

Rochester Area Officials Association  
June 28, 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the Rochester Area Officials Association was called to order by President Mj Wagenson at 6:03 PM. The meeting was virtual being held on Zoom due to COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS:

Retirement plaques for officials that retired in previous years were presented to Bonnie Schaefer, Bob Nelson, Denise Leedham, Tom Marsh, Dave Starr, Mike Hamilton, Jeff Wills, Mike Graf, and Dean Klauer (posthumously). Making the presentations were Donna Mundell, Royce Ruter, Brian Kelly, Jeff Newton, Tristan Severson, Marshall Behrens, Chuck Willihnganz, and Jared Butson.

Mike Graf was recognized for his MSHSL Distinguished Service Award. Due to COVID-19, Mike will receive his award at a later date from MSHSL. Congratulations and well deserved Mike!

The 2020 meeting agenda, 2019 meeting minutes, and 2019-20 Treasurer's Report were read and approved as published.

The scheduling coordinator responsibilities will continue to be shared. The coordinators for 2020-2021 will be:

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

Vice President Reports were read.

Volleyball –	Eric Huntoon
Football –	Jay Lonien
Basketball –	Jim Fall
Baseball/Softball –	Aric Kittleson

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

Football –	Garrett Benson	Basketball –	Josh Cash
	Matt Bloxham		Joey Leibl
	Kyle Dubbels		Matt Saski
	Curt Hughes		
	Mike Lord	Volleyball –	Steve Cole
	Dave Nagel		Randy Florin
	Tom O'Hara		Daric Meyer
			Tim Strohschein
Baseball –	No season due to COVID-19		
Softball –	No season due to COVID-19		

Dues for 2020-2021 will be structured as follows. Each official associated with RAOA will pay a base fee of \$35 and a \$3 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 will pay a base fee of \$15. The base fee will be due by August 7, 2020.

An option will be available to officials that want to donate more to the Memorial Fund than the required \$3.

Hudl 2020 dues for varsity football crews will be billed at \$30 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 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, 2020
Winter Sports -	March 15, 2021
Spring Sports -	June 15, 2021

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 31, 2020 if interested.

Online Transactions via [www.raoamn.org](http://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 Appendix A (Emeritus Status) was approved as presented.

Three amendments to current By-Laws were presented. These amendments include Article IV (Membership), Article V (Officers), and Article IX (Amendments to the By-Laws). Voting on these three amendments will occur at the Annual Meeting June 2021.

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

Past President:	Mj Wagenson	(term ends June 2021)
President:	Aric Kittleson	(term ends June 2021)
Secretary/Treasurer:	Jared Butson	(term ends June 2023)
VP-Volleyball:	Eric Huntoon	(term ends June 2021)
VP-Basketball:	Jim Fall	(term ends June 2021)
VP-Baseball/Softball:	Corey Dornack	(term ends June 2022)
VP-Football:	Tim Nicometo	(term ends June 2022)

Charter Clinicians for the 2020-21 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 RAOA Arbiter account will now include the Roch Hard Ball Arbiter account which formerly scheduled summer baseball at the Junior Legion, Legion, and Amateur levels as well as summer basketball leagues. Since both accounts house the same people, merging the accounts will be more efficient for both officials and schedulers.

The Recruitment and Retention Committee update was given by Mj Wagenson and Jared Butson. The committee will meet in July 2020 to plan new and creative ways to recruit and retain officials. Any thoughts or ideas please forward to a Board Member.

Due to COVID-19, the Annual Golf Outing will be cancelled for 2020. Look to be back in 2021.

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

The game fees for 2020-2021 will remain as set at our 2019 annual meeting. Fees for Basketball will increase as shown in the table below for 2021-2022. The plan is to address Baseball and Softball fees for 2022-2023 and beyond at the 2021 annual meeting, and to address the Football and Volleyball fees for 2023-2024 and beyond at the 2022 annual meeting.

Mileage fees will be at the standard Federal rate, which is currently 57.5 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	2020-2021	2021-2022
<b>Volleyball-Normal Match (for two officials)</b>		
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 <sup>th</sup> -grade	\$260	\$260
Under – varsity (JH, 9 <sup>th</sup> , B, JV) – One official, 1 match	\$50	\$50
Under – varsity (JH, 9 <sup>th</sup> , B, JV) – One official, 2 matches	\$75	\$75
<b>Volleyball-Tournament (for two officials per match)</b>		
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
<b>Football –</b>		
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
<b>Basketball (for two officials)</b>		
Varsity game with B/JV game	\$260	\$270
Single Varsity game	\$160	\$170
Double Varsity games	\$320	\$340
Single B/JV game	\$100	\$100
Single 9 <sup>th</sup> -Grade Game	\$80	\$100
Single Junior High Game	\$60	\$70
<b>Basketball (for three officials)</b>		
Varsity game with B/JV game	\$330	\$360
Single Varsity game	\$225	\$240
Double Varsity game	\$450	\$480

Sport	2020-2021	2021-2022
Baseball		
Single Varsity Game—Two umpires	\$150	\$150
Single Under-Varsity (9 <sup>th</sup> /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 <sup>th</sup> /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.

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 that said sport. Base dues cover education, Arbiter, insurance, and the administrative cost of the business of RAOA.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

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