

**Jackson Area Officials Association
Board Meeting – October 11, 2009
Cherry's Café**

Meeting called to order at 9:15 am.

Members present: Mary Anne Papiersky, Chuck Sprang, Chuck Walters, Greg Putra, John Southwick, Kent Sanborn, Jason Smith

Members absent: Mike Ogden, Karen Anderson, Chris Adams

Greg Putra motioned that the minutes from the July 12, 2009 meeting be accepted as written. Chuck Walters second. All agreed.

Greg Putra provided a Treasurer's report. The JAOA has over \$12,000.00 in a checking account and Greg proposed that we look into putting \$5000.00 in a CD or similar type account. Greg will report back on what rates are available and if we should move these funds.

Greg Putra presented a scholarship application for review. It was suggested that we also included a nomination from three individuals familiar with the applicant. ie .. teacher, coach, athletic director, principal, pastor. We also discussed what school we would accept application for students. Some felt Jackson County only, some felt schools (conferences) we officiate, one person felt Hillsdale County should be included. It was suggested we use Jackson as the center of a 35 mile radius and include those schools. All agreed on this suggestion.

We discussed how application would get to Board. Will athletic director screen and send one per school? Will we take more than one per school? We will further investigate and decide by next meeting.

Mary Anne reported that she is in the process of updating the By-Laws for the Association. We have made some changes that need to be approved in regards to Sports Trainers and other areas. Question was asked if the Trainer and the Board Rep are not the same person do both of them get a vote on an issue? Answer was no. Each sport gets one vote.

The next discussion was from the Trainers concerning the Big 9 Sportsman Club as the site for Association meetings. Many members have voiced concerns about the distance it is to travel from Jackson. It was suggested that if the sport Trainer could find a place closer to Jackson, he/she has the option to move to that site. This discussion also centered on alcohol being served at the meetings. The concern was the amount of alcohol that a particular group consumed at a football meeting and what are the legal liabilities for the Association? The MHSAA has suggested that alcohol not be served at Association meetings, but has no policy concerning Associations that do have meetings in bars, restaurants or clubs that serve alcohol.

Kent Sanborn motioned that Jason Smith be nominated as the Basketball Trainer and Kent would assist Jason in whatever manner requested for the 2009-10 Training season. Board vote

confirmed Jason Smith as the Basketball Trainer. Kent Sanborn will continue as the Board Rep for basketball until the first meeting when elections for this position will take place.

The JAOA website is being managed by Peggy Davis. We need to get information to her so she can post and keep website up to date. The plan is to use the web site as an information area to cut down on phone calls to Board members and Trainers.

The MHSAA website is up and running. Members can check their status as members in good standing by logging into the MHSAA website and clicking on the button on the left-MIGS.

Football Report – Playoff assignments are due out Monday Oct 12, 2009

Basketball Report – Jason Smith will confirm clinic dates and have posted on web site.

Volleyball Report – Mary Anne reported that the JAOA will return to State Finals as line judges beginning with 2009-10 Volleyball season.

Baseball – Chuck Walters is looking for meeting site closer to Jackson for this years meetings.

Softball – Nothing was reported.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2010 at Cherry Café on Cooper Street at 9:00 am.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Sprang