

Randy Hodges, Area Director – President/Crew Chief

Mark Bradley, Area Director - Vice President/Crew Chief

Dean Wruck, Secretary/Treasurer

James Bunnell, Member-at-Large

Kaylinda Bunnell, Crew Chief

Nathan McCrary, Crew Chief **Not Able to Attend**

Tim Firks, Crew Chief

Nate Wadman, Crew Chief

DJ Bremser, Crew Chief **Not able to Attend**

Mark VanGampleare, Crew Chief

Scott Samsel

Old business and approval of last meeting's minutes

Randy opened the meeting and introduced the minutes from the last meetings. There were no corrections suggested and the board voted to approve the minutes.

Financial Report

Dean discussed the budget for 2026. The current balance in CSFOA account is \$5388.17 and the projected expenses for the year are \$3270.83, leaving a projected balance of \$2417.34. Tim asked if we were working on a deficit this year. With the rise in fees last year we are not in a deficit situation. Kaylinda asked about the money projected to be spent in the budget on the banquet and Dean explained that was projected for door prizes, paying for a guest speaker, etc.

Fall Parks and Rec Status

We signed a yearly contract in the spring with a 2 yr base and 3 option years. We are planning on officiating Parks and Rec starting this fall. Last fall Parks and Rec football was cancelled due to our inability to officiate on Saturday and the low registration that was attributed to no Saturday play. There was a discussion on when/if CSFOA would be able to officiate games on Saturdays. It was decided that we could officiate on Saturday afternoons and evenings. Kaylinda asked if there are certain days written into the contract. There were days that we

dictated we could not officiate, but the City does know that they can schedule Saturday afternoons and evenings in the fall.

2026 New Officials Training Report

Mark Bradley stated that we have 32 people who have responded saying they want to officiate. He said that will not be the number that end up officiating this fall. Mark stated that we have two officials returning this year, Bill Vernon and John Cox. Mark B has created a course that the students need to log into at Art of Officiating where he can monitor the progress of each student and see how much time is spent on the lessons. In the past students have not participated in the online material and that shows when they step on the field. Mark said that we will have some students that will show up to the in class training and will not have done the online material. He has communicated to the prospective students that this will not be allowed this year, and they will not be invited to officiate without completing the online material. Classes will be held at Cheyenne Mountain High School starting on 30 Jun. All new officials will have paid all fees and will need to pass the test before becoming eligible for the supplemental draft. Randy reiterated that Mark was stating we are not going to be as lenient this year as in the past. We are not in a position of just needing bodies to put on the field and when we do that it makes us and the games look bad. Randy stated we need to be putting people on the field who want to be quality officials and only invite those that want to put in the time and effort on the field to become quality officials. Dean stated that he agreed, only a couple of years ago we were in the range of 70 officials and now we are closer to 100. Mark B stated that all prospective students have received the syllabus and the entire course is 10 hours. Mark B stated that he will have to be the bad guy and tell the students that don't qualify that they will not be allowed to take the test.

Association Meetings

Randy brought up the topic of meetings for the fall. All dates and possible types of meetings are tentative since the CFOA meetings will be determined at the CFOA state wide meeting in a couple of weeks. CFOA plans to do the same as last year and have 5 WebEx meetings. The last meeting will be the week before playoffs and will be focused on officiating in the playoffs. There needs to be a decision on how many meetings will be in person and how many will be online. There will be 5 CSFOA meetings on the schedule. Randy stated that last year we did 2 in person at the church and 3 online meetings and opened the floor for discussion. Kaylinda asked how the attendance was at last year's meetings. Randy stated that the first in person meeting has 82 attendees, with the second one have a little less and that the online meetings averaged in the 50's. Dean asked if those numbers were typical as the year progressed. Randy stated that was normal. Kaylinda agreed based on her experience in volleyball and basketball that numbers go down as the season progresses. Randy suggested doing the first 3 meetings in person at the church and the last 2 online. Dean stated that he had received feedback from CSFOA members that they liked the in person meetings, giving them a chance to meet with other members and

build some comradery. Nate agreed. Dean suggested that the meeting with the voting on the by laws be scheduled on line to allow for maximum attendance. Mark V stated that he prefers more in person meetings. Kaylinda stated that she prefers more in person, but some members have difficulty attending. Randy pointed out that we already have a large number of meetings on line. He understands CFOA is talking about doing one master clinic this year and broadcasting it, unlike in previous years where there were multiple across the state. Randy stated he would be surprised if there is more than one master clinic. He believes the in person teaching and training is more beneficial. Kaylinda said we need to consider that the last meeting, scheduled for 4 Nov, does not help for post season eligibility since post season games will already be assigned at that time. Rand brought up another point. All of the meetings will only be online for a certain amount of time and then taken down. The reason for this is so that individuals do not cram viewing all the meetings into one of two days to become eligible. Tim stated we don't need to take the meetings down, only accept credit for attending the meetings for a certain time after the meeting. Nate W stated that one of the reasons for that is that the information presented is time dependent and members would be getting the information after the needed timeframe. Kaylinda stated that she used to manage this for basketball and there would be a quiz created to show that the video was viewed and the quiz was only open for 5-7 days. The members would use their arbiter email for verification and need to get 100% on the quiz. Each quiz has a shutoff date that is automatic and with a click of a button a report is generated. Mark B agreed with number of meetings and the requirement for members not to be able to binge at the end of the season. He asked if the google forms was a strategy that we could employ? Kaylinda stated that James and her could do that method but would like the questions validated by another member of the board. Mark B volunteered to look over the questions for validation. Mark V stated the questions should be only to verify the video was watched and could be as simple as what color shirt was Randy wearing. Randy stated that we were seeing we would have a meeting on 11 Aug and 1 Sep at the church, pending dates from the CFOA. Kaylinda will set up a quiz and Mark B will verify the questions. Questions will stay up for until our next meeting or 14 days. Kaylinda stated that quizzes should not overlap the next meeting and we need to communicate to the association that the 4 Nov meeting is after the playoff deadline.

CFOA Meeting

Randy stated that the statewide CFOA meeting will be held in Denver on 13 Jun. Randy will attend in person and Mark B will attend virtually. Randy will pick up rule books and training guides. Randy will pass out rule books to the Crew Chiefs so they can get them to their members. Randy then asked if there was anything board members wanted to be brought up at the state meeting. Mark B stated that he would like to see documentation on the details for playoff selection and the assignment process.

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Game Schedules

Randy stated that Scott Samsel had created schedules and we would do a random draw for the packets that have been created. He showed the random generator that he had and explained how it worked. Schedules were then drawn and assigned to the Crew Chiefs. Scott Samsel will put those games in Arbiter.

Colorado Kickoff Classic

There has been a game scheduled for Palmer Ridge to play a team from New Mexico at Weidner Field on 28 Aug. George Demetriou, John Conklin and John Sullivan decided who would officiate this game and there was no input from anyone at this meetings. Randy stated that all the officials on this game were Colorado Springs officials from last year's Championships games. This game is not one of the ones on the schedule that was just drawn. DJ will be the R, Ryan Guiberson and Devin Bauman are the wings. Chris Morse is U and Brian Kegarise is BJ. Dan List and Brandon Thomas are deep wing. Officials were notified that they can turn down the assignment. Randy stated that when he heard about this game he asked why CSFOA was not involved in the process and received no response from CFOA. We are not sure of what the future plan is, but he has heard that this will be an annual game. Crew Chiefs were informed those officials will not be available on 28 August and that game is in Arbiter.

Scrimmages

Mark B has confirmed with Al Melo there is a multi team scrimmage starting at 0900 29 Jul, Friday. We are going to have a call out for veterans and shadow and help. The plan is for the veteran officials to work as the R and U so new officials can work the wings. Troy Hudson is going to have a joint Practice Varsity, JV and C squad on 25 July and then a scrimmage on 30 July. Mark will assign veterans to work Varsity and maybe JV and then maybe new officials will work the C squad.

Banquet

James suggested that a new way to handle the banquet be adopted. He suggested that it becomes a crew assignment. He suggested that the Member-AT-Large's crew becomes the banquet committee to help with volunteerism. Banquet details can be discussed at crew meetings. Randy suggested that we look into adding that to the by-laws or make it a standing thing.

Meeting adjourned.