

**Jackson Area Officials Association  
Board Meeting – April 19, 2009  
Cherry's Café**

Meeting called to order at 9:05 am.

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

Members absent: Chris Adams, Kent Sanborn, John Southwick

Greg Putra motioned that the minutes from the January 11, 2009 meeting be accepted as written. Karen Anderson second.  
All agreed.

The Board received a letter of resignation from Chris Adams. It was with regret we accepted his letter of resignation as Chris did an outstanding job as the Football Trainer.

Mary Anne stated that we need to make sure we answer emails and phone calls from the membership. We can not ignore requests from the membership. Some complaints have come from the members that do not understand that the assigning done by Chuck Sprang and Karen Anderson are not JAOA issues as both Chuck and Karen assign sports as separate entities and do not represent the JAOA in those assigning responsibilities.

The suggested by law changes need to be sent to the membership and voted upon within the next forty five (45) days.

JAOA dues for the 2009-10 sports season are due on May 31, 2009. A late charge will be assessed for any dues application received after June 1, 2009. A ballot will be placed on the website for elections for the Board positions for next year. Ballots will also be due on May 31, 2009.

Discussion for who the JAOA would send memorials in case of deaths of JAOA members and family members. The Board voted to only cash donations or other types of memorials to JAOA members only. The Board can not possibly know about or keep track of the unfortunate deaths of JAOA family members. The policy of the JAOA Board is we will only make donations to memorials for JAOA members.

Much discussion on how the JAOA can get involved with scholarships to area athletes attending JCC. Greg Putra will put together an application for these possible scholarship ideas.

Possible starter package for legacy officials in high school getting started in officiating.  
Possible \$500.00 cash payment for local athletes attending JCC.

We will hold a picnic at Michigan International Speedway on Friday June 26, 2009 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This outing is for the entire family to attend. Food will be served from 6:30 to

8:00 pm. A short meeting will be held to honor official of the year and then look over the facility at MIS.

Discussion on the need to find a Football Trainer was held. Some ideas were discussed and it was tabled till the next meeting as we need to discuss ideas with prospective trainers.

We need dates for next years Trainer meetings as they are due at the MHSAA by July 1, 2009. All Trainers need to get dates to Chuck Sprang so they can be included in the packet that is due to MHSAA to maintain our Approved Association status.

The JAOA website is being updated and reworked. It is a work in progress and patience is appreciated as the work progresses.

Cherry's Café will be the location of the next Board meeting.

A baseball/softball meeting for umpires working the MHSAA tournament will be held on Sunday May 17 at Allegiance Health Heart Vascular Center at 6:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Sprang