

Rochester Area Officials Association
June 26, 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the Rochester Area Officials Association was called to order by President Jim Fall at 6:01 PM. The meeting was held at Rochester Mayo High School's Auditorium.

NEW BUSINESS:

Service awards for officials that retired in previous years were presented to Linda Boras, Lavern Irish, Doug Luebbe, and Sue Puffer. Making the presentations were Carol Jaquith, Tristan Severson, Tim Nicometo, and Jeff Newton. Recipients have the choice of a service plaque or RAOA clothing attire.

Dave Anderson and Greg Rathbun were recognized for their MSHSL Distinguished Service award received March 2022 at the State Boys Basketball Tournament. Making the presentation locally was Loren Else. Congratulations to Andy and Stick!

Vice Presidents presented RAOA's State Tournament officials from the 2021-2022 seasons. All were recognized and congratulated.

The 2022 meeting agenda, 2021 meeting minutes, and 2021-2022 Treasurer's Report were read and approved as published.

The scheduling coordinator responsibilities will continue to be shared. The coordinators for 2022-2023 will be:

Football: Jared Butson

Basketball: Jared Butson

Volleyball: Jeff Newton

Baseball/Softball: Marshall Behrens/Jeff Newton

Vice President reports were read.

Volleyball – Carol Jaquith

Football – Tim Nicometo

Basketball – Eric Rain

Baseball/Softball – Corey Dornack

The following New Officials in each sport were accepted for membership after passing required criteria:

Football –	Matt Halverson Doug Inman Tony Poncelet David Timmons Collin Philipps Eric Rahman Ian Stauffer Ben Urbanek	Volleyball –	Kristin Nagel
Baseball –	John Devlin Nathaniel Fox Brad Holland Jim Issak Allen O'Donnell Ian Stauffer Mac Whaley	Basketball –	Alex Bryngelson Taylor Buck Dave Evans Jordan Jensen Mike Klavetter Joe Larson Daniel Nicometo Justin Ruhberg
		Softball –	John Ostrowski Ian Stauffer Mac Whaley

Dues for 2022-2023 will be structured as follows. Each official associated with RAOA will pay a base fee of \$36. This includes member officials, under-varsity only officials, and transfer officials. Any first-year official with RAOA and no prior varsity experience will pay a base fee of \$15. The base fee will be due by July 31, 2022.

An option will be available to officials that want to donate to the Memorial Fund.

Emeritus Status dues for 2022-2023 will be \$10. Included is email communication and inclusion in all meetings of emeriti interest. This is a non-voting membership status for people who have retired from the court/field and would like to remain involved with RAOA's business and mentorship.

Hudl 2022 dues for varsity football crews will be billed at \$25 per crew.

Each official will also be billed for each RAOA event that they are scheduled for on Arbiter. An "event" could be a varsity game, an under-varsity game, or a volleyball tournament. The dues per event will be \$1.50 for an under-varsity event/game and \$2.50 for a varsity event/game. Volleyball tournaments (regardless of level and number of matches) are \$5 per day of matches worked. Officials will receive a reminder from the secretary regarding the dues date following the completion of each sports season.

Due dates for the sport seasons will be:

Fall Sports -	November 15, 2022
Winter Sports -	March 15, 2023
Spring Sports -	June 15, 2023

A late fee of \$25 will apply for dues paid after the respective due dates. This applies to base dues and sports specific dues.

As a reminder, any member that is still delinquent on dues at the time of the next annual meeting is subject to removal from the RAOA roster. Dues must be paid on time to maintain good standing with RAOA.

Association Insurance will continue through NASO, each RAOA member is offered a NASO membership at an annual rate of \$89. A \$5 increase from last year. This is still a \$35 savings as a non-RAOA NASO membership is \$124. Payment must be made to RAOA by July 20, 2022 if interested.

Online Transactions via www.raoamn.org will continue as the preferred method of making Dues payments. A debit card is preferred vs. a credit card due to the lower cost of the interchange fee. Cash or Check will still be accepted. It is recommended that American Express not be used because fees are higher.

By-Law amendment to Article V (Officers) was approved as presented. With the passing of this amendment a fifth Vice President will be added creating a separate Vice President for baseball and softball.

By-Law amendment to Article IV (Membership) was approved as presented. With the passing of this amendment the Football New Officials Program will move from a 1 year program to a 2 year program.

Amendment to current By-Laws were presented. The amendment includes Article IV (Membership). This amendment provides clarification of "registered official" with MSHSL. Voting on this amendment will occur at the Annual Meeting June 2023.

Election of officers was held for President, VP's for Football, Baseball, and Softball. The new executive committee for 2022-23 is:

Past President:	Jim Fall	(term ends June 2023)
President:	Tim Nicometo	(term ends June 2023)
Secretary/Treasurer:	Jared Butson	(term ends June 2023)
VP-Volleyball:	Carol Jaquith	(term ends June 2023)
VP-Basketball:	Eric Rain	(term ends June 2023)
VP-Baseball:	Jay Lonien	(term ends June 2024)
VP-Softball:	Ron Giles	(term ends June 2024)
VP-Football:	Eric Okstad	(term ends June 2024)

Charter Clinicians continue for the 2022-2023 season. Four-year term elected June 2020.

Volleyball:	Tyler Kiel	(term ends June 2024)
Football:	Royce Ruter	(term ends June 2024)
Basketball:	Tristan Severson	(term ends June 2024)
Baseball:	Chris Zollner	(term ends June 2024)
Softball:	Jeff Newton	(term ends June 2024)

The Recruitment and Retention Committee update was given by Jared Butson, Tim Nicometo, and Ryan Keller. The committee is currently on life support. A reboot will be led by Tim Nicometo. If interested in participating please contact Tim directly.

Jeff Newton and Mj Wagenson will take the lead on getting together another RAOA apparel order. Look for this in July 2022 with shipment by mid-August.

A task force was formed this Spring to do an in-depth study of RAOA's current mileage policy. Task members were Jeff Newton, Mj Wagenson, and Jared Butson. Of RAOA's total membership, 31% have a Rochester address. With that said, the rising cost of fuel, and a multitude of other reasons the chart below will be used going forward for RAOA's mileage policy.

RAOA – Mileage Payment for Officials

Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, the method used to pay mileage to officials has changed. It will no longer be figured as one vehicle from Rochester and split between the crew of officials. The following mileage chart will be used. Each official sent to officiate a contest will be paid mileage individually. The mileage will be figured from the official's home zip code to the school zip code. The schools should use the miles listed in the Arbiter Entry where the officials are assigned.

The following RAOA sports will use the below table when figuring mileage:

- Football – under-varsity only
- Volleyball – all levels
- Basketball – all levels
- Softball – all levels
- Baseball – all levels

Varsity Football will **NOT** use this method to pay the officials mileage. The Varsity Football game fee will be a flat fee starting the fall of 2022. See the game fees below.

Mileage Chart for the 2022-23 School year:

Miles – Figured One Way	Payment for each official (Using current Federal rate of .62)
0 – 15	\$10
16 - 30	\$16
31 - 45	\$23
46 - 60	\$32
61 - 75	\$42
76 - 90	\$51
91 - 105	\$60
106 - 150	\$75

Notes:

- 1) Mileage payment will be paid to each official.
- 2) The mileage used will be the mileage that is in the Arbiter entry where officials are assigned.
- 3) Athletic Directors will need to look at the Arbiter entry when figuring official payments.
- 4) This chart will be reviewed yearly at the RAOA Annual meeting to accommodate any changes to the Federal rate.

The game fees for 2022-2023 will remain as set at our 2021 annual meeting with the exception of varsity Football. Fees for Baseball and Softball will increase as shown in the table below for 2023. Volleyball game fees will increase starting in 2023.

Volleyball Game Fees

<u>Volleyball with 2 officials</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
- Varsity Only match	\$75	\$80	\$80
- Varsity plus 1 UV match	\$95	\$120	\$120
- Varsity plus 2 UV matches	\$130	\$150	\$150
<u>Volleyball with 1 official</u>			
- 1 UV match	\$50	\$50	\$55
- 2 UV matches	\$75	\$80	\$80
<u>Volleyball Tournament with 2 officials</u>			
- Varsity (best 2 of 3)	\$35	\$36	\$36
- Varsity (2 game pool play)	\$30	\$36	\$36
<u>Volleyball Tournament with 1 official</u>			
- Under-Varsity (best 2 of 3)	\$35	\$36	\$36
- Under-Varsity (2 game pool play)	\$30	\$36	\$36

Notes:

- 1) All game fees are paid per official plus mileage to each official per mileage chart.
- 2) UV = Under-Varsity. Under-Varsity entails (JV, B-squad, C-Squad, and/or 9th grade)
- 3) Not going to differentiate between if officials are split or not split
- 4) JV match is best 2 out of 3
- 5) No 7th and/or 8th grade matches are assigned by RAOA in Volleyball.

Football Game Fees

<u>Football with 5 officials</u>	<u>2022</u>
- Varsity game	\$115
<u>Football with 3 or 4 officials</u>	
- 9th grade, B, or JV - 12 minute qtrs	\$75
- 9th grade, B, or JV - Less than 12 minute qtrs	\$70
- Junior High - normal timing	\$70
- Junior High - running time	\$50

Notes:

- 1) All game fees are paid per official.
- 2) Varsity rate is a flat fee. No mileage.
- 3) Under-Varsity rates plus mileage to each official per mileage chart

Basketball Game Fees

<u>Basketball with 3 officials</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
- Varsity only game	\$80
- B or JV and Varsity game	\$120
- Double Varsity games	\$160
<u>Basketball with 2 officials</u>	
- Varsity only game	\$85
- B or JV and Varsity game	\$135
- Double Varsity games	\$170
- Single B or JV game	\$50
- Single 9th grade game	\$50
- Single Junior High game	\$35

Notes:

- 1) All game fees are paid per official plus mileage to each official per mileage chart.

Baseball and Softball Game Fees

<u>Baseball and Softball with 2 Umpires</u>	<u>2023</u>
- 1 Varsity game	\$80
- 1 Varsity game and 1 UV game	\$140
- 2 Varsity games (Doubleheader)	\$160
- 2 UV games	\$140
<u>Baseball and Softball with 1 Umpire</u>	
- 1 UV game	\$70
- 2 UV games	\$140
- 1 Junior High game	\$50

Notes:

- 1) All game fees are paid per official plus mileage to each official per mileage chart.
- 2) UV = Under-Varsity. Under-Varsity entails (JV, B-squad, C-Squad, and/or 9th grade)
- 3) UV game before or after Varsity game with Varsity umpires.
 - o 70 minute game (no inning starts after time) or 5 innings
 - o 4-runs allowed per inning
 - o Open substitution and no batting restrictions

RAOA Game Called Off/Postponement Compensation Protocol:

1. Called off before on the road—nothing.
2. On the road, phone call and called off—nothing.
3. Arrive at site and never start the contest—half game fee and mileage.
4. Start contest—full game fee and mileage.
5. Contest is rescheduled to another date—full game fee and mileage.
6. Baseball/Softball only: If rescheduled game is added onto another previously scheduled game, then each umpire is compensated \$10/inning played, maxing out at full game fee.

RAOA Assigning Fee to Schools:

Beginning in the 2021-2022 academic year and continuing going forward, schools will be billed \$100 for RAOA assignments if the following criteria is met.

1. Any school that RAOA provides varsity scheduling services.
2. Any school that RAOA schedules 10 or more Arbiter varsity games in an academic year.
3. Schools will be assessed a \$100 fee April 1, 2023 payable by May 1, 2023.

How will the monies collected be used?

1. 60% will be divided prorated among all sport schedulers.
2. 30% will be used for educational purposes which will include marketing for recruitment and retention, training, observer's stipend and travel reimbursement.
3. 10% will go towards Secretary-Treasurer administrative stipend.

Please note that Officials already pay dues at the end of each sport season and base dues. Sport season dues go towards the scheduler of that said sport. Base dues cover education, Arbiter, insurance, and the administrative cost of the business of RAOA.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted—Jared Butson, Secretary/Treasurer