - Bob Gallagher
John Black
Interpreter - Ken Sassaman
Executive Board - Greg Abeln, Dave Meckley, Jeff White, Stan Jablonski,
Lou Martin, Steve Ecker, Earl Whitmore, Len
Czarnecki, Bob Repetz.

The following officers were elected for 1982

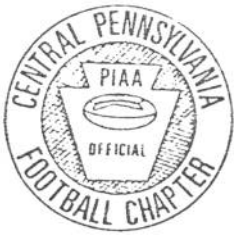
President - Charles Sherman
Vice-President - Charles Cartwright
Secretary - Tom Dunleavy
Treasurer - John Black
Interpreter - Ken Sassaman
Executive Board Members - Greg Abeln, Dave Meckley, Jeff White

Len Czarnecki stated that the Blue Mountain League is considering going back to four man crews as a cost cutting method. He felt that our Chapter should go on record as being opposed to this change. A motion was made seconded to direct Secretary Dunleavy to correspond with the Blue Mountain League and determine their intentions. He will then report back to the Executive Board.

Amendments to the By-Laws were presented and accepted. The salary of the Secretary shall be reduced to \$150 and the salary of the assistant Secretary shall be \$100.

The following members were removed from probation; Barry Troup, Gerald Urich, Keith Detweiler, Berkley Reid, Jr.

Adjourned



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER
P.I.A.A. FOOTBALL OFFICIALS

Thomas L. Dunleavy
Secretary
945 16th Street
New Cumberland, Pa. 17070
774-3884 774-3844

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

December 8, 1981

The meeting was opened by President Sherman at 7:10 p.m. at the home of President Sherman. All members were present with the exception of John Brown who is recovering from leg surgery.

The meeting place for Chapter meetings for the 1982 season was discussed. It was felt that Cedar Cliff High School was a good meeting site but some felt that the auditorium was much too large for our group. President Sherman stated that Bob Repetz was checking with the High School administration to determine if any other room may be available to us.

Discussion was held on methods to make Chapter meetings more interesting and to develop more dialogue with the attending officials. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Tom Dunleavy and seconded by John Black requesting President Sherman to appoint Ken Sassaman and Dave Meckley to contact schools to obtain various game films for review at Chapter meetings. The prime attempt will be to point out good and bad officiating techniques.

Jeff White discussed the education of the newer official. A second or separate meeting is being considered for these officials. Jeff White was directed to make a telephone survey of these officials to try and determine the consensus of their feelings.

Meeting attendance was discussed. It was decided by the Board that the rules regarding attendance as set forth in our By-Laws must be enforced. The method of controlling attendance sign-in was discussed and tabled until the next meeting.

Dues and Assessments: It was impossible to set these amounts for the 1982 season as the Treasurer's records have not been audited as yet and the new Treasurer has not received the records. At this point, Dave Meckley mentioned that in the past all Officers and Executive Board members had their dues (not assessments) waived by the Chapter. It was the unanimous view of the Executive Board that this practice be stopped. All Officers and Executive Board members will pay their own dues and assessments.

Jeff White inquired as to whether there is some criteria used to elevate officials to varsity assignments. Tom Dunleavy stated that he knew of none other than the probationary period. He also stated that every Chapter Secretary has two obligations: 1. To be as fair as possible to all Chapter members and, 2. To send the best available officials to the schools that are requesting the assignments. As everyone could see, these two obligations are many times in direct conflict with one another. Following this discussion, Tom Dunleavy and Ken Sassaman volunteered to

HARRY NYE III, VICE PRESIDENT
JAY EVANS, INTERPRETER
GLEN SCHANKWEILER, RECORDING SEC'Y

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ROBERT DOLAN
ROBERT GRAYBAR
ROBERT GUSTIN
EDWARD NORK



Copy

ROBERT NEWBURY, SECRETARY-TREASURER, 440 Lamp Post Lane, Camp Hill, Pa.
Telephone: Office 761-1382 Home 761-6315

November 6, 1981

Dear Athletic Director:

The Greater Harrisburg Chapter of P. I. A. A. Football Officials, at its meeting on October 26, expressed a serious concern for its future in light of the promised appointment of the Secretary of the Central Penn Chapter of Football Officials for the newly formed Mid-Penn League. There is no question that the two area chapters have been in competition for officiating assignments in past years and this competition has served the best interest of the schools by having each chapter attempt to assign its best available officials to each game in order to avoid any criticism of the chapter. The experienced athletic directors, at the same time, realized that the best approach to assigning officials for their home games was to divide the schedule and work through each chapter secretary. According to rumor, this may all be coming to an end with the new Commissioner, with all his loyalty to one chapter, having the final say in assigning officials.

This letter represents an appeal on behalf of the Greater Harrisburg Chapter to preserve the status quo in the assignment of football officials. We are very concerned that methods of assigning officials could be devised to bring about the destruction of our chapter and with it, the end of officiating careers for many experienced and promising officials. It is, therefore, our recommendation that athletic directors urge the league to continue the following:

1. Assign to the Greater Harrisburg Chapter the same number of games for each school as were assigned in 1981, each game to be manned entirely by that chapter.
2. Have all assignments within the Greater Harrisburg Chapter be arranged by Bob Newbury and then coordinated by the new Commissioner.
3. Coordinate split crews, where desired by schools, with the secretaries of each chapter.

We would be less than truthful to say that our only concern in this matter is for the players, because we are worried about our very existence as a football chapter. However, we feel that recently the stronger athletic directors at these schools have done much of what is recommended above in the best interests of their program and that process has worked. We are simply asking that the procedures which were initiated by these athletic directors, be continued.

-continued-

Page 2
Athletic Directors of Mid-Penn League
November 6, 1981

The membership of the Greater Harrisburg Chapter realizes that much of the reaction stated above is based on rumor and we would welcome an open discussion with league officials who could put our minds at ease and correct any incorrect assumptions on our part.

We remain confident that schools will make decisions in this area which are in the best interests of their athletic programs, and in this regard we ask that you give our suggestions due consideration.

We would very much appreciate a response to our request.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Members of the Executive Board
Greater Harrisburg Chapter

cc: High School Principal ✓