

## **The Whistle – July 2023**

Happy July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday weekend! After the 4<sup>th</sup> it just feels like the summer flies by. I hope everyone is having a great summer and getting to spend some time with their families.

I want to first thank Greg Bartemes for his tenure as the secretary of the BAOA. When I say I have big shoes to fill that is an understatement. Greg has done an amazing job taking the association to new levels that I am not sure anyone would have thought we would get to. We survived Covid and our numbers are as strong now as they ever had been. Our association has a great reputation with the state and Greg has had a lot to do with this. I hope to be able to do my part to leave the association in a better spot when I am done than when I started.

**Renewals** The renewal period has come and gone for Football officials looking to renew their licenses without a penalty. Football officials if you have not renewed you still have until July 15<sup>th</sup> with a \$50 late penalty to renew your license. I wouldn't advise anyone to officiate without a license. It will catch up with you and there is never a good outcome. Basketball officials have until September 30<sup>th</sup> to renew their licenses.

**BAOA Dues** These were due June 30<sup>th</sup>. I extended receiving your dues until July 15<sup>th</sup> without a \$10 late penalty. After that date, the penalty will be assessed. It is crucial that I get an accurate head count of membership in the association. I am working with Greg now to put our roster for football and basketball on MYOHSAA. The later I receive payments the more difficult it is on the site. I kindly ask if you have outstanding dues, please get them in. If you no longer want to be a member of the BAOA please let me know so I can remove your name. Also, if you want to be put on inactive status that is fine too, I just need to know. Lastly if for any other reason, you cannot pay your dues before July 15<sup>th</sup> all I ask is for communication and I can work with you.

**Football Meetings** We have two Football meetings in the month of July. Both are at Perkins High School from 700pm – 815pm. The dates are 7/24, 7/31  
Perkins High School  
3714 Campbell St  
Sandusky, OH 44870

**Recruitment** The last part I am going to start adding to the end of the Newsletter is recruitment ideas. If anyone has any ideas, I would love to hear them. Also, if you are talking to any potential officials I would like to follow up with them. I think the more we make these younger officials feel welcome the better chance they will stay with officiating.