

MHBVO President's Report

August 25, 2021

Walkkill High School

NYSCVOA Spring Meeting:

- Held in May to allow for completion of the spring fall-season.
- Major topic was the exam dysfunction.
- The internet server was identified as the problem.
- A dedicated server was identified as the solution (against the advice of the Webmaster).
 - \$3500.00.
- State dues were increased \$5.00 to cover the expense.
 - 1,000 NYSCVOA officials.

NYSCVOA Fall Meeting:

- Website is now using a softer blue.
- No other major topics presented.
- Exam process was the major topic.
 - Exam updates were not ready at the time of the meeting.

Exams and Training:

- Starts on NYSCVO.org, and then "Members" tab.
- If you do not remember your password, you must contact Vince or the President.
- Practice exams. Use them.
 - 350 questions in the exam bank
 - You can see every question that will be on your exam if you take enough practice exams.
 - Practice exams are randomized questions.
- Scorer proficiency has been identified as our number one officiating deficiency.
 - You people must do better.
- New Scorer module with exam is the required first step.
 - Exam must be retaken until a score of 100% is obtained.
 - Or not.
 - You will get the answers to the questions you answered incorrectly.
- Once the Scorer module is completed officials may proceed to the rules interpretation module.
 - Contains the 10 most missed questions.
 - Stop missing those questions.
- About the exam.
 - FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS.
 - You can now "test enter the exam" without it counting as an attempt.
 - 50 questions for veterans.
 - 100 questions for candidate exam.
 - You can print the exam and transfer answers if you do better with a written copy.
 - No time limit. You can (and should) save the exam periodically.
 - If you need to leave your exam, log out. Do not allow your computer to go to sleep.
 - Think of the exam process as a learning experience.
 - Research situations that you are unsure of (remember, no time limit).
 - Contains Boys questions, pay attention to that part of our interpretation.

- Some questions can't be answered. Answer them anyway.
- When you have submitted your exam, you will receive your results with missed questions and corresponding rule references. Review those questions and references.
 - Forward your results to Vince, with your attestation that you have reviewed the references.
- Only two attempts (not 3 as shown on the website).
- If a second exam is necessary.
 - You will get the answers from your previous exam. Review them.
 - Do not rush to a second exam.
 - Take more practice exams.
 - Read the Procedures Module.
 - Read the rule book.
 - Phone a friend.
- Results of an unsuccessful second exam score.
 - Demotion
 - A practical exam required the next season.
 - Matches potentially removed I the current season.
 - Effectively a 2-year impact before an official can complete the ensuing requirements.

Scholarship Committee

- Committee has been formed. (Laurie Muollo, Toni Woody, Joe Jamin) to outline a process to award a scholarship in MHBVO's name.
- The Directors have approved the concept.
- Funds to come from our surplus which continues to grow.
 - Other sources possible.
- Move to authorize an earmarked bank account (not to be spent until final approval by the Board of Directors).
- Details are not yet formalized.
 - Good will and public relations benefit.
 - Given to a local (our service area) player.
 - Application process to include an MHBVO member review committee.
 - Commit to a 5-year trial.
 - \$500/year.

COVID Fog (get ready for the season):

- We all have it.
 - School Administration.
 - Officials (some of us officiating for the first time in nearly 2 years).
 - Volunteer for a local scrimmage.
 - Coaches.
 - Athletes.
- Persevere!