

Rochester Area Officials Association
June 9, 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the Rochester Area Officials Association was called to order by past president Jeff Newton at 6:02 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Retirement plaques for officials that retired in previous years were presented to Ross Badger, Clay Cowl, Adam Gust, Don Pankowski, Fred Rengstorf, Rick Renner, Char Robinet, Nicole Sederski-Vadnais, Tim Sokol, Rick Stirn, and Tom Weeks. Making the presentations were Marshall Behrens, Jeff Newton, Mj Wagenson, and Jared Butson.

Loren Else was recognized for his MSHSL Distinguished Service Award received this past March. Congratulations and well deserved Loren!

The 2019 meeting agenda, 2018 meeting minutes, and 2018-19 Treasurer's Report were read and approved as published.

The scheduling coordinator responsibilities will continue to be shared. The coordinators for 2019-2020 will be:

Football:	Jared Butson	Basketball:	Jared Butson
Volleyball:	Jeff Newton	Baseball/Softball:	Marshall Behrens

Vice President Reports were read.

Volleyball – Marshall Behrens
Football – Jay Lonien
Basketball – Mj Wagenson
Baseball/Softball – Aric Kittleson

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

Football –	Kent Bruinsma Todd Horman Mj Wagenson	Basketball –	DJ Buck Jim Clemons Steve Cole Dean DeBoer
Volleyball –	Scott Anderson Mark Benfield Brian Durgin Terri Fliccek Ron Giles Steve Schroeder		Connor Demorest Kelly Dorninrk Rob Floerke Nikki Lehnertz Darren Overton
Softball –	Randy Florin Michael Kurtti	Baseball –	Tim Bohmbach Aaron Jones Tyler Krekling Tony Lehman

Dues for 2019-2020 will be structured as follows. Each official associated with RAOA will pay a base fee of \$35. This includes member officials, under-varsity only officials, and transfer officials. Any first-year official with RAOA will pay a base fee of \$15. The base fee will be due by July 31, 2019.

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 for an under-varsity event, \$2 for a varsity event, and a cap of \$5 for a volleyball tournament. Volleyball tournaments regardless of level are \$1/match capping at \$5. 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, 2019
Winter Sports -	March 15, 2020
Spring Sports -	June 15, 2020

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 annual meeting is subject to removal from the RAOA roster. Dues must be paid on time to maintain good standing with RAOA.

We will continue our Association Insurance through NASO, each RAOA member is offered a NASO membership at an annual rate of \$84. This is a \$32 savings as a non-RAOA NASO membership is \$116. Payment must be made to RAOA by July 31, 2019.

Online Transactions via www.raoamn.org will continue as the preferred method of making Dues payments. Cash or Check will still be accepted.

A Task Force of four people will be put together by June 30, 2019 to explore the Charging of Schools for assigning officials. The four people will include two board members and two at large members. One of the four must include a sport scheduler. If interested, please contact Mj Wagenson or Jared Butson.

Election of officers was held, President, VP’s for Volleyball and Basketball and the new executive committee is:

Past President:	Tim Nicometo	(term ends June 2020)
President:	Mj Wagenson	(term ends June 2020)
Secretary/Treasurer:	Jared Butson	(term ends June 2020)
VP-Volleyball:	Eric Huntoon	(term ends June 2021)
VP-Basketball:	Jim Fall	(term ends June 2021)
VP-Baseball/Softball:	Aric Kittleson	(term ends June 2020)
VP-Football:	Jay Lonien	(term ends June 2020)

Charter Clinicians for the 2019-20 season. Four-year term elected June 2016.

Volleyball –	Donna Mundell	(term ends June 2020)
Football –	Royce Ruter	(term ends June 2020)
Basketball –	Tristan Severson	(term ends June 2020)
Baseball –	Jay Lonien	(term ends June 2020)
Softball –	Mj Wagenson	(term ends June 2020)

An amendment to the current Appendix A (Emeritus Status) of the By-Laws was presented. Voting on this amendment will occur at the Annual Meeting June 2020.

The Recruitment and Retention Committee update was given by Jared Butson and Mj Wagenson. The committee will meet again in July 2019 to plan new and creative ways to recruit and retain officials. Any thoughts or ideas please forward to a Board Member.

Jeff Newton made mention of the 3rd Annual RAOA Golf Outing on Monday July 29 at Dodge Center. An RAOA member may invite a non-member guest if they choose. More information to follow.

Jeff Newton will take the lead on getting together another RAOA apparel order. Look for this in January 2020.

The game fees for 2019-20 will remain as set at our 2018 annual meeting. Fees for Volleyball and Football will increase as shown in the table below for 2020-21. The plan is to address Basketball fees for 2021-2022 and beyond at the 2020 annual meeting, and to address the Baseball and Softball fees for 2022-23 at the 2021 annual meeting.

Mileage fees will be at the standard Federal rate, which is currently 58 cents per mile. Mileage is paid at that rate for the roundtrip mileage from Rochester to the host school. Remember that one mileage fee is paid per crew of officials. If you drive separately to a game site, you'll need to work out the split of the mileage fee between yourselves.

Sport	2019-2020	2020-2021
Volleyball-Normal Match (for two officials)		
Varsity only	\$120	\$150
Varsity plus B/JV	\$180	\$190
Varsity; JV & B – officials split	\$180	\$190
Varsity; 9b & B split, 9a & JV-split	\$240	\$260
Varsity plus B plus 9 th -grade	\$240	\$260
Under – varsity (JH, 9 th , B, JV) – One official, 1 match	\$30	\$50
Under – varsity (JH, 9 th , B, JV) – One official, 2 matches	\$60	\$75
Volleyball-Tournament (for two officials per match)		
Varsity- (2x3)	\$65	\$70
Varsity- (2 game pool play)	\$50	\$60
Under – varsity (2x3) - One official	\$35	\$35
Under – varsity (2 game pool play) - One official	\$27.50	\$30
Football –		
Varsity (five officials)	\$475	\$475
Under-Varsity 12 minute quarters (3 or 4 officials)	\$50/official	\$75/official
Under-Varsity Less than 12 minute quarters (3 or 4)	\$45/official	\$70/official
Basketball (for two officials)		
A game with B game	\$260	\$260
Single Varsity game	\$160	\$160
Double Varsity games	\$320	\$320
Single B game	\$100	\$100
Double B games	\$200	\$200
Single 9 th -Grade Game	\$80	\$80
Single Junior High Game	\$60	\$60
Basketball (for three officials)		
A game with B game	\$330	\$330
Single Varsity game	\$225	\$225
Double Varsity game	\$450	\$450

Sport	2019-2020	2020-2021
Baseball		
Single Varsity Game—Two umpires	\$150	\$150
Single Under-Varsity (9 th /C, B, JV) – One umpire	\$65	\$65
Single Junior High Game—One umpire	\$50	\$50
Softball		
Single Varsity Game—Two umpires	\$150	\$150
Single Under-Varsity (9 th /C, B, JV) – One umpire	\$65	\$65
Single Junior High Game—One umpire	\$50	\$50

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.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted----Jared Butson, Secretary/Treasurer