

Minutes
Annual Business Meeting
May 9, 2009
Tropicana Resort, Atlantic City, NJ

President David Elliott called the meeting to order at 10:40 am.

David then welcomed the members and thanked them for being present. He said he would save his remarks until the end and for the Banquet. He thanked the area directors for their cooperation during the past year. He announced that the new Executive Secretary will be Tom O'Connor of Eastern New England

Minutes - Motion by John Felker (BW) to dispense from reading the minutes of the May 10, 2008 Business Meeting. Second by John Leighton (LS). Carried.

Financial Report - Each member received a printed copy of the Financial Report, which was explained by Executive Director Tom Lopes. Motion by Doug Hopper (RI) to accept. Second by Joe Manzione (NY) Carried.

ECAC Report

Steve Bamford, Asst. Commissioner was thanked for being at the meeting and discussing various issues with the Executive board at their meeting on a conference call the previous week. Tom Reviewed the fee freeze agreed to by the Executive Committee and spoke about the ECC conference departing from ECAC'

A new conference, the Sunrise Conference has come on board with ECAC and will be using our officials; these schools are in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Technical foul reports have been submitted in a timely fashion and ECAC thanked CBOA for their cooperation.

This year more officials were observed than ever before. ECAC spent \$13,500 in observer fees. Non-payment issues were discussed and would be addressed by the ECAC office.

Updates were given on the status of conferences that have expressed an interest in leaving ECAC and what both organizations can do to keep them.

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Area Directors –President Elliott gave a report on the election of the Area Directors:

All incumbents were re-elected as they ran unopposed.

Pete Iulo-Met NY, Ben Vasconcells-Balt-Wash, Ron Tyburski-Pitt,
Dennis Kelly-WNE, Kevin Ferguson-WNY

Committee Reports

Auditing & Budget – Kevin Ferguson reported that the books were examined and that they are in order. Motion by Benji Bluman (WNY); second by Joshua White (Pitt). Motion Carried.

Banquet – Pete Iulo reported that that the banquet turnout was about 150 or more, he encouraged members to talk up the banquet in their areas. He also discussed the golf outing, and thanked Joe Manzione for a job well done on the golf outing, we had 100 golfers with a nice gift and prizes. We will return to Atlantic City next year, looks like the Tropicana again. Motion by Craig Bradley (HAR), Second by John Leighton (LS). Motion Carried.

Constitution – Jim Bruno reported that there were no changes. Motion by Rod Mrakovich (HA). Second by Earl Truland (NY). Motion Carried.

Honorary Membership – Barry Schultz reported that the following would be presented with the John P. Nucatola Honorary Membership Award at the Banquet:

Frank Henry, Carl Garlitos, Bill Stock, Bob Newberry, Bert Levinson

Barry requested that if the members had someone in mind for Honorary Membership for next year, there is a form to be completed and submitted to the Area Rep for consideration at the Fall Exec meeting. Motion by Ben Vasconcells (BW) Second by Jim Bruno (HAR). Motion Carried.

Advertisements - Guy Pagano reported that our ad campaign was a success and that the ads covered most of the cost of the calendar book. Reminded the members that it would be helpful if each area could secure an ad. Motion by Scott Rosenbaum (NJ), Second by Renee Ruth (NJ) Motion Carried.

Publicity and Public Relations -Dennis Kelly was not in attendance.

Training –Ron Tyburski stated that we will continue the tryout program, as well as the mentoring program. In the Executive meeting each area responded to the successes they had and what they would like to continue working on for the following year. Motion by Jorge Diaz (NJ). Second by Vince Earl Truland (NY). Motion Carried.

Beisswanger Award- Ron Martel reported that our highest award will be presented to Tom Lopes at this year's banquet. We do not give this award every year only when an appropriate candidate is nominated. Please submit possible names for consideration. Motion by Guy Pagano (NJ). Second by Dan Dooley (NJ). Motion Carried,

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Hospitality –Gary Pucino reported on the hospitality room and congratulated David Elliott, Ben Vasconcells and their guys for providing a spectacular hospitality room. The hospitality room was a great success, Ben and David will share their plan with Western New York who will be next year’s sponsor. Motion by Paul Clappin (RI). Second by Barry Schultz (PH), Motion Carried

CBOA Report- Tom O’Connor was introduced as the new Executive Secretary; he thanked everyone and asked for their support as we move forward. Fellow official ratings were being completed and will be sent to ECAC. ECAC will collate the fellow official ratings with the other ratings. The rating meetings will be held in June . The email system is working well and is our most important line of communication. The website is also working well, thanks to Donnie Eppley. He is a great help in making this work. www.cboaofficial.org. Tom reported that there are rumblings regarding Conferences that may be thinking of leaving ECAC, CBOA will be ready to submit proposals if appropriate.

Nomination & Election of President and Vice President – President David Elliott stated that the Executive Board recommended that Benji Blum be nominated for President. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion to close nominations by Kevin Ferguson (WNY). Second Ben Vasconcells (BW). Ballot was cast by the Executive Secretary. President Elliott stated that the Executive Board recommended that Guy Pagano be nominated for the office of Vice President. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion to close nominations by Dennis Allocco (NJ), Second by Bob Barker (NJ). Ballot was cast by the Executive Secretary.

Old Business- None

New Business -

CBOA is seeking Ads for the yearbook, if you would like to have your company take an Ad; please contact Tom Lopes for details. Each area will try to procure one ad for either the calendar book or the yearbook.

Motion to adjourn at 11:15 am. Jim Toomey (ENY). Second by Pete Iulo (NY). Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Lopes, Executive Director

TO HONORARY AND NON-OFFICIATING MEMBERS--PLEASE E MAIL ME
(TLREF@AOL.COM) YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, SO THAT MY FILES ARE UP TO DATE, ESPECIALLY IF YOURS HAS CHANGED, OR YOU HAVE ONE FOR THE FIRST TIME.

NOTES FROM THE BANQUET & MEETING

Another great weekend, the weather cooperated, golf was great, the tables were hot, guys were yelling and high fiveing and Tropicana lost a lot of money.

The hospitality room, hosted by Baltimore-Washington was a tremendous success, thanks to David Elliott, Ben Vasconcells and their crew. They did an outstanding job, crab cakes, crab soup. Chicken, ribs, just to name a few of the items they had. Next year, Benji Bluman and Kevin Ferguson have promised to live up to our expectations.

The Banquet was a success, a good turnout, we missed all the guys from Boston, and the awards program was very professionally handled both by the recipients as well as the audience. We are all proud of the new Honorary members. As announced at the Banquet we had a great number of officials work in the Division II and the Division III tournament. Congratulations to all our guys.

Tom O'Connor was selected to be the new Executive Secretary. He spoke at the Business Meeting and is looking forward to working with all our members.

Tom Lopes received the Beisswanger for his years of service to CBOA.

I want to thank all of the CBOA members for their cooperation, support and their friendship over the past 15 years. It has been a great experience to serve this organization. I wish Tom O'Connor the best and will be around for any assistance I can provide.

We look forward to seeing you next year at the CBOA weekend, which will be at the Tropicana in Atlantic City, date to be determined.