

**Jackson Area Officials Association
Board Meeting – October 17, 2010
Cherry's Cafe**

Meeting called to order at 9:05 am.

Members present: Mary Anne Papiersky, Chuck Sprang, Chuck Walters, Jason Smith, Mike Ogden, Karen Anderson, Greg Putra

Members absent: John Southwick

Greg Putra motioned that the minutes from the July 25, 2010 meeting be accepted as written. Mike Ogden second. All agreed.

The results of the election were confirmed and Mary Anne Papiersky will remain as President and Greg Putra will remain as Treasurer.

It was proudly pointed out that Chuck Walters and Don Bergstrom from the JAOA have been assigned to the Football Finals at Ford Field. It was also noted that Troy Miller has been assigned to a Semi Final in Football.

The remodel of the JAOA website is taking longer than anticipated. It was suggested that we get a professional website builder to get the site up and running. The board is willing to pay what is necessary to get the website functioning and then have Peggy Davis maintain the site. The Sport Coordinators indicate they need to be able to make changes to information and provide new information as quickly as possible. We need to make the website our tool of communication for the Association.

The JAOA funded scholarship was discussed. How do we get applications? Do we need to include an essay question? It was reaffirmed that schools within 35 miles of Jackson would be able to nominate athletes for consideration. Discussion indicated that Athletic Directors would identify students to nominate and the AD would forward the completed application to the JAOA Scholarship Committee. Mary Anne indicated she would compose an essay question and send to all on the board.

Final discussion centered on "how do we get officials to attend meetings and clinics"? Members of the board feel the JAOA membership is not getting the number of assignments at tournament time due to a low number of our members qualifying for tournament consideration. How do we fix this age old problem?

Next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2011 at Cherry Café on Cooper Street at 9:00 am.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Sprang