

# **New Jersey Football Association, Inc.**

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## **Minutes of the Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 NJFOA Meeting**

Meeting started at 6:30 at the Off-Shore Restaurant in Point Pleasant Beach.

In Attendance: **Central** – Dave Race; B Cronauer; J Corpora; **North** – J Conte; J Belger; Jerry Picazio; **Shore** - Mike Kilmurray, **South** – Harry McMichael; Jeff Cohen; **State Interpreter** – Bill Surdovel; **NJSIAA** –Greg Bailey/Zoom; **State Assignor** - Carmine Picardo; **Sec/Treas** – Sam Riello

Introduction of members and guest. Collection of Cadet fees checks. Distribution of rewritten and colorized Constitution. Distributed travel reimbursements.

Minutes of the May 19th, 2021 meeting were emailed and motion to accept by H. McMichael and seconded by D. Race were approved.

Treasurer's report dated Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were accepted as read and motion to accept was made by Mike Kilmurray, seconded by Bill Surdovel.

**Joe Belger** spoke about Spring Cadet Classes and that the state should proceed with them. The cadets are ready and have been tested and approved by the NJSIAA. We can bring the cadets in for 2 or 3 meetings during the season to discuss positives and negatives experiences and discuss questions they may have.

Everyone seems to think this is a great idea and Spring classes will be held for 2022.

### **Carmine Picardo**

1. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round assignments/regional games assigned by local chapter assignors were done without a hitch.
2. Sectional Finals on down assigned by Carmine.
3. 12 final crews were all stellar. Appearance and mechanics were the same by all crews from all over the state. Great job!
4. Replay had two very tough calls to make at Rutgers and no concerns at Met Life. In the Clifton/East Orange game, replay did not get a definitive look to overturn the play on the field. The plays were reviewed and replay did its job. The replay official, Jerry Picazio, did an outstanding job.

**We congratulate Carmine Picardo for the magnificent job he has done as the State Play-off Assignor. He will be missed as the assignor but we are thankful that he is remaining as head of the State Mechanics Committee.**

### **Dave Race**

1. Concerns about ZebraWeb. Especially the time it takes to change a game official. ZebraWeb is making improvements in that area.
2. Decided that we cannot dictate to schools the number of officials on sub varsity games
3. Statewide NJFOA Clinic by Central Chapter. J Picazio volunteered for clinic. Jim Corpora has held a two day clinic in March for a number of years in Bethlehem, Pa.

### **Mike Kilmurray**

1. South/Atlantic Merger – All is well. Meetings in both areas.
2. Switching of wings in varsity games has gone very well after some initial gripes.
3. State Coaches/Officials meetings were fruitful. Sideline management was better because of Coaches/Officials meetings. There will be future meetings with John Jacobs and committee. A survey will be coming.

### **Bill Surdovel**

1. New free blocking rule didn't seem to be a problem.
2. After a survey of officials Bill expects to have a fair amount of rule changes for 2022 season
3. Possible automatic 1<sup>st</sup> down on DPI for next year.

### **Greg Bailey – NJSIAA**

NJ has best officials in US. Local assignments of first two rounds of playoffs went well.

State Semis in 2022 will be at a neutral site.

Championships at Met Life and Rutgers.

Hoping for game fee raise in 2022.

Very Complimentary of Picardo and Riello

**Jim Conte** was appointed Sec/Treas of NJFOA

**Harry McMichael** is the President for the 2022 season.

**Meeting date for May Meeting will be June 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday – Site TBD.**

Motion to Adjourn/Seconded

Adjourned 9PM