

# Minutes of MSBOA Meeting

## 11/16/2017, Online Conference Call

### ATTENDANCE

Board 25 – Mark Alford, Mark Chylinski  
Board 26 – none  
Board 27 – Mike Hammond  
Board 28 – Mike Churchill  
Board 30 – none  
Board 31 – Jeff Rivet  
Board 44 – Lou Levine, Tim O’Brien  
Board 54 – Peter Hansen  
Board 95 – Jon Lowe, John Rafferty  
Board 130 – Bill Boutilier, Dan Bryant  
Board 152 – Dave Peros  
Board 175 – none  
Board 208 – none

**Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by President Mark Alford at 7:04pm. Due to the difficulties in getting all boards together, this meeting is being held by conference call.

**Financial Update** – The current balances were provided to the membership by the Secretary. The checking account balance was \$12,541 and the Savings Maximizer is \$14,135.

**Life Membership Committee** – Mike Hammond reported that the Life Membership Committee is requesting that all materials for nomination of Life Membership need to be received by the Committee by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 for consideration. Materials should be forwarded to Mike Hammond, and the application for Life Membership can be downloaded from the Secretary’s section of the IAABO website. Please make sure that all submissions are complete and finalized, and include two pictures of the nominee as requested.

**Special Olympics** – Babe Grady was not on the call but asked the Secretary to update the membership. The March games will be played on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, and Babe is hoping that all 13 boards will once again be able to participate at one of the sites. Babe will be reaching out to all of the board secretaries in the coming months to lock in the number of courts that each board is being asked to cover. If any secretary has a specific request for a location, they should let Babe know.

**Insurance Update** – Mike Churchill reported that a \$50 brokerage fee showed up when the D&O was due this year for the MSBOA. Mike reached out to Donnie Eppley to figure out why this fee was showing up, as it had never been assessed before. Donnie and Tom Lopes did speak with our insurance carrier, and they are going through a different process in securing the policies. This new process requires a \$50 brokerage fee to be paid. All boards will see this fee in the future, and Donnie and Tom reported that this is something that we will have to pay.

**National Anthem Protests** – IAABO was concerned that the recent National Anthem protests that are showing up in professional sports may filter down to the local level. IAABO has released a set of instructions as to how they would like officials to address these protests. At the request of President Alford, a copy of this will be forwarded to all the boards again and each Secretary is asked to send it to their members and address it at their meetings so we have one clear protocol for all of our games.

**Fox Clinic** – Mike Churchill reported that the Fox Clinic that was held at Monty Tech was a successful event. The members in attendance included officials from all over the state. The presenters were exceptional and their topics were ones that are very important to our officials. The IAABO Foundation is covering the cost for one presenter and the MSBOA will cover the remainder of the costs from this event as was approved in September by the MSBOA at the Fall Seminar in Delaware.

**2018 Fall Seminar Update** – Mike Hammond gave an update to the membership on our progress with the Fall Seminar for 2018. The hotel has been booked for the event, the Cape Codder in Hyannis, and the dates of the conference are September 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. The course for the Golf Tournament will be the Dennis Pines Golf Course, and the estimated cost for golfing will be \$125 per golfer. Mike also noted that there is a BJ's and a Super Stop and Shop in the immediate area that we can use for purchasing food.

Mike mentioned that we will next need to work on securing volunteers to assist in running the conference. This will include people to cover the registration desk and hospitality rooms, as well as organizing the golf tournament. Each board Secretary was asked to reach out to their membership and see if we could put together coverage for each area. We will discuss this more at our April meeting. We will also need to secure items that can be put into the registration bags that are given to those that attend.

**Scheduling of Meetings** – As there was some difficulty in putting together our meetings, it was suggested that we should schedule our meetings for the upcoming season at the April meeting each year. Peter Hansen and Mike Hammond both suggested that this be put on agenda for the April meeting.

**Adjournment** – A motion was made by Peter Hansas and seconded by Jeff Rivet to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.