

**Central Pennsylvania Basketball Officials Association**  
**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004, Susquehanna Township High School**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. Donnie Eppley, Mid-Penn and non-PIAA Assignor, addressed the association. He stated that if a game is cancelled due to weather, you will be given the 1<sup>st</sup> opportunity at the reassigned date. He reported that only 73% of the game reports have been filed by the referee and that there have been 85 technical fouls to date and four disqualifications. He would like all JV officials and all officials who work a split schedule to complete a self-assessment. For uniforms, he said that cuffed pants are unacceptable and he prefers no belt. He reiterated that the coaching box needs to be fair to both teams and ideally should be at the 28' line and proceed towards the end-line. He reported that the Mid-Penn Conference is going to start each varsity contest with a sportsmanship message. Carlisle will start using a cash card system for payment next year.

Next, Dr. Lombardi from the PIAA addressed the members. He asked the members how the coaching box was working. Overwhelming the members said that it was fine. He stated disqualification forms need to be completed immediately. He posed the question concerning switching on fouls and wondered if the college mechanic would work. He said that if you have an idea for a rule change that the information needs to be submitted to Craig Bradley, Interpreter, by February 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated that for sub-varsity contests, officials need to dress professionally while going to the games. He asked the membership how we felt about the sportsmanship message. He wanted to know if we thought it had any value. There was some discussion on this matter including the wording of the message, the fact that it only gets read to a few people and the fact that the music is sometimes too loud to hear the message.

Next Craig Bradley gave his interpretation on throw-ins and overtime periods. He stated that all varsity contests are having 3 minute overtime periods with the exception of Line Mountain which plays 4 minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Eppley