

Rochester Area Officials Association
June 27, 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the Rochester Area Officials Association was called to order by President Aric Kittleson at 6:02 PM. The meeting was virtual being held on Zoom.

NEW BUSINESS:

Retirement plaques for officials that retired in previous years were presented to Travis Mueller, Rob Paine, Kelly Reynolds, Bob Parshall, Dave Anderson, Duane Burton, and Troy Faber. Making the presentations were Eric Huntoon, Royce Ruter, Marshall Behrens, Mj Wagenson, Carol Jaquith, and Jim Fall.

In the future, retirees will be offered a service plaque or RAOA clothing attire at their option.

The 2021 meeting agenda, 2020 meeting minutes, and 2020-2021 Treasurer's Report were read and approved as published.

The scheduling coordinator responsibilities will continue to be shared. The coordinators for 2021-2022 will be:

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

Vice President Reports were read.

Volleyball –	Eric Huntoon
Football –	Tim Nicometo
Basketball –	Jim Fall
Baseball/Softball –	Coreyn Dornack

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

Football –	Tim Bohmbach Alex Bryngelson Charlie O'Connell James Ramsdell	Basketball –	Zachary Fuller
		Volleyball –	Mindy Albrecht-Benson Kelsey Anderson
Baseball –	Andrew Condon Corey Dahl Jonathan Devlin Dale Fredrickson Troy Gliem Eugene Jensen Matthew Olson	Softball –	Eugene Jensen Dale Fredrickson

Dues for 2021-2022 will be structured as follows. Each official associated with RAOA will pay a base fee of \$36 and a \$2 special assessment fee for the Memorial Fund. Total = \$38. 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, 2021.

An option will be available to officials that want to donate more to the Memorial Fund than the required \$2.

Emeritus Status dues for 2021-2022 will be \$10. Included is email communication and inclusion in all meetings of emeriti interest. This is a non-voting membership status for folks who have retired from the court/field and would like to remain involved with RAOA's business and mentorship.

HUDL 2021 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, \$2.50 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 due date following the completion of each sports season.

Due dates for the sport seasons will be:

Fall Sports -	November 15, 2021
Winter Sports -	March 15, 2022
Spring Sports -	June 15, 2022

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 \$84. This is a \$32 savings as a non-RAOA NASO membership is \$116. Payment must be made to RAOA by July 20, 2021 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.

By-Law amendment to Article IV (New Members) was approved as presented.

By-Law amendment to Article V (Duties and Compensation of Executive officers) was approved as presented.

By-Law amendment to Article IX (Amendments to the By-Laws) was approved as presented.

Amendment to current By-Laws were presented. The amendment includes Article V (Addition of one officer). Voting on this amendment will occur at the Annual Meeting June 2022.

Election of officers was held, President, VP's for volleyball and basketball and the new executive committee is:

Past President:	Aric Kittleson	(term ends June 2022)
President:	Jim Fall	(term ends June 2022)
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/Softball:	Corey Dornack	(term ends June 2022)
VP-Football:	Tim Nicometo	(term ends June 2022)

Charter Clinicians for the 2021-2022 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. Awareness to the fact that all sports need more officials at all levels. Challenge to all RAOA members to actively recruit ONE person to get into officiating. Any thoughts or ideas on the recruitment and retention of officials please forward to a board member.

RAOA Social Outing was presented by Aric Kittleson. Everyone is invited to a Rochester Honkers game Thursday July 29, 2021. The invite is extended to all RAOA folks as well as family, friends, coaches, and AD's.

Jeff Newton will take the lead on getting together another RAOA apparel order. Look for this in August 2021.

A reminder that MSHSL registration is due by July 1, 2021 in order to avoid the late fee.

Fall sport pre-season meetings are planning to be in-person.

The game fees for 2021-2022 will remain as set at our 2020 annual meeting. Fees for baseball and softball will increase as shown in the table below for 2022-2023. The plan is to address football and volleyball fees for 2023-2024 and beyond at the 2022 annual meeting, and to address the basketball fees for 2024-2025 and beyond at the 2023 annual meeting.

Mileage fees will be at the standard Federal rate, which is currently 56 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	2021-2022	2022-2023
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Volleyball-Normal Match (for two officials)		
Varsity only	\$150	\$150
Varsity plus B/JV	\$190	\$190
Varsity; JV & B – officials split	\$190	\$190
Varsity; 9b & B split, 9a & JV-split	\$260	\$260
Varsity plus B plus 9 th -grade	\$260	\$260
Under – varsity (JH, 9 th , B, JV) – One official, 1 match	\$50	\$50
Under – varsity (JH, 9 th , B, JV) – One official, 2 matches	\$75	\$75
Volleyball-Tournament (for two officials per match)		
Varsity- (2x3)	\$70	\$70
Varsity- (2 game pool play)	\$60	\$60
Under – varsity (2x3) - One official	\$35	\$35
Under – varsity (2 game pool play) - One official	\$30	\$30
Football –		
Varsity (five officials)	\$475	\$475
Under-Varsity 12 minute quarters (3 or 4 officials)	\$75/official	\$75/official
Under-Varsity Less than 12 minute quarters (3 or 4)	\$70/official	\$70/official
Basketball (for two officials)		
Varsity game with B/JV game	\$270	\$270
Single Varsity game	\$170	\$170
Double Varsity games	\$340	\$340
Single B/JV game	\$100	\$100
Single 9 th -Grade Game	\$100	\$100
Single Junior High Game	\$70	\$70
Basketball (for three officials)		
Varsity game with B/JV game	\$360	\$360
Single Varsity game	\$240	\$240
Double Varsity game	\$480	\$480

Sport	2021-2022	2022-2023
Baseball		
Single Varsity Game—Two umpires	\$150	\$160
Single Under-Varsity (9 th /C, B, JV) – One umpire	\$65	\$70
Single Junior High Game—One umpire	\$50	\$50
Softball		
Single Varsity Game—Two umpires	\$150	\$160
Single Under-Varsity (9 th /C, B, JV) – One umpire	\$65	\$70
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.

RAOA Assigning Fee to Schools

Beginning in the 2021-2022 academic year, 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, 2022 payable by May 1, 2022.

How will the monies collected be used?

1. 60% will be divided pro-rated 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 said sport. Base dues cover education, Arbiter, insurance, and the administrative cost of the business of RAOA.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

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