

Hi to all,

We are getting close to the upcoming basketball season and I want to bring you up to date on our plans for the season. As you well know we have some new faces on the Executive Board this year and we hope to bring you some new meeting formats and content as a result. Here are some of the details that you'll need to know for the coming season:

Our new candidates class is well underway, we have 11 new candidates in the class being taught by Larry Machione and Rich Vitali. Their floor test is currently set for November 17.

Meeting dates for the coming season are:

- Monday, November 19, 7:00 PM at Milford High School - Interpretation Meeting - (Mandatory)
 - This will be a Regional Interpretation meeting so we anticipate a large crowd
 - If you cannot attend this meeting you will need to attend another Interpretation meeting at another board to fill your obligation
- Monday, December 3, 7:00 PM, Milford High School - Test will be given
- Sunday, January 6, 6:00 PM, site to be determined
- Sunday, January 27, site to be determined
- Sunday, February 10, (Tentative Date) Social at Hoboken Club - (New location!)

As always our policy is that you need to attend 4 meetings to fulfill your annual commitment which allows you to continue to referee basketball games as a sanctioned referee

We are working on a few new twists this year among them a possible joint meeting with Board 175 in Marlboro. We feel that there are many benefits to meeting fellow officials on other boards including their assignors and listening to their interpretations of the varied subjects that we will address. We have a joint Executive Board meeting scheduled for October 22 in Marlborough to discuss our options and formats.

Other news of note: We have purchased a new state of the art DVD projector so that our video presentations will be much improved.

Some subjects for our meetings will be:

- Correctible errors
- Game Management
- How to Advance in Officiating
- Refereeing from a coaches perspective - we'll hear from an ex-coach on how he manages referees and their expectations

As you well know this Board can only function as well as its membership allows. We need your input on a few subjects and would appreciate hearing from you ASAP. Please email me at dhava@verizon.net with your comments and suggestions:

Our annual Banquet in March is getting very poor attendance. Often times we have had more guests than board members. What would you suggest that would get you/more people to attend? Some of the suggestions we've heard are:

- Have the banquet earlier, perhaps before the Districts start
- Have the banquet on a week day night rather than a week-end i.e. Thursday night
- Charge everyone \$5 for the banquet through our dues and then give a \$5 refund when they show up at the banquet
- Combine banquet with another board

What topics would you like to see addressed at our meetings to make them more meaningful for you?

Our committee assignments for 2012-13 are:

- Constitution Committee - Ron Martel, Larry Machione, Rich Villani
- Banquet Committee - Dale Hava + need 1 more
- Audit & Budget Committee - Bob Lavell, Dale Hava, Rich Vitali + one member needed
- Education & Training - Larry Machione, Rich Vitali, Ralph Quinn
- Nominations Committee: Need three people
- Awards Committee- Larry Machinon, Rich Vitali

We have well over 100 members so as you can see from the above volunteers there is plenty of room for anyone who wants to be involved, please let me know where you can help!

If you have not done so already this is the time that you should be contacting the various assignors that you have worked for or any new assignors you'd like to work with for assignment dates for the coming season! Let us know if you need phone numbers or contact names.

Get in shape so you can be in position to make the call!!

Regards,

Dale

President Board 208

Executive Board: Ron Martel - past President, Rich Vitali - Secretary/Treasurer, Larry Machione - Intreporetor, Wayne Kuczinski - Vice President, Len Morcone - member at large, Rich Villani - member at large