

Ozark Official's Committee Minutes

April 11, 2005

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Members present: Mike Tchoukaleff, Terry Harms, Karen Smiley, Keith Anderson, Bob Wotring and John Petersen. Members absent: Branch Ball.

Discussion held regarding possible dates and sites for Spring clinics. It was decided that Thursday April 28 and either Monday May 9 or Saturday May 14. We need to secure sites. We plan to offer all levels of certification at each clinic.

Discussion was held regarding the grading of tests. It was decided that Karen, Keith and Bob would now be grading tests and would be added to the handouts and website to make that known to those needing tests graded. It was decided that each test question is worth 2 points. 1 point for the correct answer and 1 point for the reference. If there is more than one reference for the question, only one is required to be correct since the test does not indicate how many references there are for the particular question, but it is encouraged to include all references that are found. The minimum accumulative score for each test must be 80% in order to pass. We discourage online test taking. We will send a letter along with an explanation of test questions missed with the correct answer and reference

(Including additional reference numbers) upon completion of test grading. All recertification tests will be sent to Mike after grading and he will issue the new certification cards and year stickers.. Temporary cards and apprentice forms are sent for move-up by the committee member grading the test. Permanent cards are to be sent for recerts. Standards for Clerk of Course(questions 1-8) and Timing Judge(question 14 - 15) portion of the test are that the body must all be right and the reference must be right. We also discussed the possibility of using a different color of paper to distinguish new from recert tests.

It was decided that guidelines be established for apprenticeships and that meet referees shall be advised of such.

Discussion was held regarding the committee response to PJ Keller's comments on officiating in the Ozark LSC. The response included items indicating that meet referees will be evaluated in the future. Also, meetings will be initiated with coaches to address officiating issues. In addition giving coaches the opportunity to attend clinics to understand what we are teaching our new and recertifying officials.. Possibility of making attendance part of OZ coach certification was discussed.

We are designing a DQ form to be used at developmental meets in lieu of individual DQ slips.. John has done the first draft.

Discussion was held to identify possible new committee members.

Discussion was held regarding support of other club's meets. We feel pay should not be offered. Two possible problems are the number of meets and clubs are hosting meets without the required number of officials committed in advance. We feel this is an issue that should be addressed by technical planning.

Discussion was held on the MSHAA abuse of the new rules

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.